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**HOUSTON (Oct. 5, 2009)**

**University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture  
Hosts Dr. John Haught at IMAX Theatre**

Dr. John Haught, Georgetown University, will deliver the lecture, “Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake,” the final lecture in the Darwin 2009 series in Houston at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The event is hosted by University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture and Doherty Library in collaboration with the Houston Museum of Natural Science at the IMAX Theatre, and will be held at the IMAX Theatre in the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 1 Hermann Circle Dr.

Haught’s lecture will address the importance of the question of evolution for Christian faith. The harmony of faith and science is frequently explored by the Center, which hosts symposia to foster dialogue among a consortium of scientists, religious leaders and academicians.

Darwin challenges religious trust in a providential God who purposefully creates, influences and eternally cares for the world. Our religious ancestors did not have our knowledge of evolution. In what sense, then, after Darwin, might we still trust in divine providence? After Darwin can we have a plausible understanding of God that is both consistent with traditional belief and adequate to the reality of evolution?

Haught is a Senior Fellow, Scientific & Religion Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University, and was chair and professor in the theology department from 1970 to 2005. His area of specialization is systematic theology, with a particular interest in issues pertaining to science, cosmology, evolution, ecology and religion. Haught is the author of *God and the New Atheism: A Critical Response to Dawkins, Harris and Hitchens* and *Christianity and Science: Toward a Theology of Nature*.

He received the 2008 “Friend of Darwin Award” from the National Center for Science Education, 2004 Sophia Award for Theological Excellence and 2002 Owen Garrigan Award in Science and Religion.

Since 1994, The Center for Faith and Culture has been a key outreach part of the University of St Thomas, conducting more than 100 seminars, symposia, conferences, academic courses and special presentations on the relationship between the Catholic worldview of faith and American culture.

The lecture costs \$17. For more information, contact Center for Faith and Culture at 713-942-5066.

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