

# Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

STHO 6585

## *Creation and Science*

Course for  
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Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 PM– 9:00 PM

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This course seeks to deepen a student's understanding of the relationship between the Catholic theology of creation and contemporary empirical science. Topics to be covered include the birth of science, the historical-philosophical environment of this birth, the interventions of recent Popes on the issue, the specificity of the cosmos as shown by current science, the unity of the cosmos and its beauty, the importance of philosophical realism, the doctrine of creation *ex nihilo et cum tempore*, the theory of the Big Bang, and the theory of evolution. Primary sources will be emphasized.

Rev. Joseph R. Laracy, S.M., S.T.L., *Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology*, received the S.T.L. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome specializing in Fundamental Theology. Additionally, he earned a Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Father Laracy also teaches in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. His principal theological interests are in the intersection of faith & reason and empirical science & Christianity.