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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Merton, Thomas, 1915-1968
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas Merton papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079099
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0868
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1923-2014
<b>Physical Description:</b>	21 linear feet 43 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Thomas Merton papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Thomas Merton (Father Louis), M.A. Columbia 1939, was a widely read Catholic author and social critic who lived as a member of the Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance, the Trappists, from 1941 till his death in Bangkok in 1968.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, art work, audio cassette, printed materials by and about Thomas Merton. The correspondence covers the years from his study at Columbia to his death in Bangkok. Among the cataloged correspondence are: Daniel Berrigan,

Mark Van Doren, Luis Somoza, Jacques Maritain, Aldous Huxley, James Laughlin, Robert Lax, Grover Cleveland Smith, John Howard Griffin, William Henry Shannon and Victoria Ocampo. The extensive manuscript collection was assembled primarily by Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr, Mark Van Doren, and Robert Shepherd. Among the more significant manuscripts are: corrected typescript of THE SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN; fragments of his NOVITIATE JOURNAL; notebooks and journals used in THE SIGN OF JONAS; numerous draft of poems; most of his lecture and conference notes which he used while serving as master of scholastics and, later, master of novices. There is an extensive collection of mimeographed articles, many inscribed to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr; four watercolors by his father, Owen Merton, and many humorous and devotional drawings by Merton; many photographs of Merton, as well as photographs taken by Merton. There is an audio cassette of the radio play by Bruce Stewart entitled ME AND MY SHADOW, produced by the BBC in 1989. The printed material consists of numerous clippings and some offprints, pamphlets, and books

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in 4 series.

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### Revision Description

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### **Restrictions on Access**

The following boxes are located off-site: 21-43. You will need to request this material from the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Merton, Thomas. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1964. Accession number--M-64.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

10,200 items: Source of acquisition--Merton Center. Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--07/01/88. Accession number--M-88-07-01.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Sr. Therese addition: Source of acquisition--7/15/2011. Accession number--2011.2012.M006.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Thomas Merton, 1964.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Purchase, 1982, 1988.

### **Processing Information**

Processed Christina Hilton Fenn 1964.

### **Processing Information**

10,200 items Processed 04/18/90.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Permission to quote or publish must be obtained from Thomas Merton's literary executor, James Laughlin, New Directions Publishing Corp., 80 Eighth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011. This permission is required for Ph.D. dissertations if they are microfilmed by University Microfilms or published in hard copy.

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## **Processing Information**

Processed by Patrick Lawlor, 1990. Series IV added by Patrick Lawlor.

Processed by the staff of The Thomas Merton Center and Patrick Lawlor; on-line version revised 10/2005.

## **Accruals**

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## **Related Materials**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- American literature -- 20th century

- Authors, American -- 20th century
- Religious poetry
- Religious literature
- Catholics
- Catholic authors -- 20th century
- Monks
- Poets, American -- 20th century
- Photographic prints
- Audiocassettes
- Drawings (visual works)
- Paintings (visual works)
- Poems
- Clergy
- Berrigan, Daniel
- Merton, Owen, 1887-1931
- Laughlin, James, 1914-1997
- Griffin, John Howard, 1920-1980
- Maritain, Jacques, 1882-1973
- Rice, Edward
- Ocampo, Victoria, 1890-1979
- Lax, Robert
- Smith, Grover, 1923-2014
- Pennington, M. Basil
- Van Doren, Mark, 1894-1972
- Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966
- Somoza Debayle, Luis, 1922-1967
- Mason, Herbert, 1932-

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## Publications About Described Materials

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THOMAS MERTON: THE POET AND THE CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE [an exhibition catalog]. New York: Columbia University Libraries, 1990.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Cataloged Material

#### Subseries I.1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
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Berrigan, Daniel	box 1
Griffin, John Howard, 1920-1980	box 1
Huxley, Aldous	box 1
Laughlin, James	box 1
Lax, Robert	box 1
McDonell, Tom	box 1
Maritain, Jacques, 1882-1973	box 1
Merton, Thomas:	box 1
<p>To Edward Rice, Cuba &amp; St. Bonaventure, NY , April 1940 - 24 Feb. 1941  <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 t.l.s.</p>	
<p>To Joe, St. Bonaventure, NY, 10 Sept. 1941  <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 t.l.s. (Carbon copy)</p>	
<p>To Robert Lax, St. Bonaventure College &amp; Trappist, KY , n.d. &amp; 24 Sept. 1941 - 27 Nov. 1949  <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 t.l.s.</p>	
<p>To Francis Sweeney, Trappist, KY, 3 Dec. 1946 - 28 Oct. 1953  <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 a.l.s.  <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 t.l.s. (photocopies)</p>	
<p>To Sr. Therese Lentfoehr, Trappist KY &amp; Darjeeling, India 1 t.p.c.s. 18 a.l.s. 20 a.n.s. 1 a.n. 9 a.p.c.s. , 1948-1968 &amp; nd  <u>Physical Description:</u> 170 t.l.s.  <u>Physical Description:</u> 11 postcards  <u>Physical Description:</u> 18 a.l.s.  <u>Physical Description:</u> 20 a.n.s.</p>	
Ocampo, Victoria, 1891-	box 3
Rice, Edward E.1918-	box 3
Shannon, William H.	box 3
Smith, Grover Cleveland, 1923-	box 3
Somoza, Luis A.	box 3
Van Doren, Mark	box 3
Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966	box 3

## Subseries I.2: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Berrigan, Daniel	box 4
Cortes, Alfonso	box 4
Lax, Robert	box 4
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse	box 4
MA Political Action for Peace	box 4
Thomas Merton Manuscripts:	
A:	box 4
Abelard (Gethsemani, KY, n.d.] a.ms., 13 p. (notes)	box 4
Absurdity in sacred decoration [Gethsemani, KY, n.d.] t.ms., 7p. (with autograph corrections)	box 4
Adam of Perseigne [Gethsemani, KY, n.d.] t.ms., lp. (notes)	box 4
Adaptation of the Monastic Life: Some Personal Observations Trappist, KY, Sept. 1964 t.ms., 8p. Mimeograph copy.	box 4
Admonitio quadragesimalis, ad delectum... (Gethsemani, KY, ca. 1954] t.ms.,s., lp. (Latin admonition)	box 4
[Advent] [Trappist, KY], 1963 a.ms., 6p. (notes)	box 4
B-Ch	box 5
Ci-Conj.	box 6
Conj.-E	box 7
F-I	box 8
J-L	box 9
Ma-Mystic	box 10
Mystics-Ne	box 11
Ni-Notes of	box 12
Notes on-Po	box 13
Poo-Re	box 14
Ri-Sec	box 15
See-Sign	box 16
Signed-Third	box 17
Thirty-War	box 18
Wat-Z	box 19

Pennington, Basil	box 19
Pessoa, Fernando	box 19

### Subseries I.3: Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Artists and Writers for Hughes	box 19

### Subseries I.4: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Berrigan, Daniel	box 20
Dalai Lama	box 20
Griffin, John Howard	box 20
Lax, Robert	box 20
Maritain, Jacques	box 20
Merton, Thomas	box 20
Rice, Edward E.	box 20
Sheen, Fulton John, 1895-	box 20
Van Doren, Mark	box 20
Walsh, Daniel	box 20

### Subseries I.5: Art

Title/Description	Instances
Antonucci, Emil	box 13/8/6
Hammer, Victor Photograph of his portrait of Merton	box 13/8/6
Merton, Owen Art	box 13/8/6

Physical Description: 4 oversize watercolors

#### Scope and Contents

[Three shelved in the Map Case, the fourth is hanging in the Vault ]

### Subseries I.6: Audio-Visual

Title/Description	Instances
Gray, Richard <i>The Poems of Thomas Merton Read by Richard Grey</i> , New York: Spirit Records, [n.d.]	box 13/8/6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1record album	
Stewart, Bruce <i>Me and My Shadow</i> , [Bristol], 1989	box 20

Physical Description: 1 Audio cassette

### Scope and Contents

[Radio play on the life of Thomas Merton;  
accompanying t.l.s. from John Stanley]

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## Series II: Arranged Material

### Subseries II.1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Merton, Thomas Letters to Lax, Gibney and other close friends ,, ca.1941 <u>Physical Description</u> : Carbon copies <b>Scope and Contents</b> [Unsigned and arranged A-Z.]	box 21
Merton, Thomas Letters to various people <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders (Carbon copies, photocopies, etc.)	box 21
Merton, Thomas Mimeographed circular letters: "Advent-Christmas letters," "Asian Letters", [v.p.],, 1967-1968 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 21
McInerny, Dennis Letter to Brother Patrick Hart, [v.p.], [v.d.]	box 21
Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr American Broadcasting Company	box 21
Bamberger, Abbot John Etudes Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr Bellarmine College	box 21
Bernice Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Berns, Dorothy A. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Biering, René Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
The Cashions Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Father Christopher Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Dinter, Father Paul Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Doubleday & Co. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Durback, Robert Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	

	box 21
Flood, Brother Maurice Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Ford, John J. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Forest, Jim Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Fox, Dom James Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Gnass, George, S.J. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Father Gerard, O.C.S.O. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Hart, Brother Patrick Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr <u>Physical Description</u> : 14 folders	box 21
Horvath, Adam Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Jeffer, Joseph E. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Jellema, Rod Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Lax, Robert Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
McQuilkin, Frank Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Father Magsam Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Maloney, Stephen R. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Martin, Father M. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr New Directions	box 21
O'Callaghan, Tommie Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
O'Neil, Harry Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Pick, Dr. John Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Father Roseliep Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Schusky, Mary Sue Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Seitz, Ron Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Stark, Philip, S.J. Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr	box 21
Stone, Naomi Burton Letters to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 21
Andrade, Jaime Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Andrade, Jorge Carrera Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Arrés, Thérèse Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Boutoute, Abbé Louis Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Cavero, Carlos Duelo Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22

Letters to Thomas Merton Conferencia Episcopal Argentina	box 22
Letters to Thomas Merton Curtis Brown, Ltd.	box 22
de Hueck, Catherine Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Dell'Isola, Frank Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Letters to Thomas Merton Editorial Sur S.A.	box 22
Sister Emmanuel Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Gibney, Bob Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Keegan, Daniel José Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Libra, Clara Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Maritain, Jacques Letters to Thomas Merton <u>Physical Description</u> : Photocopies	box 22
Moutini, J. B. Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Phillipe, Monsignor Paul Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Pick, Dr. John Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Reinhardt, Ad Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Ricuarte, Jose Euselio Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Rueda G., Marco V. Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Salazar, Juilo Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Unidentified Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Vigolle, Germaine Letters to Thomas Merton	box 22
Laughlin, Brother Patrick Hart, Dan Walsh, et al. Letters relating to Thomas Merton	box 22
Telegrams (2) re Merton's deathCircular letter from GethsemaniHomily at the mass for Father M Louis	box 22
Circular lettersFriends of Gethsemani	box 22
Envelopes <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 22

## Subseries II.2: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Butterworth, Mrs. O. L. "Gnothi Seauton" <u>Physical Description</u> : Poem	box 23
Caputi, Iliara "Il Primo Thomas Merton: The Seven Storey Mountain"	box 23

Physical Description: 1v. Ph.D. dissertation.

Giroux, Robert. Notes on the manuscript of "The Seven Storey Mountain"	box 23
Kramer, Victor "Thomas Merton Oral History" <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Bound volume	box 23
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
[in Box 35 of the collection]	
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Classification of some of Merton's poems	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Extracts of Merton poems	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse "Merton and Education"	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Miscellaneous manuscript material	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Notes on Evelyn Waugh letters to Merton	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Notes on Merton's life and works for talks <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse "A Response to Thomas Merton: The Dimensions of Solitude"	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse "Thomas Merton: Poet in his Time"	box 23
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Transcription of Merton's letter to Time re James Joyce	box 23
Merton, Thomas Curriculum Vitae	box 23

### Subseries II.3: Lectures and Conferences

Title/Description	Instances
Ascetical and Mystical Theology, Gethsemani, KY, 1961 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 volume Mimeograph	box 24
Background and Attitude of Monastic Postulants, in Relation to the Failure of Vocation, Gethsemani, KY,, [n.d.] <u>Physical Description</u> : 12 page Typescript (carbon)	box 24
Conferences: Two lists of the material sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse, as well a a signed note by Merton regarding the material, dated Nov. 14 [1958]	box 24
Conferences: Two envelopes which contained the material sent to Sister Thérèse by Merton in November of 1958.	box 24

One inscribed "The Mystery of Mary and the Church -- Conference" and the other "Conference - Liturgical Feasts and Seasons".

**Scope and Contents**

[Contents removed and re-folded. See the following records for a detailed description of this material.]

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"All Saints" box 24

Physical Description: 5 page Typescript (carbon, with ms. correction)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr  
11/10/1958]

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"The Angels" box 24

Physical Description: 4 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr  
11/10/1958]

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"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr  
11/10/1958]

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"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"The Assumption of Our Lady in the Byzantine Rite" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Candlemas" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript (carbon)



**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Conference on Prayer" box 24

Physical Description: 6 page Typescript (mimeograph,  
with ms corrections)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Exaltation of the Holy Cross" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Holograph

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of All Saints" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Holograph, with writing on  
verso

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"Feast of all the Saints of the Order" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of the Dedication of the Church" box 24

Physical Description: 5 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of the Holy Name of Mary" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of Our Holy Father St Benedict" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Feast of Our Lady's Presentation" box 24

Physical Description: 4 page Typescript (with ms.  
correction)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of Saint Anne" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Feast of the St Joseph" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Feast of Saint Luke II" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Feast of the Seven Dolors" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Feast of the Transfiguration" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript (with ms.  
correction)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Feast of the Visitation" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Holy Rosary II" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"May – Consecration to Our Lady" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Mary in the Passion" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Monroe Conference on Contemplative Living" box 24

Physical Description: 13 page Mimeograph

**Scope and Contents**

[With cover letter Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse  
Lentfoehr, 11/3-/1958]

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"The Mystery of Mary and the Church" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Nativity of Our Lady II" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript (with ms.  
corrections)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist" box 24

Physical Description: 4 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Office of the Feast of Saint Bernard" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Pax Huic Domui: Monastic Peace" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"The Priest in the Monastery – Feast of Saint Thomas the  
Apostle" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"The Reception of the Holy Crown of Thorns"

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript box 24

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"The Rosary and Its Mysteries" box 24

Physical Description: 6 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Saint Aifred – Cistercian Life in His Time" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript (with ms.  
correction)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saint Bernard's Sermons for the Feast of Saint Andrew" box 24

Physical Description: 4 page Typescript (carbon, with  
ms. corrections)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saint Lawrence" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saint Martin" box 24

Physical Description: 2 page Typescript (carbon)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Saint Mary Magdalen" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saint Robert and the Foundation of Citeaux" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript (with ms.  
addition)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Saint Stephen Harding" box 24

Physical Description: 3 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saint Stephen Harding (Comm Of Confessors)" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saints Peter and Paul" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Typescript (with ms.  
addition)

**Scope and Contents**

[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/3/1958]

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"Saints Simon and Jude" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Holograph

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[Sent by Merton to Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr,  
11/10/1958]

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"Scripture and the Cistercian" box 24

Physical Description: 1 page Mimeograph

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11/10/1958]

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"Vigil of All Saints"

<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 page Holograph	box 24
Gallo Roman Monasticism/Cassian/The Regula Magistri/ and the Background to the Rule of Saint Benedict, Trappist, KY,, 1963	box 24
<u>Physical Description</u> : 96 page Mimeograph	
An Introduction to Cistercian Theology, Trappist, KY, 1950-1952	box 24
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 volumes Mimeograph	
An Introduction to Cistercian Theology, Trappist, KY, 1950-1952	box 24
<u>Physical Description</u> : 71 pages Typescript (with ms. corrections)	
Liturgical Feasts and Seasons	box 25
Monastic Fathers	box 25
Monastic Orientation	box 25
Monastic Orientation Series III - V	box 26
Monastic Orientation Series V (cont) - VI	box 27
Pre-Benedictine Monachism	box 27
A Program of Studies: The virtues of the common life as helps to the religious life	box 27
The Spiritual Doctrine of St Ammonas	box 27
Miscellaneous: Poems	box 28
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	
Merton, Thomas Reviews by Merton	box 28
Merton Center	box 28
Miscellaneous material relating to Merton	box 28
Miscellaneous manuscript material	box 28
Lawlor, Patrick Thomas Merton: The Poet and the Contemplative Life	box 28
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1v. Manuscript of catalog, galleys, page proofs, etc.	

#### Subseries II.4: Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Merton, Thomas Last will and testament <u>Physical Description</u> : Photocopy.	box 28
AgreementMerton Legacy Trust	

box 28

Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Catalog information for the material in her Thomas Merton collection and the original folders used by her to secure the manuscript of "The Seven Storey Mountain"

box 29

Card catalogue (incomplete) of its holdings Merton Center

box 30

### Subseries II.5: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Merton, Thomas Framed photograph & matted photograph of Merton	box 13/8/6
Thomas Merton Childhood and family	box 31
Thomas Merton at Columbia University	box 31
Ordination, first mass, etc	box 31
Bangkok conference	box 31
Funeral mass	box 31
Grave	box 31
Bust	box 31
Greenwich Village apartment	box 31
Monastery of Gethsemani	box 31
Hermitage	box 31
Funeral mass in Bangkok	box 31
Hart, Brother Patrick et al.	box 31
Walsh, Daniel	box 31
Zilboorg, Gregory	box 31
Chairs, room, etc	box 31
Desert rocks, New Mexico	box 31
Houses	box 31
School House, Pleasant Hill	box 31
Shrine of St Thérèse	box 31
Sister Thérèse Lentfoehr At Merton exhibit	box 31
Miscellaneous	box 31
Merton, Thomas Photographs by Thomas Merton	box 31

### Subseries II.6: Art



Title/Description	Instances
Manessier, Alfred. "Crown of Thorns" <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Photograph	box 32
Merton, Thomas Calligraphies: Series of six <b>Scope and Contents</b> [1 of the 6 retained by William H. Shannon]	box 32
Merton, Thomas Calligraphies Series of four <b>Scope and Contents</b> [3 of the 4 retained by William H. Shannon]	box 32
Series of eight: "La Vida Politica" Calligraphies <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 folders	box 32
Lentfoehr, Sister Thérèse Drawings by Sister Thérèse	box 32
Merton, Thomas Drawing of a Cross <b>Scope and Contents</b> [Shelved in mapcase 13/8/6]	box 32
Merton, Thomas Drawings of Figures <u>Physical Description</u> : 45 folders	box 32
Merton, Thomas Calligraphic drawings of figures <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 32
Merton, Thomas Drawing of a guitar	box 32
Merton, Thomas Drawings of Heads <u>Physical Description</u> : 30 folders	box 32
Merton, Thomas Feast Day Card	box 32
Merton, Thomas Watercolor: "A Pastoral"	box 32
Shannon, William H. Calligraph	box 32
Sissons, Grace Pencil and crayon drawing	box 32

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## Series III: Printed Material

### Subseries III.1: General

Title/Description	Instances
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Beecher, John. "On Acquiring a Cistercian Breviary" [Poem]	box 33
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### Subseries III.2: Clippings

Title/Description	Instances
Archibald MscLeish & Lewis Mumford	box 33
Art Exhibit	box 33
Gethsemani and other monasteries	box 33
Father Irenaeus Herscher & St Bonaventure	box 33
Merton	box 33
Merton's death	box 33

### Subseries III.3: Reviews

Title/Description	Instances
<i>Ascent to Truth</i>	box 33
<i>Asian Journal</i>	box 33
<i>Bread in the Wilderness</i>	box 33
<i>Clement of Alexandria</i>	box 33
<i>Collected Poems</i>	box 33
<i>Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander</i>	box 33
<i>Contemplation on a World of Action</i>	box 33
<i>Disputed Questions</i>	box 33
<i>Elected Silence</i>	box 33
<i>Figures for an Apocalypse</i>	box 33
<i>A Hidden Wholeness</i>	box 33
<i>Life and Holiness</i>	box 33
<i>The Living Bread</i>	box 33
<i>Love and Living</i>	box 33
<i>My Argument with the Gestapo</i>	box 33
<i>Mystics and Zen Masters</i>	box 33
<i>The New Man</i>	box 33
<i>No Man is an Island</i>	box 33
<i>Secular Journal</i>	box 33
<i>Seeds of Contemplation</i>	box 33

<i>Seeds of Destruction</i>	box 33
<i>The Seven Storey Mountain</i>	box 33
<i>Sign of Jonas</i>	box 33
<i>The Strange Islands</i>	box 33
<i>Tears of the Blind Lions</i>	box 33
<i>Thomas Merton, Monk</i>	box 33
<i>Thomas Merton on Peace</i>	box 33
<i>Thomas Merton Reader</i>	box 33
<i>Waters of Silence</i>	box 33
<i>Waters of Siloe</i>	box 33
<i>What Are These Wounds?</i>	box 33
<i>Zen and the Birds of Appetite</i>	box 33

#### **Subseries III.4: Articles, Poems, etc.**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
The Shakers	box 33
Ed Rice	box 33
Miscellaneous	box 33
Lax, Robert "A Poem for Thomas Merton"	box 33
Merton, Thomas Articles and essays <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 34
Merton, Thomas "Five Drawings by Thomas Merton"	box 34
Merton, Thomas "Four Freedom Songs"	box 34
Merton, Thomas Poems	box 34
Miscellaneous	box 34

#### **Subseries III.5: Offprints**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
The Christmas Sermons of Bl Gueric	box 35
The Climate of Monastic Prayer	box 35
Conversatio Morum	box 35
Examination of Conscience	box 35
For a Renewal of Eremitism in the Monastic State	box 35
Liturgical Renewal	box 35

The Pasternak Affair in Perspective	box 35
La vida solitaria	box 35
The Zen Koa	box 35

### Subseries III.6: Offprints and Articles re. Merton

Title/Description	Instances
Pamphlets: Miscellaneous <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 35
Pamphlets: The Monk in the Diaspora	box 35
Pamphlets: Thomas Merton Books, Fall 1988 <u>Physical Description</u> : Catalog	box 35
Pamphlets: Two Articles by Thomas Merton	box 35
Columbia Yearbook, 1937 <u>Physical Description</u> : Tearsheets	box 35
"The Jester" <u>Physical Description</u> : Tearsheets	box 35
Vespers Funeral Mass & Burial Mass for Thomas Merton	box 35

### Subseries III.7: Books and Oral History

Title/Description	Instances
Books by Merton and others	box 36
Victor Kramer's "Thomas Merton Oral History"	box 36
Translations of books by Thomas Merton	box 37
Translations of books by Thomas Merton	box 38
Translations of books by Thomas Merton	box 39
Translations of books by Thomas Merton	box 40

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## Series IV: Additions to the Collection

### Subseries IV.1: St. Thérèse Lentfoehr Letters, Manuscripts, and Photographs

#### Scope and Contents

A 2011 addition to the Thomas Merton Papers consisting of letters, publications, memoranda, etc. sent to Bernice Power from Sister Theresa Lentfoehr.

Title/Description	Instances
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Cards (2) sent to Bernice Power, undated	box 41	folder 1
Broadside: 23rd Knock Pilgrimage, August 14, 1977	box 41	folder 1
Letters from Sr. Thérèse Lentfoehr to Bernice Power, 1978-1981	box 41	folder 2-5
Advertisement for Sr. Thérèse <i>Words and Silence: On the Poetry of Thomas Merton</i>	box 41	folder 6
"Draft Announcement of the Establishment of the Thomas Merton Center for Religious Studies." <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 pages	box 41	folder 7
Review of Sr. Thérèse <i>Words and Silence: On the Poetry of Thomas Merton</i> , from FCC 10:4, October, 1979, with a lengthy inscription from Sr. Thérèse to Bernice Power, October, 1979 <u>Physical Description</u> : 10 pages	box 41	folder 8
"The Thomas Merton Center for Religious Studies: A Preliminary Design", October 10, 1978 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 pages	box 41	folder 9
"Thomas Merton: Poet In His Time" by Sr. Thérèse <u>Physical Description</u> : 13 pages	box 41	folder 10
Photographs (4) of Sr. Thérèse	box 41	folder 11
St. Anthony Messenger, December 1978 containing the article "Thomas Merton--His Friends Remember Him" on pages 32-41, December 1978	box 41	folder 12

## Subseries IV.2:

### Scope and Contents

A 2019 addition to the Thomas Merton Papers by Father Raymond Rafferty. Given to Father Rafferty by Robert Rambusch.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Eight Freemon Songs" Mimeograph copy, inscribed in pen to Robert and Nancy Rambusch.	box 41	folder 13
"From Pilgrimage to Crusade" Mimeograph copy, August 1964	box 41	folder 14
"Monastic Vocation and the Background of Modern Secular Thought" Mimeograph copy, October 1964	box 41	folder 15
DVDs:		
"The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton", 2014	box 42	
"Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton", 2007	box 42	

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Gift of Morgan Atkinson, the filmmaker, 2019

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"Winter Rain: A One-Man Play Based on the Life of  
Thaomas Merton", 2002 box 42

**Scope and Contents**

Playwright Anthony Padovano chronicles the life  
of Thomas Merton from his initial journey to a  
Cistercian monastery in 1941 to his death twenty-  
seven years later.

Gift of Neil Bradley, 31 January 2015

**Subseries IV:3:**

**Scope and Contents**

Gift of Damien Garrylee McCormick 2015

Title/Description	Instances
Damien Garrylee McCormick. Two silkscreen artist's proofs: "Thomas Merton" and "Father Louis, OCOS". Also, three postcards.  <u>Physical Description:</u> 7 items There are 2 versions of each silkscreen image	flatbox 43

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