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The Baranzano Society is a dialogue group of scholars and professionals who explore the mutual and dynamic interchange between science and religion.

*The primary focus of the Society is the investigation of contemporary issues in **bioethics**, with a view toward promoting critical discernment on the values of human life.*

The goals and objectives of the Society are

- to form a *vibrant community* of scholars and professionals who participate in the interchange of religion and science
- to provide a *living witness* to the mutually beneficial work of scientists and theologians
- to establish an *organization of experts* whose work is available for public benefit

MEMBERSHIP in the Society

Anyone interested in the Society may inquire about participation, with no fees, at the following levels:

Charter members meet on a regularly scheduled basis to conduct the business of the Society. Current members include, among others, representatives from

- colleges & universities (Cedar Crest, DeSales, Lehigh., Lafayette, Penn State-Abington, and Villanova)
- healthcare providers (Lehigh Valley Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital,)
- pharmaceutical companies (Merck, Schering-Plough)

Continuing members are students in the fields of science or religion.

Consulting members are experts in particular fields who are active in the Society on an ad hoc basis.

Contributing members are individuals or organizations that provide financial support for the Society.

ACTIVITIES of the Society

Talking Circles – a forum for the discussion of contemporary concerns and controversial issues in the world of bioethics, in which members and guest experts engage the audience in lively discussion and debate.

Web Forum – online discussion of issues related to the public forums, including position papers, commentaries, and related news items.

Bioethics TV - panel discussions broadcast live on the DSU campus television station and taped for archival use.