

# The Merton Collection

*'One of the largest collections of Merton material outside America'*

Paul Pearson



Over the years the Merton Society has built up a comprehensive collection of books, journals and volumes of letters by Merton. In addition there is a wide range of critical commentaries on Merton's work as well as recordings of talks and conferences given by Merton alongside other CDs which discuss Merton's relevance to contemporary culture. This collection was housed in the National Catholic Library latterly sited in Farnborough. However in recent years it has proved more and more difficult to access the collection; and the library closed completely in June 2014.

Since then the committee has worked hard to retrieve the collection and to find a suitable place to house it where it can be made freely available to Merton scholars. We are very grateful that St Michael's Priory, Willen, outside Milton Keynes has agreed to house the collection in their library, and to make it freely available to all those wishing to consult it. Especial thanks must be given to Anthony Purvis who arranged and carried out the moving of all the items, and to Barbara Merrifield, a librarian at the Priory who has voluntarily recatalogued the entire collection.

The collection may be freely consulted by all who visit the library at the Priory. The details of all items are included in the catalogue of the library which may be accessed online. The collection items have been allocated the code **TMC**.

