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### NOVEMBER MEETING

# FR. ROBERT J. SPITZER, S.J., Ph.D.: "NEW PROOFS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD: CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONTEMPORARY PHYSICS AND PHILOSPHY"

Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., is president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith and the Spitzer Center for Ethical Leadership.

He was President of Gonzaga University from 1998-2009. He has published five books and numerous scholarly articles, started six national institutes. Fr. Spitzer speaks widely on philosophy of science, philosophy of God, and ethics.

Fr. Spitzer's latest book, New Proofs for the Existence of God, will be published this summer (advance copies are available at Amazon.com). This will be the foundation of Fr. Spitzer's work at the Magis Center of Reason and Faith, whose mission is to evangelize agnostics, atheists and skeptics using the latest data from science.

The Magis Center accomplishes this with the help of an expert panel of physicists and astrophysicists who come from top institutions in the country, and includes two Nobel Prize laureates.

The Magis Center is currently producing a documentary film, a high school curriculum, a for-credit college course, and a state-of-the art web-based social media campaign targeted at the



Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.

Millennial Generation. This groundbreaking work has been well received by test audiences at Bosco Tech, Servite, J. Serra Catholic High School.

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#### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 27

**TIME:** 12:00 P.M.

WHERE: Jilio-Ryan Hunter & Olsen Court

Reporters

14661 Franklin, #150 (entrance at rear of

building) Tustin, California

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## LEADERS HAVE MANY MASTERS, BUT ONLY ONE KING

### BY A RECENTLY DEPLOYED SECOND LIEUTENANT, U.S. MARINE CORPS

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As a young Marine Corps Officer and platoon commander, I am regularly seeking God's guidance in my life and decisions, faithfully, hopefully, generously, for my own good and the good of the Marines I lead.

I am given authority and I am placed under others' authority. With the authority I am given I must seek to execute it properly. It becomes my responsibility to execute it well for the sake of others and I look to Jesus as an example of someone who exercised His authority perfectly. I am also under authority and thus must obey others while trusting that ultimately God passes the final word.

I strive to be like the Centurion, who, like Christ, is quoted in every single Liturgy. "Lord I am not worthy to receive you, just say the word." I say it every time I participate in the Holy Mass. The Centurion understands authority. After all, he is a man given authority and under others' authority. His words are recognizing Jesus' authority as ruler of all. He understands the role of senior leadership and he recognizes



that Jesus is the King of all creation, all things will obey Him. All He has to do is say the word and that which is under His authority will obey.

I surmise the Centurion followed and listened to Jesus before presenting Jesus with his issue. And no doubt he continued to do the same after the miracle Christ executed for him that day. In studying Jesus, the Centurion, one who knows and understands authority, learns what is called for from those in authority by the example of Christ. "I am the good shepherd who lays down his life for his flock."

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#### THE KING'S CROWN

#### JOHN J. FLYNN III

In November, we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, and so have occasion to ponder the meaning of his Kingship.

A king, of course, wears a crown; think of Christ, and the crown that first comes to mind is one of thorns. Even those who mocked Christ, who meant only to do him harm, seemed compelled to acknowledge his Kingship. Jesus did not make the crown that he wore in this life. Had the crown been fashioned by his own hands, however, rather than by the hands of his torturers, how would it have differed? What kind of king do we serve?

On my first trip to France in 1997, having stood and wondered at the sight of many beautiful cathedrals and churches, I reflected from time to time on what I was actually perceiving. There is something different about the experience of beauty that happens in a church, those regal dwelling places, but I was unable to put the difference into words. Only later did the intuition crystallize.

The soul perceives more than the eyes see or the ears hear: invisible things, eternal things, the things of God. In every experience of beauty it is perhaps true to say that one finds a gift, and therefore a giver. Sometimes the beautiful place or beautiful thing is produced naturally, and sometimes by the hands of men and women.

But they all put us in mind of gift. In the great churches and cathedrals of the world, which have stood for hundreds of years, yet still move the hearts of even the most modern among us, there is something else, something unique, which informs the experience. Just below the surface of the gold, the stone or the gilt, one finds the wood of the Cross.



The solemnity of Christ the King is celebrated this year on Sunday, November 21.

Only in a church, among all other places of beauty in the world, is God both giver and gift. A church is a meeting place, and we encounter there the crucified Christ, the King of Heaven, wearing his crown of thorns.

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#### NOVEMBER **RED MASS**

2010 Red Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral. A complimentary buffet dinner reception will follow. His Excellency

Tod David Brown, D.D., Bishop of Orange will preside. Music at the liturgy will be provided by the de Angelis Vocal Ensemble. For more please contact Bill Malecki at (714) 310-7745.

The Most Reverend Tod David Brown, Bishop of the Diocese of Orange and The St. Thomas More Society Invite the Entire Legal Community to Celebrate the

#### **RED MASS**

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL • MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT 6:00 P.M. Reception with Dinner following in the Holy Family Cathedral Hall



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MONTH DATE **DESCRIPTION** LOCATION

November	Mon, Nov 8, 6:00 pm	Red Mass	Holy Family Cathedral, 566 S. Glassell Street Orange, CA 92835
	Wed, Nov 17, 12:00 pm	Lunch Meeting ft. Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., PhD, former president of Gonzaga University.	Jilio-Ryan Hunter & Olsen Court Reporters, 14661 Franklin, #150 Tustin, California (714) 424-9902
	Sun, Nov 28, 8:30 am	Catholic Worker (cooking and serving breakfast to needy families in Santa Ana)	Isaiah House, 316 South Cypress Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92701, (714) 835-6304
January	Sat, Jan 15	Annual MCLE with Justice Eileen Moore, "Elimination of Bias in Film and in the Courts."	TBD