

# Presenters

**Albaugh, Joan, CDP, MA** in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame. She has taught for more than 25 years, served as an administrator, and also possesses an R.N. Joan is currently Liturgical Co-Director at Providence Heights.

**Allen, John L. Jr., MA** in religious studies from the University of Kansas, is the international correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and a Vatican analyst for CNN, National Public Radio, among others. His weekly internet column “All Things Considered” is widely regarded as the best source of breaking news and analysis of the Catholic Church in English. He is the author of several books, including one on Opus Dei and two about Pope Benedict XVI. His most recent publication is *The Future Church* (2009).

**Almendárez, Elena, CDP, MA**, is Mentor Director for Initial Formation with the Sisters of Divine Providence and is Associate Campus Minister for Justice and Service at La Roche College. She has an MA in Spirituality from Duquesne University’s Institute of Formative Spirituality and is a Spiritual Director, a practitioner of therapeutic touch, and a certified holistic healer. Elena has been leading book discussions at Kearns for the past ten years and is also a foster parent.

**Bisbey, Michele, CDP, PhD** in theology from Duquesne University, occupies the Ketteler Chair of Theology at La Roche College where she is a Professor and head of the Humanities Division. She has been giving workshops and conferences on a variety of theological topics in the U.S. and abroad. She has published several articles on “Divine Providence.” Michele is also a foster parent.

**Coultas, M. Joan, CDP, PhD** from Catholic University, is a psychologist, former Provincial Director of the Sisters of Divine Providence and former President of La Roche College. She is currently Program Coordinator at Kearns. She has taught, lectured and given workshops on many topics related to psychology and spirituality.

**Dambrowski, J. Lora, OSF, MA**, studied at Duquesne University, St. Joseph College, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, Creighton University, the Jung Institute in Zurich and in Rome. She was provincial minister in the USA at the time of the announcement of the Apostolic Visitation. During that time she was also President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).

**Howe, Eleanor, MSLS, MEd**, has been leading the Falun Dafa group since June, 2008. She is the recently retired librarian from Pine-Richland High School. Her first love is reading and organizing library holdings. Her other passion is connecting with others in facilitating intercultural East-West learning, and in teaching holistic growth through body, mind, spirit group work.

**Kernion, Anne Kertz, MA** in Theology, is the artist/owner of Cards by Anne, an international greeting card company, founded in 1985, which specializes in messages that speak to the heart and soul. Anne has a B.S. in Environmental Engineering. She strives to maintain a work/life balance through centering prayer, meditation, daily exercise and family time.

**Kruszewski, Maria, CSFN, MA**, is a skilled focusing teacher, spiritual director, retreat director, religious congregational formator and leader. She holds a graduate degree in fundamental Catholic spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Lauer, Eugene, STD**, a Pittsburgh diocesan priest, was Director of the National Pastoral Life Center and former Director of the Hesburgh Center at Notre Dame. After completing his doctorate in historical theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, he served on the faculties of Duquesne University, La Roche College, Seton Hill College, Wheeling Jesuit University and the University of Notre Dame. Author of four books and numerous articles on the relationship between theology and practical ministry, he lectures frequently on such issues to a wide variety of audiences.

**Luffy, Maura, CDP, MA**, is an experienced spiritual director and teacher. She has been a spiritual companion and director for retreats since 1977. Her formal background has been in education and in spirituality.

**Polansky, Janice, MS, MBA**, is a naturopath, a holistic health counselor and educator, a certified natural health professional, certified holistic health counselor and certified digestive health specialist with the Loomis Institute. She has introduced holistic health to hospitals, conducted seminars and workshops. Janice has extensive education in nutrition and healing foods, essential oils, herbs, iridology, homotoxicology, energy therapies, Aura Soma, Vita Flex, and enzymes from the School of Natural Medicine, Natural Gourmet Institute for Food and Health, Himalayan Institute, Ann Wigmore Institute, Kushi Institute, Vega Center and Growing Wheel International. She has a BS in Chemistry with honors, MS in Systems Analysis and in Industrial Administration, and an MBA with distinction from GSIA at Carnegie Mellon University. She has worked as a consultant in systems analysis and planning with Arthur Anderson and with Pittsburgh Paints.

**Raible, Agnes, CDP, MA**, is a certified holistic healer and the Director of Kearns Spirituality Center. She is a seasoned teacher and administrator, as well as an avid gardener.

**Senish, Marian, CDP, MA**, was the foundress and director of Transfiguration House of Prayer in Butler, PA. Marian is a spiritual director, a pastoral minister, and gives talks in local parishes.

**Stenger, Carol, CDP, MSW**, is a certified holistic healer and facilitator. She is the foundress of Amelia House, a shelter for women, and was in private practice prior to becoming a member of the leadership team of the Marie de la Roche Province.

**Tolliver, Charlotte, CDP, MS**, has a passion for mud! She lights up at the feel of clay swishing through her fingers. Through her craft, she shares with others the healing power of praying and playing with clay. Charlotte, a graduate of La Roche College's art and design program and a Master's from Edinboro in fine arts, has taught ceramics since 1998.

**Watson, Judy Sheintal, BA** in psychology, is certified by the American Council on Exercise (ACE) to lead group exercise. She has taught health and fitness for 25 years.

**Ward, Christina, BA** in Religious Studies from La Roche College, is a nationally certified massage and bodywork therapist, a certified holistic healer and a Thai practitioner.

**Winschel, Anne, CDP, MS** in counseling psychology, with graduate work in spirituality and scripture at Boston College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Anne has been engaged in teaching, counseling, and spiritual direction for 30 years.