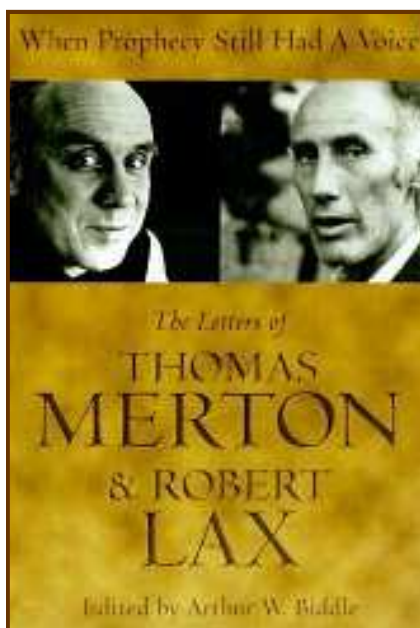


Pure Act, Pure Love

The Extraordinary Story of the Poet Who Inspired Thomas Merton



American poet Robert Lax and Thomas Merton met at Columbia College in the late 1930s and became close friends. In *The Seven Storey Mountain* Merton describes Lax as having a “natural, instinctive spirituality, a kind of inborn direction to the living God.” When Merton had difficulty finding the right spiritual path, it was often Lax who provided the necessary light.

Lax’s influence didn’t end when college ended, however, or even when his friend became a monk. His extraordinary life and faith continued to inspire Merton for the rest of his life.

Monday, October 3 ~ 8:00pm
Abbey Chapter House

Join Michael McGregor, Collegeville Institute scholar and Portland State University professor, as he reads from his book about the life of Robert Lax. McGregor and Lax were friends for the last 15 years of Lax’s life.



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