

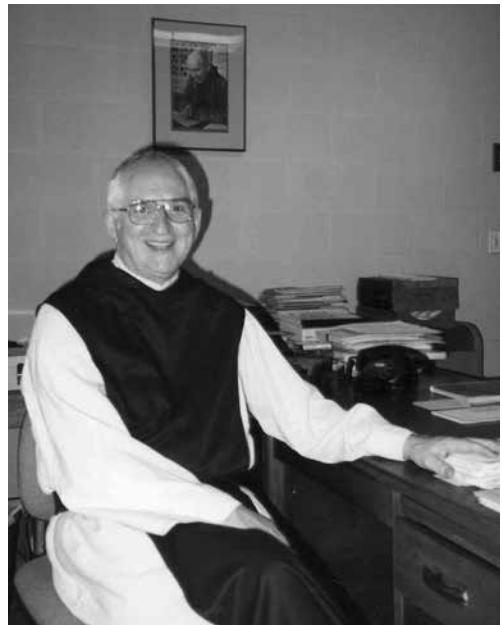
Patrick Hart, OCSO – A Biographical Timeline

June 14, 1925	born – Green Bay, Wisconsin
June 1947	entered Congregation of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Indiana
October 28, 1951	takes Cistercian habit, Abbey of Gethsemani, given the name of Simon
May 28, 1952	moves from choir novitiate to laybrothers' novitiate
June 6, 1954	first vows
June 30, 1955	member of founding community of Abbey of New Clairvaux, Vina, California
July 11, 1956	returns to Gethsemani from Vina
June 24, 1957	solemn vows
1957-1966	secretary to Gethsemani Abbot James Fox
1965	returns to baptismal name Patrick
January 1966	bachelor's degree – University of Notre Dame
1966-1968	study and work at Monte Cistello, headquarters of Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance, Rome, Italy
Summer 1968	secretary to Thomas Merton, in period leading up to and during his Asian journey, which ended in his death on December 10, 1968
1969-2013	secretary for successive Gethsemani Abbots Flavian Burns, Timothy Kelly, Damien Thompson and Elias Dietz
1969	founding editor: <i>Monastic Exchange</i> , periodical for US Trappist communities
1973	co-editor: <i>The Asian Journal of Thomas Merton</i>
1974	joins board of directors, Cistercian Publications
1974	editor: <i>Thomas Merton/Monk: A Monastic Tribute</i>
1977	editor: <i>The Monastic Journey</i> by Thomas Merton
1979	co-editor: <i>Love and Living</i> by Thomas Merton
1981-1991	editor: <i>Cistercian Studies</i>
1981	editor: <i>The Literary Essays of Thomas Merton</i>
1981	editor: <i>The Message of Thomas Merton</i>
1983	editor: <i>Thomas Merton/Monk: A Monastic Tribute</i> , enlarged edition
1986	editor: <i>The Legacy of Thomas Merton</i>
1986	memoir: <i>Thomas Merton: First and Last Memories</i>
May 1987	founding member: International Thomas Merton Society
1988-2002	founding co-editor: <i>The Merton Annual</i>
1989-1993	member of board of directors: International Thomas Merton Society
1990	editor: <i>The School of Charity: Letters on Religious Renewal and Spiritual Direction</i> by Thomas Merton
1990-1998	general editor: The Journals of Thomas Merton
1995	editor: <i>Run to the Mountain: The Story of a Vocation. Journals of Thomas Merton, vol. 1: 1939-1941</i>
1996	<i>Patmos Journal: In Search of Thomas Merton with Robert Lax</i>
1996	interim editor: <i>The Merton Seasonal</i>

- 1998 editor: *The Other Side of the Mountain: The End of the Journey. Journals of Thomas Merton, vol. 7: 1967-1968*
- 1999 coeditor: *The Intimate Merton: His Life from His Journals*
- 1999 International Thomas Merton Society “Louie” award
- 2000 *Israel Journal: A Trappist Pilgrim in the Holy Land*
- 2002 editor: *Survival or Prophecy? The Letters of Thomas Merton and Jean Leclercq*
- 2002 interim co-editor: *Cistercian Studies*
- May 10, 2003 honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Bellarmine University
- 2004-2010 book review editor: *Cistercian Studies Quarterly*
- 2004-2010 founding editor: Cistercian Publications Monastic Wisdom series
- 2006 editor: *A Monastic Vision for the Twenty-First Century: Where Do We Go from Here?*
- 2013 editor: *In the Valley of Wormwood: Cistercian Blessed and Saints of the Golden Age* by Thomas Merton
- February 22, 2019 death
- February 28, 2019 funeral and burial, Abbey of Gethsemani



Young Brother Simon – mid-1950s



Brother Patrick at His Secretary's Desk