

WOMEN MYSTICS



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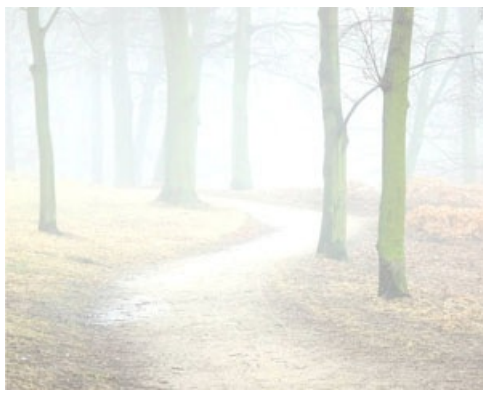
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Registration fee is \$350 plus meals. Limited housing is available on campus. Continuing Education Units plus Certificate Credit is available. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu with questions. **Event Brochure. Register online.**

Muto is a renowned speaker, author, teacher, and dean of the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality. She has led conferences, seminars, workshops, and institutes throughout the world. She received her doctorate in English literature from the University of, where she specialized in the work of post-Reformation spiritual. After a career in the field of journalism, she accepted Father Adrian van Kaam's invitation to become the assistant director of his Institute of Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University. There she initiated an unprecedented six semester cycle of courses in the ancient, medieval, and modern literature of spirituality. She edited its journals, *Envoy* and *Humanitas and Studies in Formative Spirituality*, and from 1981 to 1988 served as its director.

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