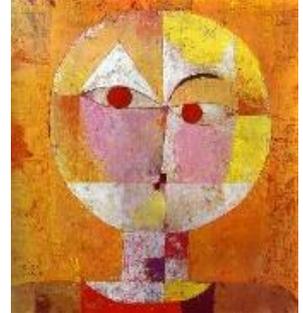




### Plenary Assembly 2021

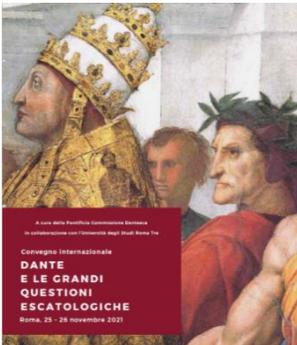
Our Plenary Assembly took place in November on the theme “Rethinking Anthropology: A necessary humanism.” It was celebrated entirely online to allow all our members and consultants to attend, rather than restricting it to those able to travel.

- 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 41<sup>st</sup> 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

For further info about these stories see our review [Cultures and Faith](#), our website [www.cultura.va](http://www.cultura.va) and social media