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The Moral Mind, by Dr. Joseph Meaney

Restorative Reproductive Medicine: An Ethical Approach to Fertility

Of very deep concern to my wife and I, along with the nearly one in seven couples who struggle with infertility, is the woeful lack of knowledge about restorative reproductive medicine (RRM) among medical professionals and others who almost always promote *in*

vitro fertilization (IVF) instead. The good news is that something practical and positive is being done about it. This Spring, the state of Arkansas became the first to pass into law the “Reproductive Empowerment and Support Through Optimal Restoration RESTORE Act.”

Bioethics Public Policy Report

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The Bioethics Public Policy Report is the NCBC’s biweekly update on developments in bioethics and health care that impact the dignity of the human person. The report addresses issues on the federal, state, and international levels.

Announcements

Your Protections against Discrimination Based on Conscience and Religion

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

OCR enforces Federal protections against discrimination based on conscience and religion in specific programs funded by HHS federal financial assistance. Conscience protections apply to certain health care providers, patients, and other participants in specific federal programs who refuse on religious or moral grounds to participate in certain health care services.

Stop Taxpayer Funding of the Abortion Industry

Human Life Action

It was reported last year by Planned Parenthood that they received nearly \$700 million in tax dollars. This means that our tax dollars are helping to keep the abortion industry afloat, thus indirectly paying for abortions. Abortion is a billion-dollar industry that Americans should not be forced to support in any way.

Trump's First 100 Days: Catholics Praise Important Wins, but Immigration Tension Continues

Catholic News Agency

“It’s pretty clear that [Trump] has done almost everything that he could to reverse the different pro-abortion policies of the [President Joe] Biden administration,” Joseph Meaney, a past president and senior fellow of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, told CNA.



Clergy Study Day for the Diocese of Savannah, GA

Diocese of Savannah, GA

Father Tad Pacholczyk addressed a large gathering of priests and presented **two talks** addressing same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria. Bishop Stephen Parks offered a cordial welcome and introduction at the start of the gathering. Fr. Tad provided the clergy with both practical and pastoral guidance followed by extended discussions and Q & A regarding both of these challenging contemporary bioethical issues. See also Bishop Parkes [Facebook page here](#).



Is There Any Reason I Shouldn't Do Yoga?

Catholic Times

Father Tad looks at the surge in popularity of yoga, and notes how it has roots that extend beyond mere exercises to certain aspects of Eastern spirituality, including some problematic aspects connected to meditation and Eastern religious metaphysics. He encourages discernment around participation in yoga for Catholics, and discusses the broad range of exercise and stretching alternatives that are available.

Can 1 Million Frozen Embryos Be Placed for Adoption?

Our Sunday Visitor

Katie McMahon and her husband realized the gravity of using in vitro fertilization, or IVF, to conceive when, years later, they needed to make a decision about their final four embryonic children frozen in time by cryopreservation.

Benedictine College Announces New Hires for Proposed School of Osteopathic Medicine

Benedictine College

Dr. Tulipana is Board Certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine. He is a fellow of the Society of Hospital Medicine and on the adjunct faculty at the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine. In 2018, he earned a Master of Science degree in Bioethics from the University of Mary in affiliation with the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

Television and Videos

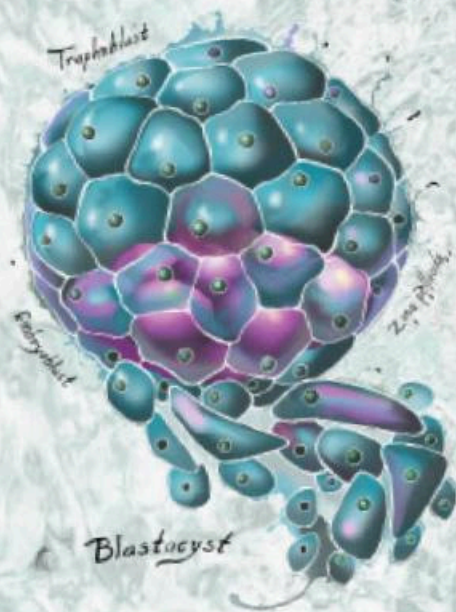
¿Un Robot Cuidará de tus Padres?

Fox Noticias

Elon Musk quiere que los robots actúen como cuidados paliativos. Además, el secretario de estado Marco Rubio saca a la luz un programa de censura, financiado por los contribuyentes, que se dirigía a los conservadores estadounidenses.

Human Embryo Adoption

Volume Two



Catholic Arguments For and Against
Edited by Trent Horn and Kent Lasnoski

“The first academic book to systematically investigate the new argumentative strategies proposed since the 2008 promulgation of *Dignitas personae*.”



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Radio and Podcasts

A Father Tad “Short” on IVF and Church Teaching

Catholic Views – Shorts on X

Don't miss this beautifully laid out overview of the key concerns and objections surrounding in vitro fertilization from Catholic Views. Fr. Tad Pacholczyk provides a crisp, animated summary in the space of a mere two minutes. Many people, even Catholics, think IVF is acceptable because it “helps couples have children.” But what are the costs? And what are the core reasons it is morally unacceptable?

Upcoming Events



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TWO-DAY SEMINAR

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3RD INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS CONFERENCE THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH IN SCIENCE AND BIOETHICS

MAY 30TH - 31ST, 2025
ROME - ITALY

The National Catholic Bioethics Center is proud to be a collaborating entity, together with other collaborators, partners, and sponsors, in the **3rd International Bioethics Conference** organized by the *International Chair of Bioethics Jérôme Lejeune*. The general objective of this Conference is to analyze the relationship between Science and Truth at the intersection of medical and experimental sciences (medicine, genetics, physics), philosophy and theology.

Special attention will be given to:

- The pursuit and existence of truth in science and its possible scientific demonstration. The points of agreement and disagreement between Science and Revelation (Big Bang vs Creationism). The complementarity of the different routes of scientific research.
- The pursuit of moral truth in Bioethics and Medical Deontology, in particular in the case of genetic counseling and conscientious objection. The criteria for prudential moral discernment in bioethics and the way to move from the truth of principles to the truth of specific situations. The pursuit of good and virtue.

- The duty for science to remain at the service of the truth, the mankind and the common good, following the footsteps of Professor Jérôme Lejeune.

Ethical Decision Making in Complex Medical Situations or at the End of Life

For those in the San Diego area, don't miss this opportunity to join Father Tad as he discusses how to approach situations of serious sickness and explains the ethics of end-of-life decision making. As we deal with serious illnesses, significant pain and suffering can sometimes arise. How should we face these realities, both medically and spiritually? What about feeding tubes – are they always required? Sometimes required? Always optional? This event is being held at St. Vincent's Parish Hall in San Diego, CA. Father Tad will also address the elements of a good death, and discuss good end-of-life planning, including how to choose someone to serve as our durable power of attorney for healthcare.

What We Are Following

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New York Deserves Better than State-Sanctioned Suicide

First Things

Over the past two weeks, the world has witnessed a tremendous outpouring of love for Pope Francis, who died on Easter Monday, April 21. His last public appearance was just the day before as he struggled to give his Easter blessing from the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square. Our Holy Father, always a wise teacher, was not afraid to let us watch him die, much like his beloved predecessor, Pope St. John Paul II. Both men knew that our worth is based on who we are as children of God, not on what we can do.

Pope Francis Brought “Deep Pastoral Insight” to Bioethics

Catholic Weekly

At an audience not long after he was elected in 2013, Pope Francis **embraced** an Italian man who was terribly disfigured by tumours growing all over his body. It became an iconic image of his pontificate, a demonstration of the new pope's commitment to human dignity and fraternal care.

Justice Department Seeks to Dismiss Lawsuit Challenging Biden-era Abortion Pill Rules

Catholic News Agency

The U.S. Department of Justice on Monday urged a federal judge in Texas to dismiss an ongoing lawsuit against the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) over its removal of safety restrictions on abortion drugs.

Trump's Justice Department Investigates Washington Law Threatening Seal of Confession

Catholic News Agency

President Donald Trump's Department of Justice (DOJ) is investigating an "anti-Catholic law" in Washington state that threatens priests with up to one year in jail if they fail to report child abuse they learn about during the sacrament of confession.

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"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullest." John 10:10 1