

# Presenters

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**Dideon, Lois, rc, MA,** a religious of the Cenacle, is a member of the staff at the Cenacle Retreat Center, Houston, TX. She has a background in Jungian and Gestalt psychology, as well as extensive formal education in spirituality. Lois is an experienced presenter of the Enneagram, a spiritual director and retreat director.

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**Hawker, Lynn Ph.D.,** has worked for 25 years as a mental health counselor for community mental health and in private practice. She was clinical manager of the non-resident counseling program, then clinical director, for the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. She is co-author of the book, *End the Pain: Solutions to Stopping Domestic Violence*, and has given numerous presentations on trauma and domestic violence. She holds a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh's Counselor Education program.

**Lauer, Eugene, S.T.D.,** 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 this topic..

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**Ward, Christina, BA** in Religious Studies from La Roche College, is a nationally certified massage and body-work therapist and a Thai and Reiki practitioner.

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**Young, Bernadette, CDP, Ph. D.,** ministered for over twenty years as chaplain and campus minister in the Pittsburgh Oratory, which serviced the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon and Chatham students. Prior to that Bernadette was a high school guidance counselor.



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