

# **Ilia Delio, OSF, PhD**

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Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, PhD, works to find a new unity and synthesis in science and religion.

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## **Biography**

Science and religion are often thought of as mutually exclusive; however, with areas of expertise grounded in both spheres, Sr. Delio can explain how it is possible to find a new unity and synthesis in science and religion. She can address compelling topics like how technology has changed human consciousness; Spirit as a type of energy; the import of artificial intelligence on life as we know it; and the potential for achieving wholeness of being. Her work seeks to move beyond the dialogue of science and religion toward a mutually-enriched integration of these disciplines for wholeness of being.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Religious Institutions, Research, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Theology, Neuroscience, Artificial Intelligence and Becoming, Culture and Religion, Catholicity, Evolution and Culture, Integration of Science and Religion

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## **Affiliations**

American Academy of Religion (AAR), American Teilhard Association, Catholic Theological Society of America, The Maryknoll Institute of Theology, Lecturer, Rohr Living School of Theology, Guest Speaker, Orbis Book Series: "Catholicity in an Evolving Universe," General Editor

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## **Education**

**Fordham University**

PhD

**Rutgers University**

PhD

**Fordham University**

MA

**Seton Hall University**

MS

## Select Accomplishments

### 2017 Madeleva Lecturer at St. Mary's College - Notre Dame

The invited speaker is recognized as a prominent woman theologian in the United States.

### Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, St. Francis University

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### Catholic Press Book Award 2014

Conferred for *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution and the Power of Love*. 3rd place: Faith and Science.

### Silver Nautilus Book Award, 2014

Conferred for *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution and the Power of Love*.

### Catholic Press Book Award 2012

Conferred for *The Emergent Christ: exploring the meaning of Catholic in an Evolutionary Universe*. 3rd place: Faith and Science.

### *A Hunger for Wholeness: Soul, Space and Transcendence*

April 2018

Scholars of religion, theologians, and journalists receive grant support for their research and publication projects addressing the impacts of technologies on human relationships, on the ways in which people are (or are not) present to each other.

Projects draw on the study and practice of many different religions to address cutting-edge technologies such as cryptocurrency, artificial intelligence, human augmentation, surveillance technologies, videogames, and social media.

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