

CATHOLIC PSYCHOLOGY LECTURE

Dr. Paul Vitz, Professor and Senior Scholar at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, will be speaking on the topic of “Why Now is a Good Time for a Christian and Catholic Approach to Psychology.” He will consider trends within contemporary culture and within the field of psychology that are conducive to the development of Christian psychology. He will also outline some specific advantages that the Catholic faith offers to this endeavor. The lecture will be held on Friday, February 24, 2012, at 12:00 noon, in the Student Union Ballroom on the Florida campus of Ave Maria University.

Dr. Vitz has for many years been at the forefront of the integration of Christian theology, especially Catholic anthropology, with psychology, breaking from the modern secularism and post-modern relativism prevalent today. His present interests are focused on the following topics: The Psychology of Hatred and Forgiveness; The Psychology of the Virtues; The Psychological Importance of Fathers; and the Positive Relevance of Psychology for the Priesthood. Dr. Vitz's books include: *Psychology as Religion: The Cult of Self-Worship*; *Sigmund Freud's Christian Unconscious*; *Modern Art and Modern Science: The Parallel Analysis of Vision*; *Faith of the Fatherless: The Psychology of Atheism*; and *The Self: Beyond the Post-modern Crisis*. He was Professor of Psychology at New York University for many years prior to joining the faculty at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences.

The Institute for the Psychological Sciences is a Catholic graduate school of psychology located in Arlington, Virginia. Program offerings include a Psy.D. and M.S. in Clinical Psychology, based upon a Catholic understanding of the human person.