

## SUPER BOWL OF CATHOLIC THOUGHT SPRINGS FORWARD

Due to inclement weather, the Super Bowl of Catholic Thought scheduled for Feb. 5, 2011 was cancelled. We are able to *Spring Forward* this event with a few changes.

**New Date:** April 2, 2011 **Time:** 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Place:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School

### *Presenters who were scheduled for Feb 5 and able to come on April 2:*

Susan Brinkman	Topic #1 Learn To Discern: is it Christian or New Age?
Chuck Dern	Topic #2 The Mind of God: Does Science Point to the Divine?
Timothy Murnane	Topic #3 Adam & Eve: Evolution and Intelligent Design
Maryanne Thompson	Topic #5 Body Language: The Teaching of John Paul II

### **New Offerings:**

**Barbara Miller** Topic #4 Lay Spirituality: Called and Gifted

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Adult Faith Formation Committee Presents**

# **Super Bowl of Catholic Thought**

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School**

**225 East Ashland Street**

**Doylestown, PA 18901**

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## **Program Schedule**

***Registration/ Opening Prayer* 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

***Session I* 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

***Refreshment Break* 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

***Session II* 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

Each session is 75 minutes. Each registrant may sign up for two workshops. The Adult Faith Formation Committee reserves the right to cancel one or both sessions of a workshop for insufficient enrollment after pre-registration is completed by Monday, March 28, 2011.

## **Topic #1 Learn To Discern: Is it Christian or New Age?**

Sue Brinkmann will provide a comprehensive overview of prevalent New Age movements and practices such as those involving the occult: wicca, psychics, magic, astrology, etc; energy medicine: Reiki, acupuncture, etc.; prayer/ meditation: Centering Prayer, yoga and self-help or human potential movements: A Course in Miracles, The Secret, The NewEarth, EST workshops and other programs. Her talk will include practical tips on how to discern whether a movement is New Age or Christian. There will be time for questions and answers.

**Susan Brinkmann, O.C.D.S.**, author and journalist, is a member of the Third Order of Discalced Carmelites. She is the Editor of *Canticle Magazine* and staff journalist for *Johnnette Benkovic*, host of *EWTN's, The Abundant Life*. A former Correspondent for *The Catholic Standard and Times*, Susan has won numerous national journalism awards for pro-life and investigative reporting. She has devoted her life and talents to building up the Church, and tearing down the culture of death. In addition to her two historical fiction novels published by Harper Collins, she is also the author of *Lord, Teach us to Pray*, a book on Carmelite prayer and *The Kinsey Connection* published by Ascension Press which details the fraudulent research of Alfred C. Kinsey. Her latest work *Learning to Discern: Is it Christian or New Age* was published by Simon Peter Press in July, 2009. Sue will autograph copies of her latest publication.

## **Topic #2 The Mind of God: Does Science Point to the Divine?**

Science often is thought of as an atheist pursuit or at least one where the question of God's existence must be kept to the side. But many famous scientists not only believed in God, they believed science pointed to God. Does science point to a Divine Being, or are such scientists guilty of a "God of the Gaps" argument? Come and find out!

**Chuck Dern** holds a Ph.D. in Moral Theology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. as well as a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Villanova University. He is adjunct faculty member of St. Charles Borromeo Graduate School of Religious Studies and the Theology and Philosophy departments of Immaculata University. Chuck is a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish and resides in Doylestown with his wife Gerry and their three children.

## **Topic #3 Adam & Eve: Evolution and Intelligent Design**

The obvious design inherent within nature has both scientific and theological implications. Tim's presentation will touch on both of these aspects. Evolution is a theory in crisis and evidence showing the Darwinian mechanism for evolution is no longer plausible will be resented. Since Design in nature is an ancient "proof" of God's existence and since Darwinists insist evolution does not need a God to create life and its complexity, the Catholic Church has great interest in the Design vs. Evolution controversy. We will discuss why some feel this is a crucial issue to people of faith in our modern era.

**Timothy J. Murnane** is a professional engineer with 40 years experience with the Rohm and Haas Company and has a BS and MS degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University as well as Metallurgical Training from Drexel University. Mr. Murnane believes a general knowledge of scientific advances supporting Catholic teaching on God's creation is necessary for the new evangelization so urgently pursued by John Paul II and now Benedict XVI. Tim's past Catholic lay initiatives include: Founder of the Philadelphia Catholic Forum, a Catholic speaker's apostolate, President of Marian Consortium of Catholic Lay organizations in Philadelphia, Principal Author, "Catholic Catechesis for a New Evangelization," Chairman, "Stand Up for Life" annual Pro-life dinner, President of the Board, St Francis Xavier Archdiocesan Grammar School, Chairman of the Board, Regina Coeli Academy, Organizer, "Evolution: The Untold Story," a conference for Catholics outlining the science behind Intelligent Design and the interest of Catholic leaders.

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As human beings we use our bodies to communicate our wants, needs, thoughts and desires. The most sought after desire is love. God gave us our visible bodies to communicate His invisible Self. Our physical bodies then are not random at all but have specific meaning, and are capable of revealing answers to the fundamental questions of existence – why are we here? Why were we created male and female? Why is our deepest desire love? What do our bodies reveal about being made in the image of God? From 1979 to 1984 JPII delivered 129 Wednesday audiences on the theology of the human person – body, mind and soul. This has evolved into the popular teaching “Theology of the Body”. Join us as we explore the major themes contained in this teaching.

*Maryanne Thompson, M. A. is an adjunct faculty member of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. She has worked at the parish level as both Director of Adult Faith Formation and Director of Religious Education. She oversees the Speaker's Bureau for the lay graduates of St. Charles Seminary. Maryanne has given presentations throughout the Archdiocese on a variety of topics. She is a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster, PA*

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*Please choose two workshops.*

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**Suggested Donation**

**\$10.00 per person \$5.00 Seniors / Students**

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