

## THE FOUR WOMEN DOCTORS: TERESA OF AVILA, CATHERINE OF SIENA, THERESE OF LISIEUX, AND HILDEGARD DE BINGEN

### A SPIRITUAL FORMATION ELECTIVE

#### DATES

March 29, 7:00 p.m.-April 1, 12:30 p.m., 2020

#### OVERVIEW

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## INSTRUCTOR

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## READINGS

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## REQUIRED TEXTS

Mary T. Malone. *Four Women Doctors of the Church: Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Àvila, Thérèse of Lisieux*. Orbis Books, 2017.

Additional texts will be added soon.

## REGISTRATION



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\$380/person. This fee includes most meals; lodging is the student's responsibility.

## LODGING / SCHEDULE / DIRECTIONS / CEUS

### LODGING

Lodging is available on campus at the Seminary. To make reservations, e-mail [reception@pts.edu](mailto:reception@pts.edu) or call 412-362-5610. Rooms are private with linens and towels provided. Each room, located in Calian Hall, has air-conditioning, wifi, TV, desk, and table.

### SCHEDULE

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