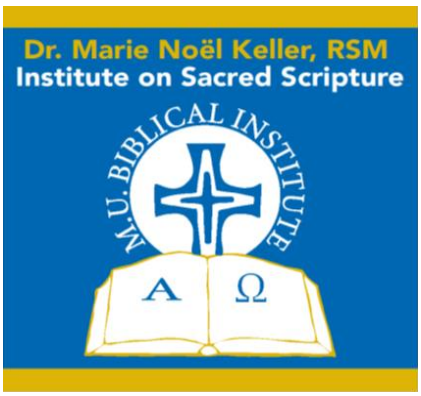


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SESSION 1:

"To You O Lord, I Call: (Ps 28:1): The Psalms: Patterns for Prayer"
Rev. Bonnie B. Thurston, PhD
Wednesday, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (EST)

(Cost: $99 for all four talks)

Talk 1: Praying the Psalms and Literary Introduction to the Psalter
Talk 2: Form Criticism of the Psalms: Lament Ps 6; Hymn/Praise 145
Talk 3: Form Criticism of the Psalms (cont.): Penitence 51; Delight 16
Talk 4: Psalm 23: God the Good Shepherd and Provider King

SESSION 2:

"Priscilla's Writing? The Epistle to the Hebrews"
Rev. Professor Dorothy A. Lee, AM, FAHA
Wednesday, February 25, March 4.11.18, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (EST)

(Cost: $99 for all four talks)

Talk 1: Background: author, venue, dating, canon
Talk 2: Structure and style: prologue
Talk 3: Christology: pioneer, high priest
Talk 4: Faith and the saints: past and future

SESSION 3:

"The Letters of John in 2026: Walking in the Truth and Not Leaving the Community"
Fr. Toan Do, STD, PhD
Wednesday, April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (EST)
N.B. An outline of the Who, What, When, Where and Why of the Letters of John will be sent to you to look at before the first session.

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Talk 1: Walking in the Truth by Keeping Jesus Christ's Commandment
Talk 2: Testing the Spirits
Talk 3: Fellowship within a Worshiping Community
Talk 4: How to Live a Christian Discipleship in the Twenty-first Century

Meet Our Accomplished Presenters



Rev. Bonnie B. Thurston, Ph.D., a native of southern West Virginia, currently lives quietly near Wheeling, WV having resigned the William F. Orr Professorship in New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. Founding member and Past president of the International Thomas Merton Society, Bonnie has also written or edited twenty-four books on Scripture and Spirituality as well and many articles, and has contributed to several reference works on the New Testament. Her Liturgical Press publications include *Shaped by the End You Live For: Thomas Merton's Monastic Spirituality; Maverick Mark: The Untamed First Gospel; The Spiritual Landscape of Mark; and, Philippians* in the Sacra Pagina series. She is also a prize-winning poet with eight volumes of verse that include *Practicing Silence: New and Selected Poems* and most recently *Not Sonnets: Observations from an Ordinary Life*; and her work has been published in many periodicals including Anglican Theological Review, The Christian Century, The Merton Seasonal, Quattrocento (Wales), Spirituality and Health, Spirituality (Ireland), Spiritus, and Theology Today. An ordained Disciples of Christ Minister, Bonnie served as Pastor in five churches and two overseas missions. She is also a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Church, and a widow, spiritual director and experienced retreat leader, an avid reader, walker, gardener and cook, enjoys classical music (especially the opera and liturgical music) and she loves the West Virginia hills.



Reverend Professor Dorothy Lee AM, FAHA is a New Testament scholar of the Gospels, with a particular interest in the Gospel of John. She reads them from a literary and theological perspective, with attention to their context in the ancient world. Her books include *The Symbolic Narratives of the Fourth Gospel: The Interplay of Form and Meaning. Journal for the Study of the New Testament., Supplement Series. Vol. 95. 1994, Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press; Flesh and Glory: Symbol, Gender and Theology in the Gospel of John. 2002, New York: Crossroad; Hallowed in Truth and Love: Spirituality in the Johannine Literature. 2011, Melbourne: Mosaic Press, plus there are many articles in prestigious journals.* She has also written about women's ministry in the New Testament. Cf. *The Ministry of Women in the New Testament: Reclaiming the Biblical Vision for Church Leadership. 2021, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.* Formerly Dean of the Trinity College Theological School Melbourne, she is currently a Professor Emerita there. Dorothy is also an Anglican priest in the Diocese of Melbourne associated with St Mary's North Melbourne, a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. Her hobbies are reading, walking and playing with her four grandchildren and two Tonkinese cats.



Father Toan Do, STD, Ph.D. was born in Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War. He and his family settled in the United States in 1993. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Louisville in 2004, before which he studied at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Toan taught at St. Meinard School of Theology in Indiana, Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corners, Wi, and at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, and is justly proud of the fact that many of his students come from all over the globe, such as from Thailand, Indonesia, the Fiji Islands, The Philippines, The USA, Europe, Korea and Vietnam. He has also published several articles on the Epistles of St John, most recently in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. Presently, he is an Independent scholar of the New Testament and Early Christian Studies and the Pastor of Epiphany Catholic Church in Louisville,