

The Galileo Affair: **A Modern Perspective**

A Free Public Lecture in Celebration of the International Year of Astronomy

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Science is always shaped by what is happening in the broader society that supports it, and the science of the 17th Century was no different. Speaking as a Jesuit scientist, not a professional historian, Dr. Consolmagno examines how Galileo's work challenged the science of the day, how it was shaped by the personal ambitions of the main players in the field of natural philosophy at that time, and how Galileo's standing rose and fell with the fortunes of the Spanish during the 30 Years War.

