

## International Thomas Merton Society New Grand Rapids Chapter!

You are cordially invited to the June meeting of the newly formed Grand Rapids chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was a Trappist monk who lived in the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in rural Kentucky. Despite his Order's strict observance of silence, he became one of the world's most widely read and beloved authors and poets...and one of America's most influential social activists.

Our group exists to explore the life and works of the man known to his students and brethren as Fr. Louis. In our June meeting, we will discuss his book *Dialogues with Silence* and show the DVD *Gethsemani*, which was Merton's home for most of his adult life.

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Baker Book House Located at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and East Paris June 8, 7:00 – 9:00 PM In the Community Room