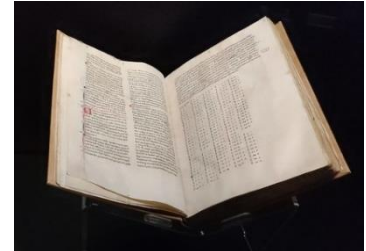




### Expo Dubai - The Holy See Pavilion

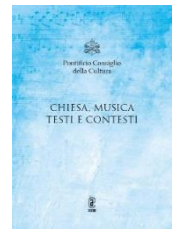
The Holy See's Pavilion at Expo continues to attract attention. Visitors in situ are accompanied by a team of Animators who have taken to heart the motto Deepening the Connection [[video service](#)]. There are photos in our [gallery](#) and those who want to take a virtual may visit the [website](#) or try the app ([Android](#)) ([Apple](#)). A Christmas musical service took place including a live link to Bethlehem for Mass and a video message from Cardinal Pietro Parolin. VIPs are expected to attend celebrations to mark the anniversary of the [Document on Human Fraternity](#) (Feb. 4) and the Holy See's National Day (Mar. 19).



An exhibit on loan from the Vatican Library – "Fibonacci"

### The Audioteca "Pope Francis"

Following news of a private visit made by His Holiness to a local music store, Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi released a photo of the audioteca (left) and gave some interviews about his regular correspondence on musical matters with Pope Francis. The audioteca is home to some 2000 musical artefacts, many donated by the pope – DVDs, CDs, LPs, cassettes, scores, instruments and even an opera manifesto. On the same subject, the Acts of last year's conference on matters related to music have now been published and are available from the publishing house Aracne.



### 'Segni'



Until March 13, an exhibition is on display at the Museo di Roma, at Palazzo Braschi, consisting of 42 photographs – developed using an innovative technological printing method – that portray the testimony of women who have suffered domestic violence, with the contribution of our Women's Consultation Group and the Courtyard of the Gentiles.

The Pontifical Academy of Theology's annual forum draws near:

["New Itineraries in Theology: the heritage of the 20th century"](#)

Jan. 27-28, 2022.



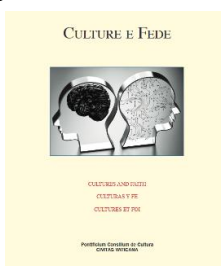
Our Sports department was involved in the launch of a Global Digital Community (GDC), which connects faith-based sports organizations working at the service of humanity. ([News release](#))



**Visitors** have included bishops from Spain in *ad limina*, ambassadors of Iraq, Mongolia, India, Moldova and Armenia, the new prefect for the Congregation for Clergy Mons. Lazzaro You Heung-sik, the culture minister from Singapore, consultor Antonio Spadaro, the spokesperson of the Quirinale, an interreligious delegation from Azerbaijan led by the Sheikh of the Caucasus Muslims' Board, the Union of Italian Buddhists, former official Archbishop Gregorio Kovacs, papal biographer Austen Ivereigh, and the artist Eve Parnell.

- Cardinal **Gianfranco Ravasi** presided at the presentation of recovered stolen artefacts from the catacombs ([Vatican News](#)) and has been involved in many media initiatives, both over the Christmas period and most recently a Rai TV programme dedicated to the Sunday for the Word of God ([Rai Replay](#)).
- Bishop **Paul Tighe** spoke, Dec. 9, at “New Technologies for Peace” ([video](#)), a meeting led by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and Dec. 16 participated in a Roundtable on Synodality at *La Civiltà Cattolica*.
- Bishop **Carlos A. M. Azevedo** spoke, Dec. 1, at the IX international conference ReUSO and on Jan. 21 gave the talk “Pastoral Function and Cultural Mission of Ecclesiastical Archives” to open the *Transmit, Manage, Value* conference series organized by the Ecclesiastical Cultural Heritage department at the Gregorian University, with the Association of Ecclesiastical Archives and the Italian Episcopal Conference.
- Mons. **Melchor Sanchez de Toca** participated in the preparatory meetings for the launch of the Sports GCD movement, received Bishop Emmanuel Gobilliard, bishop delegate for sports in France, and led a prayer service in the Vatican for *Athletica Vaticana*.
- Mons. **Carlo Maria Polvani** attended the opening of “The Invisible Garden” a Courtyard of the Gentiles project for children with sensorial needs at Rome’s S. Alessio Institute. He was appointed to the *Confagricoltura* board for awards for socially sustainable agriculture projects, and spoke at the press conference for the Segni exhibition.

## Journal “Cultures and Faith”



The latest edition of our journal is about to be sent out to subscribers. The monographic section this time is dedicated to Artificial Intelligence, looking at questions of consciousness and human nature, philosophical, legal and ethical challenges, and how we can live AI better as a society. There are also the usual columns from the Courtyard, the Youth and Women’s Groups, the Departments, and the regular activities of the dicastery.

### On the horizon:

Feb. 1: Prize-giving ceremony of the Pontifical Academies

Feb. 22-24: *Masculinidades: lo masculino entre paradojas y paradigmas*”. 17° Encuentro de Centros de Cultura. Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, México.

March 29: Courtyard on Equitable Taxes, with Giuliano Amato, Luca Antonini, Franco Gallo, Giuseppe Schlitzer, Gen. Marco Lainati

May 4-5: [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