



INSTITUTE DAY

TEACHING AT THE
INTERFACE BETWEEN
SCIENCE & RELIGION

Go! Gulf Coast
Formation Conference

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Science and the Catholic Faith: Overcoming the Myth of Conflict

“Science and religion can bring each other into a wider world, a world where both may flourish.”

(St. John Paul II)

This award-winning program equips elementary and high school science and religion teachers, as well as parish personnel, to confidently address the relationship between the Catholic Faith and modern science in classroom teaching, catechesis and evangelization. Participants who register by the deadline can receive a certificate of participation of seven professional development contact hours from the University of Notre Dame.

8:00AM Registration Check-In

9:00AM Mass

10:00AM Welcome & Introduction

Dr. Chris Baglow, McGrath Institute for Church Life

10:15AM Keynote Presentation

Prof. Stephen Barr, Ph.D.

“Science and Religion: The Myth of Conflict”

Many have claimed that modern science and the Christian Faith are inherently opposed and can never be reconciled. Prof. Barr shows that the real conflict is not between Christian belief and modern science, but between all forms of religious faith and a deeply flawed view of reality called scientific materialism. Combining history, philosophy, theology and science, Barr shows that the great scientific discoveries of the last century provide a picture of the universe that is wonderfully compatible with traditional Christianity.

11:45AM Lunch

12:45PM Workshop Sessions

Workshop 1: **Stephen M. Barr, Ph.D. “Catholicism and Evolution”**

How should Catholics think about evolution? In this workshop Prof. Barr will explain how the Catholic Church approaches the theory of Evolution, and why she has never seen it as contrary to the Faith or a danger to it. He will also examine common objections to Evolution among the faithful, revealing them to be misunderstandings of Catholic doctrine and/or failures to appreciate certain important insights of traditional Catholic thought. Finally, he will discuss the theology of human origins and Original Sin in light of the most recent scientific discoveries about human evolution and the origins of humanity.



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12:45PM Workshop Sessions - continued

Workshop 2: **Chris Baglow, Ph.D. "Science and the Bible: The Catholic Approach to the Relationship"**

Much of the confusion about science and religion stem from the assumption that the Bible has already answered major scientific questions about the universe to which actual science offers rival answers. To address this misconception, Dr. Chris Baglow will explain the Catholic approach to biblical truth and its relation to scientific discovery. He will then investigate the question, "Does the Bible encourage or discourage the scientific investigation of the universe?" Finally, he will address the proper interpretation of the Genesis 1 account of creation in the light of modern science.

Workshop 3: **Cory Hayes, Ph.D. "Galileo and the Church: Understanding the Conflict"**

For many, the Galileo Affair has become the lens through which the Church's relationship to modern science is seen as one of conflict and oppression. Yet it is the sad exception to what is otherwise a glorious history of the Church's patronage and support of scientific inquiry. Beginning with Copernicus and ending with St. John Paul II, Dr. Cory Hayes will examine the trials of Galileo, the major players involved and the issues that were at play in his 1633 condemnation by the Inquisition for the sake of understanding the lessons it has for us today.

1:45PM Break

2:00PM Implementation Workshops - parallel sessions

In these workshops, veteran science and religion teachers explain how to integrate science and religion in Catholic schools and programs of religious education.

Jill Cables, M.A., Vice President for Catholic Identity, St. Mary's Dominican H.S. (New Orleans)

Matt Foss, M.S., Science Department Chair, St. Mary's Dominican H.S. (New Orleans)

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2:45PM Evaluation and Prayer

3:00PM Break - Certificates of Participation available for pick-up

3:15PM Lagniappe Session (optional): Panel Discussion with all presenters and Q&A

4:15PM End