

MERCY AND THE MODERN SCIENCES

Faith and Science in the Franciscan Tradition

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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About the Program

This program explores the knowledge of modern science from the perspective of a Franciscan friar. We will look at what modern science has taught us and how modern science challenges our faith. Rather than avoid the challenge, we will use it to explore anew the meaning of being Christian in our time.

The program begins with an introduction into the vision of St. Francis and the way this vision was further developed by two medieval philosopher-theologians: St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio and Bl. Duns Scotus. With the help of their work, we can identify the principle elements of a Franciscan perspective on matters of faith and science. The subsequent sessions will apply this to modern cosmology and modern biology. How can the Franciscan vision help to make sense of the advances of human knowledge?

About the Speaker

Fr. Joachim is a Franciscan Friar, a scientist, and a person very much interested in everything that shows how science and Christian faith support each other. Prior to entering religious life, he earned a PhD in Biochemistry and worked at universities and biotechnology companies in the US and Canada. Now his ministry is to show how the Christian message has the power to transform our scientific-technological culture.