Ignatian Reflective Exercises in Natural Science Courses

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**Project Abstract:** We propose to build a collection of reflective exercises for natural science courses at Creighton University (which will be shared with instructors at other Catholic Universities) coupled with external essays and readings that introduce students to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition in terms of their discipline. A primary objective is to help instructors at Creighton to create truly authentic Catholic science courses that help students explore their disciplines and “encounter God through the appreciation of what God does in creation” (Monika Hellwig). Since much of the overall student learning at Creighton occurs within disciplinary silos, this project will help science departments to form students according to University Outcome #5, students who “demonstrate deliberative reflection for personal and professional formation.” (Creighton University Level Outcomes). This project is also explicitly tied to the College of Arts and Sciences Learning Objective #4, which states students will be able to “appreciate the Christian, Catholic, and Jesuit intellectual traditions in the context of historical, cultural, and spiritual concerns”. 