



## Plenary Assembly

Preparations are underway for our November Plenary Assembly under the title “Rethinking Anthropology at a Time of Transition.” The outline document and [schedule](#) illustrate the desire for a relational anthropology – a necessary humanism – elaborated along Ciceronian lines.

## Dante

The Year of Celebrations for the 7<sup>th</sup> centenary of Dante’s death continue with numerous events, including at Rome’s Casa di Dante, and publications – including this excellent [introduction](#) to Pope Francis’ papal letter *Candor Lucis Aeternae* (March 25, 2021). Most recent were the [Events in Ravenna](#), where Alighieri died on the night between September 13-14, 1321. Alongside a concert directed by M<sup>o</sup> Muti, Cardinal Ravasi gave a Lectio on Canto XXIV, and presided over a Solemn Mass. An international conference is to be held November 25-26 in Rome.

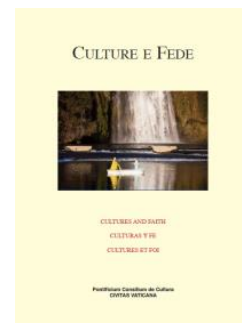


## The Holy See Pavilion at EXPO Dubai

“Connecting Minds, Creating the Future” is the general theme of the next Universal Exhibition, Oct 1, 2021 – Mar 31, 2022. The World Fair due to be held for the first time in the Middle East sees the participation of the Holy See with a pavilion, and at the request of Pope Francis this Dicastery is leading the preparations, which will address issues of intercultural dialogue, human mobility and ecological sustainability. Pictured left is Monsignor Trafny, Vice-Commissar, inspecting the construction site.

## Fashion

Volume No. 2 XXIX 2021 of the journal has been sent out to subscribers. It explores the world of clothing, costume and fashion with reflections on creativity, sustainability and corporate social responsibility, psychological significance and identity politics, as well as longer accounts of the activities of the Dicastery.



## Activities of the Superiors

- In the context of the cultural dialogues held at the Italian Constitutional Court, Cardinal **Ravasi** engaged in a conversation with Giuliano Amato touching on human nature, dialogue, ethics and personalism ([podcast](#)), and was then a guest of honour in their series *Incontri* featuring M° Piovani. He spoke at the Italian Senate for an event recalling the figure of Clement XI organised by the Albanian Embassy. He gave the proslution for the 25th [International Mariological Congress](#) followed online by 300 scholars from 5 continents. He gave a 360° [interview](#) to *Alessia Ardesi* published in the broadsheet *Libero*. He spoke at a meeting with Italian sports authorities to facilitate greater synergy between sporting movements and the Church (Report in [L'Osservatore](#) // [Full video](#))
- Bishop **Tighe** spoke to a Los Angeles seminar about cultural transformations and their impacts on education and identity, particularly in the digital context ([news](#)). He also spoke about the interplay between ethics and technology at a Vatican-based seminar on [Food for Life, Food Justice, Food for All](#).
- Bishop **Azevedo** gave the conclusions to a meeting of the Association of European Archivists on the theme “Archives: between teaching and pastoral work”, online and in Bergamo (Sept. 7-10, [audio](#)). We also congratulate him on the publication of his latest volume: *Santa Maria: Teologia, Arte e Culto em Portugal. Contributo do Santuário Mariano*.
- Monsignor **Sanchez de Toca** released numerous interviews around the Olympics and Paralympics, of which we signal one given to *Vatican News* ([audio](#)).
- Monsignor **Polvani** was in Milan for the Conference “Post-Human, Super-Human or Simply Human” at the National Museum of Science and Technology, organized by the Catholic University of Milan and the Courtyard of the Gentiles. He also spoke at a G20 event in Genova [Visions of the Future: Artificial Intelligence and Robotics](#).



**Visitors** included a delegation of bishops in *ad limina* from France, the UK minister for Digital and Culture, the Ambassador of Senegal, and Maurizio Sannibale, the new president of the Pontifical Academy of Roman Archeology.

### On the horizon:

Sept. 17, 2021: Premio Concorso “Francesco Siciliani”, Perugia Music Festival

Sept. 18, 2021, 6 pm: Mass for Athletes, Chiesa degli artisti, Piazza del Popolo

Sept. 23-24, 2021: [Ecclesiastical Museums Conference](#), Rome

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

Oct. 21, 2021: *The Challenge of Artificial Intelligence*, Rome (by invitation only)

Nov. 2021: Plenary Assembly, *Rethinking Anthropology at a Time of Transition* (by invitation only)

Nov. 25-26, 2021: International Dante Conference, Università Roma Tre, Rome ([programme](#))

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

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