

## **Political Economy from Within the Evangelical Life**

In this presentation, Joe Chinnici will consider different dimensions of the interface between our evangelical form of religious life and the challenges of our society's economic and political structures. Founded on the dialogue between the biblical inheritance of "investment in the kingdom of God," the Franciscan tradition discovers its affinities with Benedict's XVI's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* and Pope Francis's *Evangelii Gaudium*. Not a theory but a practice of the engagement with historical change, the tradition advocates not simply solidarity with the poor but also a unique and humble ethical practice of reform and community building that grants "power to the powerless"