



REMEMBERING THOMAS MERTON

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE FOR TODAY

**A Conference Hosted by
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JAMES FINLEY, PH.D., PRESENTER

**DECEMBER 6, 2008
MUNDELEIN CENTER AUDITORIUM
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Join Dr. James Finley, retreat leader, and renowned Merton scholar to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Merton's passing at a conference hosted by Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies entitled:

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What I got from Merton most of all was this:

"the grace of God utterly and wholly permeates our lives,

just as they are in the present moment.

All of our failures and weaknesses are absolutely irrelevant in the face of such all-pervading grace."

James Finley



- ❖ “We have what we seek, it is there all the time, and if we give it time, it will make itself known to us.”
- ❖ “Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone—we find it with another.”
- ❖ “We must make the choices that enable us to fulfill the deepest capacities of our real selves.”

These quotes from the writings of Thomas Merton lead us toward a renewal of life's meaning and purpose through a focus on the simple presence of the Holy in the here and now. On the 40th anniversary of Thomas Merton's death, we remember his prophetic spirituality and find its perennial relevance for faithful living today. Jim Finley will lead us through a mini-retreat experience, reviewing the profound insights of Merton and making connection for our present-day lives.

James Finley, Ph.D., lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director. James Finley leads retreats and workshops throughout the United States and Canada, attracting men and women from all religious traditions who seek to live a contemplative way of life in the midst of today's busy world. He is also a clinical psychologist in private practice with his wife in Santa Monica, California.

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mundelein Center Auditorium, 6525 North Sheridan Road, Fee: \$50. Lunch is not included in the fee. However, lunch will be available on campus at the Simpson Dining Room just down the street from the Mundelein Center. Half-priced registration for IPS students, faculty, and staff and the Thomas Merton Society Chicago Chapter. On-campus parking is available for \$6 (cash only). For more information, call Susann at 1-800-424-1238 or email sozuk@luc.edu
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