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cordially invite you to

~ A Special Spring Luncheon ~

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

The Athenaeum, Hall of Associates

with

**Brother Guy Consolmagno**

**Curator of Meteorites at the Vatican Observatory**

**Vatican City State**

author of

*“God’s Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers  
Make Sense of Religion”*

*“God’s Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion” – A Brief Synopsis:* The endless debates about science versus religion miss an important point: an awful lot of scientists and engineers are also churchgoers. How does religion work in a society shaped by science and technology? How do scientists and engineers practice their religions? *God's Mechanics* examines the personal religious life and theology of scientists and engineers -- Techies -- based on conversations with dozens of Techies in California's Silicon Valley and the reflections of a Jesuit scientist and astronomer, an MIT graduate with a PhD in planetary science, who works at the Vatican Observatory.



*About the Author:* Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ is a planetary scientist and Curator of Meteorites at the Vatican Observatory. He has served as chair of the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society and is past president of Commission 16 (Planets and Satellites) of the International Astronomical Union. He earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph. D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona, was a researcher at the Harvard/Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and at MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics at Lafayette College before entering the Jesuits in 1989. At the Vatican Observatory since 1993, his research explores connections between meteorites, asteroids, and the evolution of small solar system bodies. Along with more than 100 scientific publications, he is the author of a number of books including *Turn Left at Orion* (with Dan Davis), *Worlds Apart* (with Martha Schaefer), *Brother Astronomer*, and *God's Mechanics*.