

# A MERTON SYMPOSIUM AT KALAMAZOO

MAY 8 - MAY 11, 1986

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## PROGRAM

**THURSDAY, May 8 / Feast of the Ascension**

7:30 P.M. - Sung Mass Cistercian Rite

**FRIDAY, May 9**

10:00-12:00 Informal Discussion for Program Participants  
Reading Room - Cistercian Institute

- 1:30-3:00 **M. BASIL PENNINGTON, O.C.S.O.,** Presiding  
 "The Literary Patterns of *The Sign of Jonas*"  
 Victor A. Kramer, Georgia State University  
 "From Seeds to New Seeds: Documents and Developments"  
 Donald Grayston, Shalom Institute  
 "Thomas Merton's Journey: Outline for a Contemporary Adult Spirituality"  
 Joachim Viens, Colorado State University  
 Student Center - Room 105
- 3:30-4:30 **ROBERT E. DAGGY,** Bellarmine College, Presiding  
 "The Present Status of Merton Studies: Panel Discussion"  
 Presentors of the Merton Symposium  
 Student Center - Room 105
- 7:30 **JEROME DIMENT,** Institute of Cistercian Studies, Presiding  
 "Merton in the 1960s: Guru-in-Solitude of the Peace Movement"  
 William H. Shannon, Rochester, New York  
 "Thomas Merton: a Source for Symbol and Drama"  
 Anthony T. Padovano, Ramapo College of New Jersey  
*Winter Rain: Six Images of Thomas Merton*  
 Written by Anthony T. Padovano  
 Video Presentation  
 Fetzer Auditorium

**SATURDAY, May 10**

- 10:00-12:00 Informal Discussion for Program Participants  
 Reading Room - Cistercian Institute
- 1:30-3:00 **LUKE ANDERSON, O. CIST.,** St. Mary's Priory, Presiding  
 "Thomas Merton and the New Theology"  
 David D. Cooper, University of California-Santa Barbara  
 "Spirituality and Imagination: Thomas Merton's 'Sapiential Thinking' "  
 George A. Kilcourse, Bellarmine College  
 Student Center- Room 105
- 3:30-5:00 **JOHN GRATHWOHL,** Western Michigan University, Presiding  
 "The Road to Joy: Thomas Merton's Letters to Young People"  
 Robert E. Daggy, Bellarmine College  
 "Three Decades of Poetry: Merton's Spiritual Maturation"  
 Scott Nelson, State University of New York-Oneonta  
 "Passing Over' in the Writings of the Late Merton"  
 Lawrence S. Cunningham, Florida State University  
 Student Center - Room 105
- 7:30 **ABBOT EDWARD McCORKELL, O.C.S.O.,** Holy Cross Abbey, Presiding  
 "Thomas Merton: In Search of True Freedom"  
 M. Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O., St. Joseph's Abbey  
 "On the Trail of Thomas Merton"  
 Paul Wilkes, Gilbertville, Massachusetts  
*Merton: a Film Biography of Thomas Merton*  
 Paul Wilkes & Audrey L. Glynn, Producers  
 Video Presentation  
 Fetzer Auditorium

**SUNDAY, May 11**

- 7:00 A.M. Mass  
 Fox Lounge (309)
- 2:30 P.M. **WORKSHOP**  
 "Thomas Merton and Centering Prayer:  
 A Practical Workshop on Prayer"  
 M. Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O., St. Joseph's Abbey  
 St. Thomas More University Church