The Vatican International Thomas Merton Society.

Merton Society of Canada, and is Vice President of the Vatican affairs and a regular contributor to English and Religious Studies, a columnist, a radio professor of New Brunswick, and St. Jerome’s University in the vice chancellor of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, Sacred Heart University, Michael was president and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University, and is Vice President for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University.

Judith Hardcastle serves on the ITMS program committee for the Thomas Merton Society of Canada, Judith currently is a founding member and program director of the Thomas Merton in France tour is limited to 16 people, we advise early registration.

Inclusive cost: $2,499 Canadian. A deposit of $1,000 is due with registration; the balance of $1,499 is payable by March 15, 2015. A receipt to your deposit will confirm your registration.

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“On the last day of January 1915, under the sign of the Water Bearer, in a year of a great war, and down in the shadow of some French mountains on the borders of Spain, I came into the world.”

This is the memorable first sentence of *The Seven Storey Mountain*, Thomas Merton's autobiography. And as he says, it was on January 31, 1915, that he was born at Prades in the department of Pyrénées-Orientales, in the Midi, the sunny south of France.

Prades is a lovely town, now twice as populous (currently about 6,000) as it was when Merton was born there. The house in which he was born still stands at the corner of Rue du 4 Septembre and Rue du Palais de Justice, where in the summer, a beautiful bougainvillea grows in the narrow walled garden.

Merton's parents took him to the United States early in the war. But he returned to France in 1925, to live and go to school in St. Antonin Noble Val, and later to a boarding school in Montauban which he very much disliked, the Lycée Ingres.

After a few years in Britain, he spent the rest of his life in the United States. But he was very proud of being French by birth, and was identifiably French in many of his sensibilities.

Merton was many things in his all-too-short life (he died in 1968, in Thailand)—poet, photographer, essayist, social critic, Zen calligrapher, theoretician of monastic renewal, ecumenist. Most of all, however, he was a contemplative—both as monk and writer. He is arguably the most significant spiritual writer of the western Christian tradition in the second half of the 20th century.

In this ten-day program, we will have the privilege of inviting Merton's presence among us in the place where he was born and spent part of his growing-up years. We will review his life, with special attention to the ways in which he cherished and expressed his French origin. We will spend time on his great themes—contemplation, non-violence and interfaith encounter—and we will visit St. Antonin and Montauban.

The program is intended both for longtime lovers of Merton and his writings as well as new friends of this great and mischievous hermit. It will include lectures, discussions and ample free time to explore the surrounding Catalan countryside.