

# ALPHA SIGMA NU ALUMNI CLUB OF NYC

**Reverend Pat Ryan, S.J.**

Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., Chair of Religion and Society at Fordham University

Speaking on

## ISLAM AND VIOLENCE

**Thursday October 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**

Is Islam an intrinsically violent religious tradition? Or is it, as many faithful Muslims proclaim, a religion of peace? Speaking from his friendship with Muslims for more than four decades, Fr. Ryan raises important consideration about the basic themes of Islam and their relevance to contemporary political developments.

Father Patrick Ryan, a Jesuit and native of New York City, became the McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University in New York in 2009. Previously he was Fordham's Vice President for University Mission and Ministry (2005-2009). In 1964 he began a long career as a teacher and academic administrator in West Africa, where he has spent 26 years. After ordination in 1968 he completed a doctorate at Harvard University in the comparative history of religion, specializing in Arabic and Islamic studies. For 15 years he taught in this area in Ghanaian universities. He also taught for briefer periods at Fordham and at the Gregorian University in Rome. From 1999-2005 he was the first President of Loyola Jesuit College, a high school in Nigeria's federal capital, Abuja. He is the author of three books and numerous articles, scholarly and popular. As McGinley Professor, Fr. Ryan hopes to establish a 'trialogue' of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He has begun this work with his bi-annual McGinley Lectures and is pursuing an intellectual program to foster this triologue.

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12th Floor Lounge**

Cost is \$10

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All guests are welcome

Reception immediately following

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11:15 AM

St. Francis Xavier Church

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