



TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS



8TH CONFERENCE ON CISTERCIAN STUDIES

The Conference on Cistercian Studies, meeting concurrently with the Conference on Medieval Studies was held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 4-7, 1978. The Fifth Session was devoted to Thomas Merton in memory of the tenth anniversary of his death with Dom Jean Leclercq presiding. The following papers were delivered.

1. Peter J. Kountz, Roosevelt University - "Thomas Merton and the American Catholic Community. 1978: Some Reflections."
2. Dennis Q. McNerny, Bradley University - "Thomas Merton and Oriental Thought."
3. Sr. Elena Malits, St. Mary's College - "Merton's Metaphors: A Monk's Signs and Sources of Spiritual Growth."

THOMAS MERTON SYMPOSIUM, VANCOUVER

The Thomas Merton Symposium, chaired by Donald Grayston and Michael Higgins, was held at the Vancouver School of Theology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, May 11-13, 1978. For information concerning taped papers and publication plans, contact Rev. Donald Grayston, 5057 Irwin, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J 1Y6. The following special addresses and papers were delivered.

SPECIAL ADDRESSES

1. Naomi Burton Stone, Author, editor, and agent - "The Merton I Knew."
2. Robert E. Daggy, Curator, Thomas Merton Studies Center, Bellarmine College - "Sources and Resources: News of the Merton Industry."

PAPERS

Section 1/Man of Letters

1. Ernest G. Griffin, Professor of English, York University, Toronto - "Wallace Stevens and Thomas Merton: a Study in the Religious Imagination."
2. Michael Higgins, Department of English, St. Michael's College School, Toronto - "The Gyrovague and the Quest for Integration."
3. Ross Labrie, Assistant Professor of English, University of British Columbia, Vancouver - "Thomas Merton: the Role of the Artist."
4. Sr. Thérèse Lentfoehr, Poet and lecturer - "The Zen-mystical Poetry of Thomas Merton."

5. Mary Jo Weaver, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington - "Thomas Merton and Flannery O'Connor: the Urgency of Vision."

Section 2 /Man- Social Critic

1. James W. Douglas, Author and lecturer - "Nonviolent Transformation in an End Time."
2. William Graf, Director of Campus Ministry, Nazareth College of Rochester - "Erich Fromm and Thomas Merton: Two Mystics in Search of Freedom."
3. E. Glenn Hinson, Professor of Church History, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville - "Expansive Catholicism: Ecumenical Perceptions of Thomas Merton."
4. Msgr. William H. Shannon, Professor of Religious Studies, Nazareth College of Rochester - "The Discovery of the Real Self in Thomas Merton."
5. Gordon Zahn, Professor of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Boston - "Thomas Merton and Peace."

Section 3 /Theologian-Contemplative

1. Donald Grayston, Rector, All Saints' Anglican Church, Burnaby, British Columbia - "Autobiography and Theology: the Once and Future Merton."
2. Edward K. Kaplan, Assistant Professor of French, Amherst College - "Inwardness and Prophetic Action: Thomas Merton's Implicit Dialogue with Judaism."
3. William Nicholls, Professor of Religious Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; and Ian Kent, Psychiatrist, Vancouver - "Thomas Merton and Identity."
4. Kenneth C. Russell, Theologian and writer, Ottawa - "Merton on the Lifestyle of the Lay Contemplative: Explicit Statement and Refracted Light."
5. John F. Teahan, Assistant Professor of Religion, Camden College/Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey - "A Dark and Empty Way: Thomas Merton and the Apophatic Tradition."

Section 4 /Pilgrim to the East

1. Kay Bierwiler, Lecturer in Sociology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon - "Merton's Integral Concept of Ethical Religion."
2. Walter H. Capps, Professor of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara - "Merton's Anticipation of Contemporary Spirituality."
3. Amiya Chakravarty, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, New York State University at New Paltz - "Mysticism and Thomas Merton."
4. Herbert Richardson, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Toronto - "Merton and the Year 3000: the task of the Next Millenium."
5. William M. Thompson, Assistant Professor Theology, Carroll College, Helena, Montana - "Merton's Contribution to a Transcultural Consciousness."