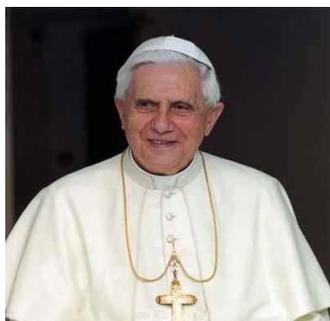




Pope Benedict XVI: "Man cannot place unconditional trust in science and technology"



During the plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, whose topics was "Predictability in Science: accuracy and limitations", Pope Benedict XVI emphasized the limits of science; the relationship between science, theology and philosophy; and the impossibility of denying transcendence.

"Man cannot place in science and technology a so radical and unconditional trust as to believe that scientific and technological progress can explain everything and completely fulfill all his existential and spiritual needs. "

"Science cannot replace philosophy and revelation by giving an exhaustive answer to man's most radical questions: questions about the meaning of living and dying, about ultimate values, and about the nature of progress itself"

Full text on [Zenit \(english\)](#)

Majority of italian doctors contrary to euthanasia



This is the statement of Dr. Carlo Bellieni, Director of the Department of Neonatal Intensive Care of "Le Scotte" Polyclinic University of Siena. While the media try to show just the opposite, publishing all the supporting arguments for euthanasia, opinion polls in the medical community reveal that the number of Italian doctors in favor of euthanasia is actually less than 10%.

In light of this finding, does debate about euthanasia still make sense ?

[Link Zenit \(italian\)](#)

Stem cells: Caviezel and Michael J. Fox



As promised, SRM has prepared a case study about the media debate in the US regarding embryonic stem cells. On one side Michael J. Fox, supporting embrionic stem cells research; on the other side, Jim Caviezel, along with other actors and athletes.

[Link case study \(italian\)](#)

[Link video Jim Caviezel \(english\)](#)

[Link video M. J. Fox \(english\)](#)

Pope Benedict XVI: Sciences need transcendence



Visiting the Gregorian University, the Holy Father told students and professors that "Today, account must be taken of the challenge of the secular culture, which in many parts of the world tends to increasingly deny not only every sign of the presence of God in the life of the society and the person, but with several means, which disorient and cloud the human being's upright conscience, attempts to corrode his capacity to listen to God"

[Link article on Zenit \(english\)](#)

[Link articolo Il Giornale \(italian\)](#)

"The Easy Abortion Myth". A new book about RU486.



In spite of failures in Turin, and regardless numerous complaints, experimentation of RU486 has begun at the San Paolo Hospital, in Savona, Italy. Experimentation was previously suspended, due to severe health complications of several patients. Now a book has been published that clarifies what "the next day pill" really is.

A. Morresi ed E. Roccella, *"La favola dell'aborto facile. Miti e realtà della pillola Ru-486"*.

[Link article on Zenit \(english\)](#)

Can Dr. Moreau island become reality ?

From minotaur myth to attempts to create a real horror, alleging therapeutical purposes



Some researchers are trying to carry out in UK what mythology and science call a "chimera": a hybrid creature; an embryo that will be used to produce stem cells, and later will be destroyed, in a couple of weeks; a product of a fusion of human cells and animal ovula, probably from cows.

[Link Blog SRM \(italian\)](#)

[Link Register \(english\)](#)

UK: "consider euthanasia for disabled newborns"

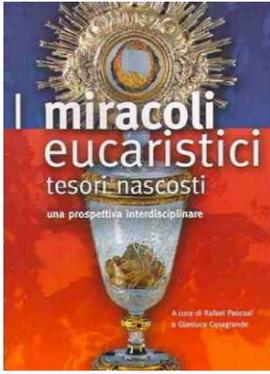


Not a statement, but a "proposal", by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecology, to seriously consider the hypothesis to practice euthanasia on seriously disabled newborns. One of the reasons: it would decrease late abortions in the event of diseases or risk of deformities, because parents would agree to "take a risk" in a pregnancy, knowing that it's always possible to later suppress the baby.

Link ADUC: [Vivere e Morire \(italian\)](#)

Link article, Sunday Times: [Doctors: let us kill disabled babies](#)

Upcoming Events: Lectures and Congresses



Lecture of Fr. Rafael Pascual LC about "*Eucharistic Miracles*"

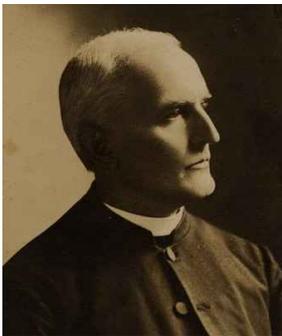
Monday November 13, 9.00pm, Aula Masters

Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome

Lecture, given by Fr. Rafael Pascual LC, Dean of the School of Philosophy and Director of the Science and Faith Diploma Program, at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. This is part of the lecture series, organized by Regnum Christi Movement.

[Link book "I Miracoli Eucaristici" \(italian\)](#)

[Link Science and Faith Diploma Program](#)



Lecture: Fr. Sabino Maffeo SJ: "*Fr. Hagen astronomer and priest, great witness and example of science and faith*"

Tuesday November 14, 5.10pm to 6.40pm, Aula Masters

Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome

Lecture, given by Fr. Sabino Maffeo SJ, of the Vatican Observatory, is part of the lecture series "*Scientists and Believers*", of the Science and Faith Diploma Program.

[Link lecture \(italian\)](#)

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