

A Day with Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ on Faith, Life and Science



Thursday, March 30, 2017
Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill
10:00 am—3:00 pm



Morning:

Science at the Doorway to God: a contemporary look at the evidence of cosmology, near death experiences, and the Shroud of Turin

Those who teach Catholic faith need strong apologetical evidence to prevent young people from leaving the Church. The recent PEW survey showing that we are losing an additional one percent of young people (starting at about age 10) every year to unbelief should be taken quite seriously.

Fr. Spitzer, a popular presenter and expert on the relationship of faith and science, will provide ways to talk about faith with those who doubt because faith cannot be “proven” scientifically.

Afternoon:

The Case Against Physician-Assisted Suicide

Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in several states and more states are currently considering legislation. A recent popular film glorified the choice of a young man with disabilities to take his own life.

Fr. Spitzer is at the national forefront of those standing for the value of human life in the face of a culture that increasingly de-values it.

Father defines the problem as a failure of love: “The culture of suicide is the culture of despair – it’s the culture of un-love. If there were enough love out there, nobody would want to commit suicide. Something’s going wrong when we morally sanction suicide within the culture.”

This is a pro-life talk you *need* to hear. The stakes for our society are just too great!



About Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ

Fr. Spitzer is a priest of the Jesuit order and is currently President of the Magis Center and the Spitzer Center.

Magis Center produces documentaries, books, high school curricula, adult-education curricula, and new media materials to show the close connection between faith and reason in contemporary astrophysics, philosophy, and the historical study of the New Testament. Magis Center provides rational responses to false, but popular, secular myths. The Spitzer Center produces facilitated curricula to strengthen culture, faith, and spirit in Catholic organizations as well as nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Father served as president of Gonzaga University from 1998 to 2009, where he dramatically increased student enrollment and developed new programs and curricula in faith, ethics, service, and leadership.

A popular presenter and prolific author, he is regularly featured on EWTN in *Fr. Spitzer's Universe*. He has made many other TV appearances including: Larry King Live (debating Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow), the Today Show (debating on the topic of active euthanasia), the History Channel in "God and The Universe," a multipart PBS series "Closer to the Truth," and the Hugh Hewitt Show.

He has also written two online encyclopedias, one on reason and faith, the other on Jesus Christ. <http://www.magiscenter.com/on-line-encyclopedias/>

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