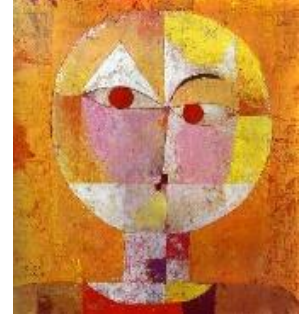




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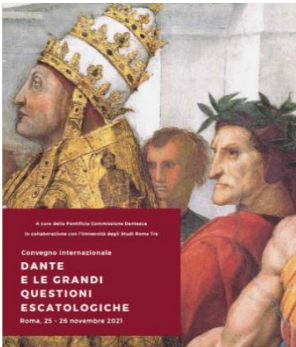
Our Plenary Assembly took place in November on the theme “Rethinking Anthropology: A necessary humanism.” It was celebrated entirely online to allow all our members and consultants to attend, rather than restricting it to those able to travel.

- Video input 1: *Athens and Jerusalem. The anthropology of the classical and biblical worlds*, a dialogue between Prof. Ivano Dionigi and Card. Gianfranco Ravasi [[English](#)] [[Italian](#)] [[French](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- Video input 2: *Parere temporis* - Prof. Francesc Torralba ([video](#))
- Video input 3: *Se noscere* - Prof.ssa Alessandra Talamo ([video](#))
- Video input 4: *Deum sequi* - Prof. José Casanova ([video](#))



The Plenary concluded with a General Meeting on November 23, 2021, [[video](#)], divided into 5 moments:

- a) Introduction and moderation: Mons. Carlo Maria Polvani, Undersecretary
- b) Videomessage from Pope Francis [[video](#)] - texts: [[Italian](#)] [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- c) Reports from the working groups: Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary, [Speaker's notes](#)
- d) General Discussion
- e) Concluding Remarks from Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President



Dante and the Great Eschatological Questions

Nov. 25-26, within the context of the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, the Pontifical Commission for Dante together with other partners organized at *Università degli Studi Roma Tre* a two-day conference divided into three sections: divine inspiration, resurrection of the soul and of the body, and angels. A video of the event is on [YouTube](#), and a [performance of “Inferno” by prisoners](#) featured in this TV bulletin.

Expo Dubai – The Holy See Pavilion

More photos have been uploaded to our [photo gallery](#). And the promised app is now functioning: ([Android](#)) ([Apple](#)) if you want to take a virtual tour.



The **Women's Consultation Group** met on Oct. 28 to consider proposals of dialogue with women who occupy positions of responsibility in religious communities of different faiths, and a webinar for a reading of *Laudato Si'* in a feminine perspective.

Our **Youth Consultation Group** met Nov. 15 to discuss multiple projects in Italy and worldwide. They are starting their own newsletter. Ask to join the mailing list here: [Link](#)

The Culture of Sports



press conference, hospitality, and fine adversaries in the “Pope’s Team – Fratelli Tutti” coached by [Marco Tardelli](#), which led to a fun-



filled match that finished 7-7, thanks to some stunning refereeing from Italian striker [Ciro Immobile](#), and the hospitality of S.S. Lazio.



Meanwhile, Vatican Athletics is also pleased to announce their enrolment in the International Cycling Union, and in the International Taekwondo Federation.

Visitors included bishops from the Czech Republic and Switzerland, ambassadors of Sweden, Israel and Nigeria, the new director of the LEV, and the Nuncio in Russia, Mons. D’Aniello.

- Cardinal **Gianfranco Ravasi** attended the Opening Ceremony for the academic year of *La Sapienza University* (pictured with Italian President Mattarella), the vernissage of a Greek portrait exhibition, and gave numerous interviews, including this one to [The Huff Post](#).
- Bishop **Paul Tighe** spoke at a meeting co-organized by La Civiltà Cattolica and Georgetown University on the theme “The Culture of Encounter and the Future of Dialogue” and in Geneva, Switzerland, at a 3D2 roundtable on “Placing digital technology at the service of democracy and human rights”.
- Bishop **Carlos A. M. Azevedo** spoke at a celebratory concert featuring electronic music in honour of the composer Vittorio Monti, in Cagliari.
- Monsignor **Melchor Sanchez de Toca** was in Olympia, Greece, for a conferencing bridging the world of secular sports management with religious sports management, and in Paris for the 41st Session of the General Conference of UNESCO.
- Monsignor **Carlo Maria Polvani** spoke at the VIII World Metaphysics Congress, attended the event *Biovision of the Future* organized by La Sapienza University, and dialogued with Stuart Kaufmann on “The Need for God in the Postmodern World” under the auspices of a research group led by Pier Luigi Lisi for ETH Zurich’s [Cortona Week](#).



On the horizon:

Dec 8 - March 13: “Segni”. A photo project on violence against women, Palazzo Braschi

May 4-5, 2022: [Charisms and Creativity](#). Conference on the Cultural Heritage of Religious and Institutes of Consecrated Life, Rome

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