

Faith scrutinizes the Invisible and is Friend of reason



During an audience on November 11 with the Domenico Tardini Community and the Sacred Family of Nazareth Foundation, Benedict XVI affirmed that "Faith can offer perspectives of hope" and that "Faith scrutinizes the invisible and is, hence, a friend of reason that poses the essential questions that give meaning to our earthly journey."

[Link: article on Zenit \(Italian\)](#)

Convert Model of Global Development to Fight Hunger and Preserve Environment



This was the message of Benedict XVI in his Angelus address on Sunday, November 12.

The Holy Father affirmed that "it is necessary to convert the model of global development: required not only due to the scandal of hunger but also by environmental and energy emergencies."

If we want to preserve the environment, and truly fight against hunger in the world, we must change our relation with the world, and "learn to bless the Creator for all things: for air and water, precious elements on which life on our planet depends, as well as for the food that through the earth's fertility God offers to us for our sustenance".

[Link: FULL Text on Holy See web site \(English\)](#)

Science and ethics: How to Answer Question of Sense and Limit ?



The Inaugural lesson of the Bioethics Diploma Program was held on Wednesday, November 9.

The **SRM Blog** contains the introduction of the speech of Professor Maria Luisa Di Pietro, President of the Association "Scienza & Vita" (Science and Life).

[Link Zenit](#)

[Link SRM Blog](#)

Catholic Church Criticizes Anglican position on Newborn Euthanasia



Following the "suggestion" made by the *Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecology*, that invited its members to consider euthanasia on newborns with severe diseases or malformations, the Anglican Church seems to admit euthanasia in certain circumstances.

The Bishop of Southwark has affirmed that there may be circumstances when, for newborns with severe deformities, it could be acceptable to practice a "possibly lethal act".

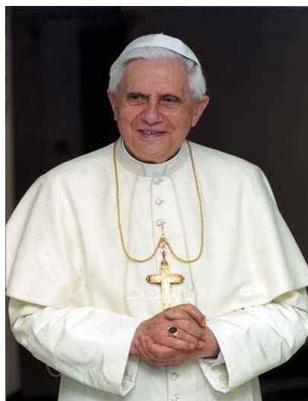
The Catholic Church has expressed a firm disapproval; Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán, Head of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, has confirmed that "Euthanasia is never accepted."

Similar positions have been declared by members of Jewish and Muslim communities.

[Link to article in "Il Giornale" \(Italian\)](#)

[Link to **Independent Online** \(English\)](#)

Pope Benedict XVI on New Illuminism: "A Defeated Subculture"



Holy Father has warned in Verona about the danger of a new illuminist rationalism: "we live in a world that almost always appears to be of our making, in which, so to speak, God no longer appears directly but seems to have become superfluous, even out of place.

In strict relationship with all of this, a radical reduction of man has taken place, considered a simple product of nature and as such not really free, and in himself susceptible to be treated like any other animal. Thus, an authentic overturning of the point of departure of this culture has come about, which started as a claim of the centrality of man and his freedom".

Pope Benedict has reassured that it is possible to create a "more just and humane world", if "demands of justice are put before personal interests, a social class or even a Nation"

[Link to FULL text of Speech \(English\)](#)

Link to article in Osservatore Romano by Mario Pandinelli, published also by Zenit (Italian):

"Il neo-illuminismo è una sub cultura sconfitta"

Upcoming events:



Science and Faith Diploma Program.

Lecture of Mons. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor of Pontifical Academy of Sciences: **"Faith-Reason Relationship in Pope Benedict XVI's Teaching"**

Tuesday, November 21

5.10pm to 6.40pm (Aula Master)

Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome

[Link Lecture](#)

[Link Science and Faith Diploma Program](#)

CONGRESS

East-West (Oriente Occidente): "Does Finality in Nature Exist?"

November 30 – December 1, 2006 (Rettorato)

Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona

[Congress information \(Oriente Occidente website\)](#)

[Congress Papers \(Oriente Occidente website\)](#)

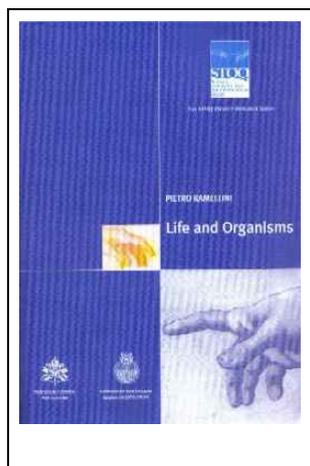


Publications: **"Life and Organisms"** - Science and Faith Diploma Program, STOQ Collection

A new book published by the Science and Faith Diploma Program, for the STOQ Collection: "Life and Organisms", by Pietro Ramellini.

"The theme of life is spread everywhere, touching and involving all the fields of human knowledge, wisdom and experience. In the last two centuries, a fresh and new viewpoint on life has gained more and more attention, becoming one of the most rapidly growing fields in science: that is, biology or the life sciences."

[Link to Book Review](#)



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