

# Lexington

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Why did a cloistered contemplative monk reach out to the world with opinions and insights into some of the most difficult moral issues of our time?

You are invited to audit an LTS course on **Thomas Merton**

### **LF 673/Thomas Merton – His Life, Spirituality, and Social Consciousness**

This course will highlight important events and people who contributed to Merton's growth, spirituality, and conscience. The seeds of wisdom and grace in his life will be examined and pondered to see the spiritual faculties and depth of insight that shaped his awareness of his spirit-self. His interreligious dialogue and deep study of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism (among others) that opened his mind, heart and faith to the beauty of the spirituality of those religions will be examined.



**Dr. William Grimes**, ordained Deacon of the Diocese of Lexington is the instructor for this course. Dr. Grimes went to Gethsemani Trappist Monastery where he was fortunate to have Fr. Louis (Thomas) Merton as his novice master, mentor, teacher, spiritual director, and friend.

### **To Apply as an Auditor:**

**Apply** and complete the Auditor Form **before Dec. 1**  
(\$25 application fee required)

Current LTS Auditors can simply register for this course via Blackbaud  
(Auditors do NOT need to reapply.)

### **Course fee**

Anyone can Audit this course for only \$150

(Note: The fee is in addition to the \$25 application fee. There is no additional discount for LTS Alumni)

## **REGISTER NOW**

The deadline to complete the application is **Dec. 1, 2020**.  
The class will meet LIVE via Zoom Jan. 15 -17, 2021 (times TBA).

For more information:

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LF 673/*Thomas Merton – His Life, Spirituality, and Social Consciousness* part of the **Master in Pastoral Studies in Roman Catholic Studies** program at LTS.

*The MPS degree at LTS is particularly designed for lay persons seeking theological and biblical training to support the work of the Church at a congregational, diocesan or parish level.*

*Students gain a basic knowledge of scripture, contemporary biblical scholarship, the Christian tradition, theology, and Roman Catholic sacramental and liturgical traditions. Students develop skills for executing educational programs, administering parish life, and providing pastoral care and nurture for Christian communities – everything you need to build and sustain an effective ministry in a non-ordained position.*

Learn more [HERE](#) or contact Carol Devine, Interim Director of Admissions, at [cdevine@lextheo.edu](mailto:cdevine@lextheo.edu). **Applications for January 2021 are being accepted now.**

