



Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to invite the people of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee to attend a free public presentation at St. Paul's Church in Pensacola, Florida on Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., titled "Is There Evidence of Life After Death Validated by Science?" – with a focus on what is popularly called the "near death experience."

This event is open to all Catholics, as well as Orthodox and Protestant Christians, and all sincere inquirers who are interested in seeing how Catholics approach the relationship between faith and science. A special invitation is extended to Catholic youth groups, college students, and all young adults.

Fr. Spitzer is President of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith and also the Napa Institute. He is the author of 18 books, including the award-winning *New Proofs for the Existence of God*, and most recently, *Science at the Doorstep to God* and *Science, Reason, and Faith: Discovering the Bible*. Father Spitzer has his own weekly EWTN television show called Father Spitzer's Universe. He has appeared on the Larry King Show, the History Channel, the Today Show, and a PBS series. He started seven institutes dedicated to faith and reason as well as Catholicism and culture. He previously served as President of Gonzaga University from 1998–2009. He was also a professor and was awarded the teaching medal at Georgetown University and Seattle University.

This is a rare opportunity to see Father Spitzer in person speak about what happens at the time of death *from a scientific point of view*, and explore the implications for philosophy and theology. With the advances in CPR, extraordinary numbers of individuals report remarkably similar experiences of *consciousness enduring after death*. Post-resuscitation, these people are able to report extraordinary details of what they experienced, some of which are empirically verifiable. Fr. Spitzer will argue that science gives us hard empirical evidence of the immortality of the soul that does not cease to exist with the death of the body.

This event will provoke deeper thinking about the meaning of death and the truth claims of Christianity, as well as whet your appetite for more of the rich Catholic tradition of engaging faith and science. This event will be well worth your time.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee