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“Contemplation is the Highest Expression of Man’s Intellectual and Spiritual Life.”

We invite you to attend the August meeting of the newly formed Grand Rapids chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society to discuss his profound and penetrating book, *New Seeds of Contemplation*.

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, talked about, and beloved authors - 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 fellow monks as Fr. Louis. Come join us!

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Baker Book House

East Paris and 28th Street

August 10, 7:00–9:00 PM

In the Community Room