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2.0 Continuing Education Units plus Certificate Credit is available for this course. Registration fee is \$350. To register, contact the Continuing Education Office at 412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu. Event Brochure.

Standish is the author of *Humble Leadership* (2007) and *Becoming the Blessed Church* (2005) in addition to other books and numerous articles in spirituality and spiritual direction. He is an adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in the Doctor of Ministry program and Certificate in Spiritual Formation Program, focusing on the areas of spirituality and congregational leadership. He has served on the editorial board of Presence, the journal of Spiritual Directors International. Standish is a teacher, retreat leader, spiritual director, and has a background in individual, marital, and family therapy. He earned his doctorate in formative spirituality from Duquesne University, master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh, and master of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In addition, Standish is founding president of the Vineyard Guild, an organization committed to supporting, nurturing, and training spiritual leaderships and the growth of more spiritually vibrant congregations.

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