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CATHLEEN FALSANI TO SPEAK ON APRIL 29 AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
Event Launches New Partnership: "Consider This..."

CHICAGO, April 15, 2010—Cathleen Falsani, former religion reporter for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and author of critically acclaimed books on religion and popular culture, will speak at St. James Cathedral, 65 East Huron Street in Chicago, on Thursday, April 29 at 6 pm. The event is free and open to the public and begins with a reception at 5:15 pm. Manya Brachear, religion reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, will interview Falsani.

As the religion reporter for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Falsani covered her diverse "God beat" from locations as far afield as Vatican City, Vedic City, Ireland, Germany, the Caribbean, the West Wing, the Playboy Mansion and the dugout at Wrigley Field. She is the author of the critically acclaimed *The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People*, *Sin Boldly: A Field Guide for Grace*, *The Dude Abides: The Gospel According to the Coen Brothers*, and the forthcoming *The Thread: Finding a Sacred Place in Cyberspace*.

Falsani was honored as the 2005 James O. Supple Religion Writer of the Year by the Religion Newswriters Association, and has twice been a finalist for the Templeton Religion Reporter of the Year award. Cathleen also writes as a columnist for Religion News Service, *Sojourners*, and The Huffington Post. Her work has appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Christianity Today* and *Christian Century*. Since 2004, she has blogged at "The Dude Abides" (<http://falsani.blogspot.com>).

Falsani's appearance at St. James Cathedral is the inaugural event of *Consider This...*, a partnership of Chicago Sunday Evening Club, The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and St. James Cathedral. *Consider This...* presents experts on religion, theology and draws both people who belong to religious congregations and people who consider themselves spiritually curious.

"Across our community, people are thinking and talking about faith, spirituality and God," said the Very Rev. Joy Rogers, dean of St. James Cathedral. "Consider This...offers the opportunity for Chicagoans from all walks of life to hear some of today's brightest, most provocative spiritual and religious voices and talk with one another about issues that matter."

Consider This... is a partnership that presents experts on religion, theology and ethics who provoke and respond to the spiritually curious. Consider This... includes the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and St. James Cathedral. To learn more, please visit www.considerthischicago.org.

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