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Jane Adolphe is an Associate Professor at Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary, as well as common-law and civil-law degrees from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec. She also earned a Licentiate in Canon Law and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the *Pontificia Università della Santa Croce* in Rome. She began her legal career clerking for the Alberta Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench. After practicing with the Bennett Jones law firm, she served as a prosecutor with the Alberta Crown Prosecutor's Office. She then worked as a legal consultant with the law firm of Capua, Varrenti e Associati in Italy. She has served the United Nations by participating in conferences on women's and children's rights and the International Criminal Court, and most recently participated as a delegate of the Holy See. Professor Adolphe's course offerings include International Law, and International Human Rights, Family Law, Canon Law, and Criminal Law. She has researched and published in the area of international law as it relates to the family as well as children's and women's rights. She has recently given presentations in Toronto, Beijing, Rome and Vatican City State.

### **Maria Sophia Aguirre**

Maria Sophia Aguirre is an Associate Professor of Economics at Catholic University of America. She earned a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame as well as degrees in accounting and banking finance in Argentina. She has held appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University's Economics Department and has visited the Instituto de Altos Estudios Empresariales (I.A.E.E.) at the University of Austral in Argentina. Professor Aguirre has researched and published on a number of finance topics as well as regards theories of population, resources, and family as it relates to economic development. She has received awards in her area of research and is a presidential appointee to the US Advisory Commission on Foreign Diplomacy, a member of the Commission on the Status of Women in the Professions, a working group of the American Economic Association. She has testified in front of Congress on issues related to population, family and health both nationally and internationally. She also has advised several US Congressmen and other countries' Permanent Missions to the UN and UN Delegates on economic aspects of UN Documents.

### **Sr. Mary Prudence Allen, R.S.M.**

Sr. Mary Prudence received her B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Rochester, New York and her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California (1967). A member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, she taught philosophy at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada and was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 1996. Her areas of specialization are: The Concept of Person in the History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Woman, Existentialism, and Personalism. From 1998 to 2003 she served as Chair, and is presently Professor, at the Department of Philosophy, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado. From 2003-2006 she taught seminars for ENDOW on various aspects of Pope John Paul II's writings on the dignity and vocation of woman; and in 2006-2007 she taught the seminar on the theme of 'Women, Friendship, and Love' according to Pope Benedict's *Deus Caritas Est*. Sister Allen has published a two volume work on *The Concept of*

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### **Helen Alvaré**

Helen Alvaré is an Associate Professor at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. There she teaches and publishes on marriage and the family, bioethics, Catholic social thought, and property law. Professor Alvaré also lectures widely in the United States and Europe. She is a consultant to ABC News regarding the Catholic Church, as well as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Marriage Committee and Pro-Life Committee. From 1990-2000, Professor Alvaré directed the communications and public education campaigns of the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat. In this position, she appeared weekly on the nation's leading radio and television news programs, testified before Congress and political platform committees, and lobbied Congress. Prior to this position, Professor Alvaré spent three years as a litigation attorney with the USCCB's Office of General Counsel, and three years as a litigation associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Stradley, Ronon, Stevens and Young. She received her juris doctorate from Cornell University in 1984 and her masters degree in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University of America in 1989.

### **Sister Thomas Augustine Becker, O.P.**

Sr. Thomas Augustine Becker, O.P., is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Originally a native of New York, she earned her Juris Doctor from St. John's University, New York, her Masters in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA and Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certification from Eastern Michigan University. Prior to entering religious life she spent several years working as an engineer and producer in the music business and later spent ten years working in commercial real estate law, five of them as an attorney with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP in New York City. Her paper *The Role of "Solemnitas" in the Liturgy According to St. Thomas Aquinas* presented at the 2007 conference hosted by the Aquinas Institute for Theological Renewal was selected for publication as a book chapter in *"Sacraments in Aquinas."* Her community has recently appointed her as the founding principal of a new girl's high school St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Michigan opening in 2010. Her future scholarship will focus on Catholic education for young woman born from her efforts to design the Academy's curriculum, pedagogy and culture focusing on Authentic Christian Womanhood based upon John Paul II's articulation of the feminine genius and the vocation of woman.

### **Gerard V. Bradley**

Gerard Bradley is a noted scholar in the fields of constitutional law as well as law and religion, who joined the faculty of the Notre Dame Law School as a professor in 1992, having taught at the University of Illinois from 1983 to 1992. He earned his B.A. from Cornell University in 1976 and his J.D. from the Cornell Law School in 1980. Admitted to the New York Bar in 1981, he practiced law as an assistant district attorney with the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1980 to 1983. Professor Bradley has served as director of Notre Dame's Natural Law Institute and as co-editor of the institute's

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### **Isobel F. C. Camp**

Isobel Camp is concluding her PhD in Philosophy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome where she earned her BA and Licentiate in Philosophy. She also holds a BSc and a postgraduate qualification in Education from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK. For several years, she has taught in various schools in the UK as well as working as a free-lance translator and editor.

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### **Teresa Collett**

Teresa Collett has a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma. A passionate advocate for the protection of human life and the family, Professor Teresa Collett is a nationally sought-after scholar and speaker on the topics of marriage, religion and bioethics. She has published numerous legal articles and is the co-author of a law casebook on professional responsibility and co-editor of a collection of essays exploring "catholic" and "Catholic" perspectives on American law. Professor Collett is an elected member of the American Law Institute, and has testified before committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, as well as before legislative committees in several states. Most recently she represented Congressman Ron Paul and various medical groups in the defense of the federal ban of partial-birth abortion, and the Governors of Minnesota and North Dakota defending the N.H. requirement of state parental involvement prior to performance of an abortion on a minor before the United States Supreme Court. She is often asked to represent the interests of government officials before federal appellate courts. She has served as special Attorney General for the States of Oklahoma and Kansas, as well as assisting other state Attorneys General in defending laws protecting human life and marriage. Prior to joining St. Thomas in 2003, Professor Collett taught at the South Texas College of Law where she established the nation's first annual symposium on legal ethics.

### **Reverend John J. Coughlin, O.F.M.**

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### **Robert L. Fastiggi**

Robert Fastiggi earned a B.A. in religion from Dartmouth College in 1974; a M.A. in theology from Fordham University in 1976; and a Ph.D. in historical theology from Fordham in 1987. From 1985-1999, he taught in the department of religious studies at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX. Since 1999, he has been a member of the theology faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan, where he is currently Professor of Systematic Theology. Dr. Fastiggi is the author of *The Natural Theology of Yves de Paris* (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1991), *The Mystical Theology of the Catholic Reformation: An Overview of Baroque Spirituality* [co-author, José Pereira] (Lanham,

MD: University Press of America, 2006), and *What the Church Teaches about Sex: God's Plan for Human Happiness* (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor [in production]). He is currently editing or co-editing two other books and is one of the editors for the electronic updating of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. Dr. Fastiggi and his wife, Kathleen, live in Dearborn Heights, Michigan with their three children: Mary (19), Anthony (16), and Clare (12).

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### **Reverend Joseph M. Isanga**

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### **Reverend Monsignor Grzegorz Kaszak**

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### **Mary G. Leary**

Mary Leary is a visiting professor at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She is an acknowledged expert on the subject of computer crimes against children. She is a former deputy director for the Office of Legal Counsel at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which for 20 years leads the country in preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation; finding missing children; and

assisting victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families and the professionals who serve them. She recently presented at an international conference in India that was designed to help law enforcement agencies identify and apprehend online child sex abusers. The conference was jointly sponsored by Interpol, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Microsoft Corporation. It was hosted by the Central Bureau of Investigation of India (similar to America's FBI) for an audience composed of law enforcement personnel, attorneys and members of non-governmental organizations.

### **Lisa Lickona**

Lisa Lickona is a wife and mother of seven children whom she schools on her upstate New York farm. Her writings and lectures explore the theology of Pope John Paul II through reflection on her own experience and have appeared in publications as diverse as *Forefront*, *Columbia*, and *The Catholic Social Science Review*. Her work focuses on the Church's rich teaching on the mystery of sexual difference, ranging from the traditional devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary to Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body" and his "new feminism." Lisa has taught as an adjunct for the Institute for Pastoral Theology in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Lisa received her Masters of Theological Studies and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

### **Margaret Harper McCarthy**

Professor McCarthy received her doctoral degree at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute in Rome, with a dissertation on the contemporary theology of predestination. She has written articles on themes associated with the theology of the body (gender and the *imago Dei*; the body as "sacrament of the person"; the meaning of sexual difference) and is currently working on themes in theological anthropology, particularly on the relation between the desire for happiness (love of self) and the love of another "for his own sake." Currently, Margaret Harper McCarthy is an assistant professor of theology at the John Paul II Institute of studies on marriage and family at the Catholic University of America.

### **Ilaria Morali**

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### **Marguerite A. Peeters**

Marguerite A. Peeters is an American citizen residing in Brussels. She holds a Masters in Art History from the University of the Sorbonne and a post-graduate degree in Journalism from the Robert Schuman Institute. She teaches at a Belgian affiliate of the Pontifical Lateran University and will be a visiting professor at the Pontifical University Urbaniana in 2009-09. She also conducts seminars and holds lectures for a wide variety of Catholic and secular audiences in Europe, Africa and North America. She is an expert in the field of international organizations, human rights, global cultural change and postmodernity. Since living in the Ukraine (1991 – 1993), where she worked for the Greek-Catholic Church, she has specialized as a journalist in developments at the United Nations and has participated in the majority of UN world conferences since the mid-1990s. She has interviewed several hundred high level officials working in international organizations who have been responsible for forging new concepts (e.g. sustainable development, consensus, good governance, participatory democracy, partnerships, reproductive and sexual health and rights, gender, the right to choose revolution, the new global ethic, development as choice, cultural liberty, civic education). Concerned about the role of semantic manipulation in the deconstruction of reality, Ms. Peeters created an information service in 1995, and has since written over 275 in-depth reports; published an analytical synthesis of her findings, *Hijacking Democracy – The Power Shift to the Unelected* (2002) ([www.aei.org](http://www.aei.org)); produced a booklet entitled *The New Global Ethic: Challenges for the Church* (2006); and published *The Globalization of the Western Cultural Revolution – Key-Concepts, Operational Mechanisms* (2007). In 2003, she founded the Brussels-based *Institute for Intercultural Dialogue*, which studies global cultural change, seeks to promote discernment in the light of perennial values, and explores positive alternatives to postmodern radicalism.

### **Sister M. Timothy Prokes, F.S.E.**

Sister Prokes is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, currently a professor of theology at Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College. She has an undergraduate degree in Journalism and an MA in Theology from Marquette University as well as a PhD from the Institute of Christian Thought, University of St. Michael's College, at the University of Toronto. Sister serves on the faculties of the Permanent Diaconate Programs in the Diocese of Arlington, VA, and the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Previously, she was a tenured faculty member at St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, and has taught at Creighton University, Omaha; Lonergan College, Montreal; and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore. Her publications include *Women's Challenge: Ministry in the Flesh* (Dimension); *Mutuality: The Human Image of Trinitarian Love* (Paulist); *Toward a Theology of the Body* (T&T Clark, Ltd. and Eerdmans); and *At the Interface: Theology and Virtual Reality* (Wheatmark). Sister Prokes offers lectures and seminars on theology of the body, Mariology, pastoral care, the spiritual life, and virtual reality as a neo-worldview.

### **Elizabeth Schiltz**

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### **Marie S. Smith**

Marie Smith is Director of the *Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues* (PNCI), [info@pncius.org](mailto:info@pncius.org), an international initiative, based in Washington, DC, which advances life issues by identifying and educating pro-life lawmakers around the world. Its mission is to promote respect for the inherent value, worth and inviolable dignity of every human being from the first moment of existence. It is the first international network for pro-life lawmakers and to date the only one of its kind. As Director, Ms. Smith calls upon her years of pro-life experience that began in college along with her husband, House Pro-Life Caucus Chairman, Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) who is the leading pro-life member of the House of Representatives. In her former position as International Director of Feminists for Life, Marie Smith advocated for the protection of women and children from the violence of abortion, on the international level especially with the United Nations system. Marie and Chris have been married for 30 years and have four children ranging in age from 28 to 20.

### **Mary Shivanandan**

Mary Shivanandan is a Professor at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. She received her bachelor's of arts and master's degree from Cambridge University. After many years of research and lecturing on marriage, family, and natural family planning, both nationally and internationally, Professor Shivanandan obtained a licentiate and doctorate in theology from Pontifical John Paul II Institute, specializing in the theological anthropology of John Paul II. Her book, *Crossing the Threshold of Love: A New Vision of Marriage in the Light of John Paul II's Anthropology* (published by The Catholic University Press) compares and contrasts the vision of the Holy Father with contemporary thought concerning the nature of the human person and the meaning of the human body and of human sexuality. Her current research explores how erroneous views of the body and sexuality affect belief in the Incarnation, worship, and practice. She has also taught theological anthropology at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in India and Australia, and at the Franciscan Seminary in Singapore.

### **Katherine Spaht**

Katherine Spaht has taught at Louisiana State University since 1972 in the areas of family law, community property, successions and obligations. In addition to overseeing the revision of Louisiana's community property law in 1978 and drafting Louisiana's

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### **W. Bradford Wilcox**

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