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Catholic Intellectual Tradition Speakers' Series
"Evidence of Supernatural Design in Contemporary Big Bang Cosmology"

Houston (March 26, 2009) – Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., president of Gonzaga University, will explore the relationship between science and theology at the University of St. Thomas 2009 Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture. His talk entitled, "Evidence of Supernatural Design in Contemporary Big Bang Cosmology," will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon.

This lecture series serves to remind the University community and the greater Houston public that religious faith goes hand-in-hand with critical thinking. Fr. Spitzer has a long-standing interest in physics, metaphysics and their inter-relationship with faith. The dialogue between science and religion is important and must be maintained both for the sake of science and the sake of religion. As a man of faith and a man of science, Fr. Spitzer attempts to bridge the gap.

He founded the Gonzaga Institute of Ethics and an interdisciplinary institute called the Philosophical Foundations of Physics at Georgetown University, a group of physicists, chemists, philosophers, and theologians who examined the underlying conditions of space, time and energy from both a physical and philosophical perspective and the relationship between these fundamental realities and faith.

Fr. Spitzer received a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, a Th.M. from Cambridge, and a Master of Divinity from the Gregorian University in Rome.

Previous renowned Catholic scholars in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series include George Weigel, the late Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., Dr. Peter Kreeft, the late Fr. Richard J. Neuhaus and Sr. Prudence Allen.

This event is cosponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Center for Faith and Culture. For more information, contact Valerie Hall at 713-525-2163.

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