

The Human Spirit: Searching for Truth, Desiring the Good

Tom will consider the relationship between the understanding of conscience prominent in the Franciscan moral vision and that developed in the Second Vatican Council. For Bonaventure, conscience is “God’s herald,” dynamic and social. It moves us to what we know we should do, but at times it can also distract us from what is truly important. At its best, it is a process of moral discernment, engaging the whole person – intelligence, will, and emotions – in judgments and action that demand wisdom, humility, and love.