

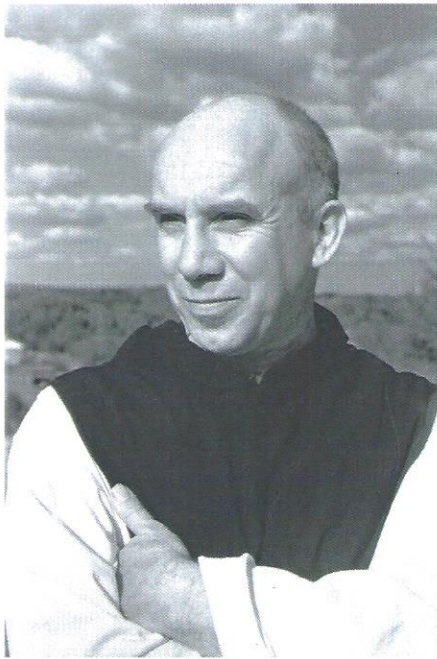


Our Lady of Calvary

RETREAT CENTER

Who Was Thomas Merton and Why Should You Care?

November 2, 2016 • 6:00 - 9:00 pm



When Pope Francis addressed a Joint Session of Congress on September 24th 2015 he singled out Thomas Merton as one of four "great Americans" and stated that: Thomas Merton remains a source of spiritual inspiration and a guide for many people... He was above all a man of prayer, a thinker who challenged the certitudes of his time and opened new horizons for souls and for the Church. He was also a man of dialogue, a promoter of peace between peoples and religions.

Thomas Merton (1915 – 1968) was a converted Catholic, Trappist monk, mystic, prophet, spiritual master, intellectual and prolific writer. He was responsible for the rebirth of Christian Contemplation in the 20th Century, a key leader in Peace and Justice and Inter-faith Dialogue in the 1960's. Thomas Merton had connected with and guided countless individuals and well-known spiritual thinkers, activists and writers including each Pope from John XXIII onward, Dorothy Day, Daniel and Philip Berrigan, Thich Nhat Hanh and the Dalai Lama. His writings attracted many men and women to religious life among them Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM and Fr. James Martin, S.J. who credit him as being important in opening them up to their vocations.

Use the form below to register for the dinner and program or just the dinner.
Dinner: 6:00 pm
Program: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Mike Smoolca is coordinator of the Northern CT Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. He has been presenting Thomas Merton programs and facilitating workshops over the past 4 years. Mike has been reading Thomas Merton for 10 years and applying insights he's obtained to his own spiritual journey. Mike is a Spiritual Director and active in several ministries in his parish, St Mary's in Simsbury, CT. Mike is a trained Presenter of Centering Prayer, an experienced contemplative group and workshop facilitator and dedicated student of Contemplative practices. A few years ago Mike retired from a nearly 30 year career in Business and Technology to focus on deepening his relationships, spirituality, teaching and service to others.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Name Dinner - \$15

Program - \$25

Address

City..... State Zip

Phone Email

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS ONE WEEK BEFORE PROGRAM.

- I am coming for dinner. My \$15 offering is enclosed.
- My \$25 offering for the workshop is enclosed.

Mail reservation and offering to: **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**
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