



Thomas Merton with the Dalai Lama in 1968. Used with permission of the Merton Legacy Trust, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY.

November 6, 2017 ✚ 2620 Capitol Ave, Sacramento ✚ Starting at 7pm

DOCUMENTARY ON GROUNDBREAKING MONK TO BE SHOWN IN SACRAMENTO

A free showing of a film on the lasting impact of Thomas Merton's life will be presented Monday, **November 6 at 7pm**. The screening is sponsored by the **Trinty Episcopal Cathedral**, located at **2620 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, 95816** and will be shown at the Cathedral. The filmmaker, Morgan C. Atkinson will be on hand to share thoughts and answer questions after the showing.

"The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton" has been broadcast on PBS stations across the United States over the last two years. It is the story of Merton in the last year of his life embarking on his greatest journey. It's a tale of adventure and search that takes the viewer from Merton's home at the Abbey of Gethsemani, across America in the turbulent year of 1968 and finally to Asia for meetings with the Dalai Lama as well as other

spiritual seekers. Merton believed that serving as a bridge between west and east was an essential part of his vocation as a Catholic monk. The **one-hour program** celebrates the triumph of all that was gained by his journey, reflects on the tragedy of what was lost with his premature death and considers why Merton's life and work still challenges us today.

In a 2015 address to the United States Congress Pope Francis cited Merton as well as Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King and Abraham Lincoln as Americans he most admired. This documentary vividly conveys why Merton would be placed in this company.

A freewill offering will be taken up to cover travel expenses of the filmmaker. For more information go to **www.trinitycathedral.org**.