

Dear Owen,

I think you should know that I contacted around 70 Catholic seminaries in the United States with my offer to give a developmental lesson about the existence of God. While the reasons you are giving for not wanting to discuss this matter with me may be true, it can't possibly be that all 70 seminaries can justify before God their decision to ignore me. I don't doubt that the 70 rectors can justify their behavior in terms of their self-interest. I am well aware of how many people think the Big Bang is evidence of God's existence. Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., who promotes scientific arguments for God's existence, told me through his secretary that he was "too busy to discuss matters of opinion."

I just had a telephone conversation with the rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York. He is forwarding my request to Fr. Kevin O'Reilly, who is the Academic Dean. I made this offer to St. Joseph's at the suggestion of the Director of the University Apostolate in New York. The Director is concerned with the faith and welfare of college students in New York. You should be concerned with doing what you can to preach the Gospel.

If you can't let me give my lecture/lesson in Oregon, what you can do is contact Fr. O'Reilly (914-968-6000, kevin.oreilly@archny.org) and tell him that St. Joseph's should invite me to give the lecture/lesson.