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Downtown Spirituality Series Begins Oct. 6

“First Tuesdays,” an annual interfaith series promoting dialogue and understanding on topics of spirituality, begins Tuesday, October 6, at The Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, 130 Baronne St. and will continue each month through May, 2010. Representatives of New Orleans’ Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities will lead conversations about their spiritual traditions, addressing this year’s theme, “Spirituality in the City.”

First Tuesdays is co-sponsored by Jesuit Church, Loyola Institute for Ministry and The Catholic Book Store. All presentations will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Lenes Hall, 130 Baronne Street, the parish center of Jesuit Church. A simple lunch will be provided. All are welcome and admission is free. Graduate and CEU credit are available through the Loyola Institute for Ministry.

The October 6 presentation will feature Reverend Henry Hudson of Trinity Episcopal Church, whose topic will be “Where Are You?”

November 3 Reverend Susan Gaumer of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, will lead a discussion of the book *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* by Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor.

December 1 Rabbi Alexis Berk of Touro Synagogue will make a presentation on the topic, "Don't Worry, That God You Don't Believe In Doesn't Exist."

January 5 Rabbi Robert Loewy of Gates of Prayer Synagogue will lead a discussion of the book *When Bad Things Happen To Good People* by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

February 2 will feature a presentation by Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of "Dead Man Walking" and other notable books.

March 2 Fr. Jerry Fagin, SJ, Associate Professor, Loyola Institute for Ministry, will be the presenter of a book on Ignatian spirituality.

April 6 will have a presentation by Imam Omar Suleiman of Masjid Abu Bakr As-Siddique Mosque.

First Tuesdays will conclude May 4 with a presentation by a member of Masjid Abu Bakr As-Siddique Mosque of a book on Muslim spirituality.

All book titles are available from The Catholic Book Store, 3003 S. Carrollton Avenue.
More information is available at www.lim.loyno.edu/downtown.

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