



Collaborations with Academia

Maria Cristina Messa, the Italian Minister for Universities and Research, visited the Council, May 4, to continue the exploration of pathways for dialogue. Enhanced by the insights of our three local consultative bodies – the Women's Consultation Group, the Youth Council, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Courtyard of the Gentiles – our engagement with academia currently focuses on a number of avenues, seeking to be alert to the full width of research in the humanities and in sciences, all in view of a greater engagement in the cultural sphere.

Several universities have established memoranda of understanding and exchanged letters of intent with the Dicastery. The latest include the Università Cattolica di Milano and Roma Tre. Discussions also took place recently at Rome's Sapienza University with the Rector Antonella Polimeni (pictured), who ensured that Cardinal Ravasi received a warm welcome. [[communiqué](#)]



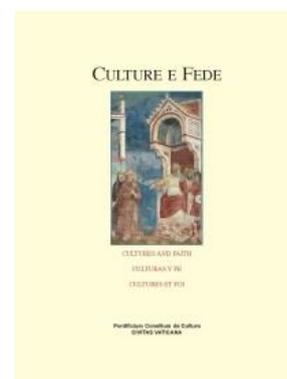
Unite to Prevent – Exploring the Mind, Body & Soul

The Fifth International Conference will be held on May 6-8, 2021, uniting physicians, scientists, ethicists, patient advocates, policymakers, philanthropists and influencers to discuss breakthroughs in medicine, in healthcare delivery and prevention, as well as the anthropological significance and the cultural impact of technological advances. At the heart of the initiative is the challenging dimension of dialogue and encounter with different religious and cultural visions. The conference is to conclude with a papal message.



New edition of our Journal

Volume No. 1 XXIX 2021 of the Journal offers a cultural reading of *Fratelli Tutti*. Exploring the totality of human experience represented through the five senses, the monographic section of the review offers a series of critiques regarding the legal, philosophical-theological, political-social, educational and ethical fields of coexistence. Touching on issues from racism to justice, tenderness to fragility, suffering to poverty, ecology to economy, the review follows the vision of *Fratelli Tutti* for universal social renewal. See the [Editorial and the Index](#) of contributions in their original languages.





**SPORT at the
SERVICE OF
HUMANITY**

Under our auspices, Sport at the Service of Humanity continues its initiatives and announces a new podcast featuring David Grevemberg “[Wrestling with the Past](#)” about his journey of reckoning and reconciliation. We have also received this report on [Live Like You Play Down Under](#), which features Australian athletes and an update on the Australian Embassy’s donation to fund safe-at-home educational kits in the Philippines. Meanwhile Atletica Vaticana announces an upcoming Padel Solidale Tournament for Vatican employees.

Activities of the Superiors

- Cardinal Ravasi met with the new Nuncio in Georgia and Armenia, the ambassadors of Korea and Georgia, the Head of Mission of the Albanian Embassy and, among others, Consultor Ivano Dionigi, and Franco Locatelli, President of Italy’s health agency. He was on mainstream TV for Good Friday, and has recorded numerous video messages, including these on [#StopAntiSemitism](#) (a campaign by the Israeli Embassy to the Holy See) and [The Force of Hope](#) (introducing a collection of Pope Francis’s texts on reacting to Covid).
- Bishop Paul Tighe’s online talks and meetings have included executive meetings of the Paul VI Foundation, the scientific council of the Human Technology Lab, the Center for Religion and Culture at Fordham, an Education session organized by COMECE, and a Webinar “Spirituality, Sustainability and Style” on the New European Bauhaus.
- Undersecretary Carlo Maria Polvani engaged in a debate with Enrico Giovannini, Minister for Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport, organized to mark Earth Day (April 22). ([video](#))

On the horizon:

May 6-8, 2021: V International Conference, *Exploring the Mind, Body & Soul – How Innovation and Novel Delivery Systems Improve Human Health*, Vatican/[Online](#)

May 6-7, 2021: Dante e Politica, International Conference, Roma Tre / [Online](#)

May, 2021: Courtyard of the Gentiles on Democracy at the Italian Embassy to the Holy See, with the Minister for Justice, Marta Cartabia

May 28, 2021: *Lecture by Cardinal Ravasi on Dante’s Theology: A l’eterno dal tempo (Paradiso XXXI, 38)*, Basilica of the Holy Cross, Florence

June 17, 2021: *Lectura Dantis* at the Catacombs of St. Callisto, with Carlo Verdone, Nancy Brilli, Alessandro Haber, by invitation only

June 22, 2021: Courtyard on Fashion, by invitation only

Sept. 12, 2021: Closure of Dante Year, Conference by Cardinal Ravasi, Ravenna

From Oct. 2021 to March 2022: Participation at Expo Dubai

Nov. 10-13, 2021: Plenary Assembly, *Rethinking Anthropology at a Time of Transition*, Rome

Nov. 25-26, 2021: International Dante Conference, Università Roma Tre, Rome

May 4-5, 2022: *Charisms and Creativity*. Cultural Heritage Conference, Rome

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