

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA) Invites you to its meeting, April 10, 2024, at 11 am at First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT.

The program will also be shown on Zoom: https://bit.ly/30IBj21

Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ Director of the Vatican Observatory "When Science Goes Wrong: The Desire and Search for Truth."



When we think that following science is a sure way to get to all the right answers, we misunderstand the nature and history of science; it can only get closer to the truth by recognizing where and how it has gone wrong. Even Galileo's revolution in science included some truly bizarre ideas of what the Earth looked like and how (and why) it was situated in the heavens. What can this tell us as we grapple today with dark matter and dark energy... and

about the nature of the search for Truth itself? In this presentation Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, will discuss his latest book, *When Science Goes Wrong: The Desire and Search For Truth*.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Br. Guy earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and 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, in 2015 Pope Francis appointed Dr. Consolmagno director of the Vatican Observatory. Br. Guy's research explores connections between meteorites, asteroids, and the evolution of small solar system bodies. He has observed Kuiper Belt objects with the Vatican's 1.8 meter telescope in Arizona, and measured meteorite physical properties to understand asteroid origins and structure. Along with more than 250 scientific publications, he is the author of a number of popular books including *Turn Left at Orion* (with Dan Davis), and *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestial?* (with Paul Mueller). In 2000, the IAU named asteroid 4597 Consolmagno in recognition of his work. In 2014 he received the Carl

Sagan Medal for excellence in public communication in planetary sciences. He currently serves as chair of the IAU Mars Nomenclature Task Group and vice president of the Meteoritical Society.

Our next speaker, on April 17, will be Beth Evans, Greenwich Director of Environmental Affairs, on "Our Greenwich Environment: Looking to the Future for Our Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren."

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at **10:40 am** followed promptly by our presentation at **11:00 am**. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam Ave. in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org.