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CATHOLICISM IN THE

MODERN WORLD

Catholic Studies Lecture Series

7:00 p.m.

Regis University

St. John Francis Regis Chapel

Free and open to the public

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

“Vatican II: Fifty Years After”

Fr. Thomas P. Rausch, S.J.

Fr. Tom is a Professor of Theological Studies and the T. Marie Chilton Professor of Catholic Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Fr. Tom has written extensively on issues in the contemporary Church: Vatican II, theologies of the church, divisions, authority and its exercise, ministry ordained and unordained, sexuality, social justice, women in the Church, ecumenism, world religions, and the church of tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012

“Astronomy, God, and the Search for Elegance”

Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J.

By looking closely at a handful of astronomical images, we'll explore the way that one proceeds from an emotional appreciation of the beauty of the stars and planets, to a deeper understanding that satisfies both reason and emotion.

Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., obtained his Bachelor of Science in 1974 and Master of Science in 1975 in Earth and Planetary Sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona in 1978. He entered into the Jesuit order in 1989 and took vows as a Jesuit brother in 1991, and studied philosophy and theology at Loyola University Chicago, and physics at the University of Chicago before his assignment to the Vatican Observatory in 1993.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

“From Spotless Bride to Working Partner: Images of the Laity in the 21st Century Church”

Dr. Susan Ross, Ph.D.

How do the metaphors used for the church, particularly the spousal metaphor, influence our relationships, participation and trust? Dr. Ross will explore and critique some of these images and their gendered implications.

Dr. Susan A. Ross is a Professor of Theology and a Faculty Scholar at Loyola University Chicago. She received her B.A. from Manhattanville College (NY), and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She is a Vice-President and member of the Board of Editors of *Concilium*, the international theological journal, and has co-edited three of its recent issues; she has also written numerous journal articles and book chapters. She is the recipient of a Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant, the Book of the Year Award from the College Theology Society in 1999, an Honorable Mention for Best Gender Issues Award from the Catholic Press Association in 2007, and the Ann O'Hara Graff Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Lectures are at Regis University's Lowell campus: Lowell Blvd. & Regis Blvd. (W. 50th Ave.), Denver.

For more information on the lectures, contact Sr. Peg Maloney, 303-964-5715 or pmaloney@regis.edu

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