

REFLECTING ON THOMAS MERTON

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1. Why is Thomas Merton included in Father Martin's book on the lives of *Saints*?
2. The four signs of a "dynamic Catholic" according to Matthew Kelly are: prayer, generosity, growth in faith and evangelization?
 - Prayer: How has Thomas Merton helped you become a person of prayer?
 - Generosity: How has Merton helped you become a person of generosity?
 - Faith: How has Merton helped you grow in your Catholic faith?
 - Evangelization: How has Merton helped you spread the Gospel of Jesus?
3. Why is the section on Merton entitled: "*THE TRUE SELF*"?
4. Father Martin writes: "Merton had given up trying to run his life according to his own plan, preferring to let God do so instead." (page 58) How do you see this idea lived in Merton? How do you see this idea living in your own life, if at all?
5. How would you describe the "conversion" that Merton experienced?
6. "Merton had come home." (page 57) Where did Merton find "home"?
7. "What was going on inside of Merton..." (page 54), was going on inside of Father James Martin, maybe is going on inside of each one of us...What was going on?