

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS

1:15 PM ENG

2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date
of baptism through the
Rector's office after
the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rector's
office for an appointment at
least six months prior
to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS

4:00 to 4:45 PM and

THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment

1ST FRI. DEVOTION

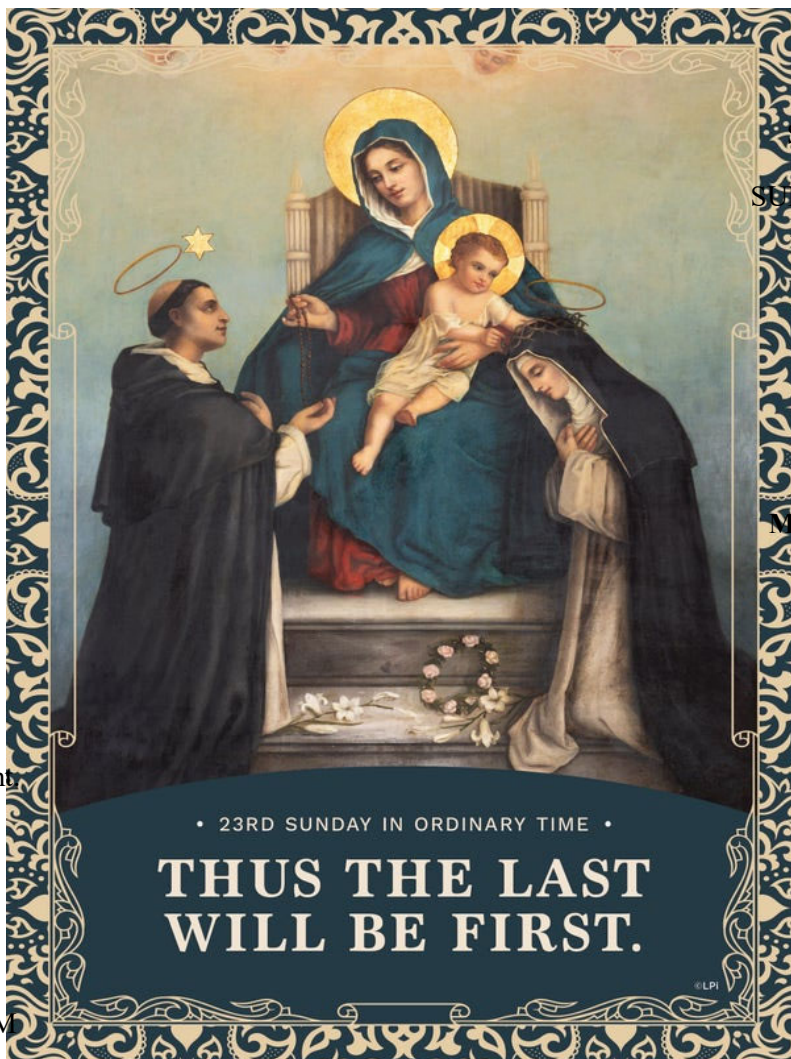
7:30 to 10 PM

1ST SAT. DEVOTION

AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

3RD FRIDAY MASS

Mass for Vocations 7:30 PM



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM

SATURDAYS 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENINGS

VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,
10:30 (Polish) 12:00 Noon

RECTOR'S HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon

& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES

1ST SAT. AFTER

8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY

1ST WED. 6:30 PM

(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

YOUTH GROUP

2ND & 4TH MON. 6 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is Yours, and You call us to serve You by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

- 5:00 pm + Cornelius O'Neill (Birthday)
+ Philip Schmitt
+ Jennie H. Densieski (A)
+ Joseph Ruthinowski

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT. 20, 2026

- 8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society
9:15 am + George and Joan Gatz & Georgianne Gatz Buchanan
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Kamil Wnorowski / + Zofia Czaplak
+ Konstancja i Antoni Pietkun i Ryszard
Wedding Anniv. Blessings for Greg & Anna
Szejter & Blessings for Their Family
+ Leokadia i Mieczyslaw Zdybel
+ Stanislaw Tuminski i Ryszard Pawlak
12 Noon + Vincent and Jadwiga Suchta

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

- 7:00 am + Philip Schmitt

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

- 7:00 am Intentions of the Leopard Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

- 7:00 am + Maryann Matlak (2nd A)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

- 7:00 am Wed. Anniv. Bless. For Ted & Debbie Danigelis

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

- 7:00 am Intentions of Deacon Mike and Reina Bonocore

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

- 8:00 am + Deceased Members of Dillingham and Holzer Families
+ Max-Anne Fuhlbrugge
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Margaret Robinson (A) / + Philip Schmitt
+ Stephen Leslie, Jr. / + Robert Rodes

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT. 27, 2026

- 8:00 am + Barbara Ann Bugdin Drake
9:15 am + Juan Manuel Rueda
10:30 am + Kamil Wnorowski i Irena Wnorowska
+ Sylwia Brozio
+ Za dusze Jadwigi, Wacława Truskolaskich
evaz Grazyńy Ololziej
12 Noon + Juan Manuel Rueda

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bread and Wine

Frank L., Bertha M. & Frank L. Jr. Ostroski



"Therefore, if Christ is the end (or goal/purpose) of our life, we ought to regulate our life not according to our own will, but according to the Will of Christ."

~St. Thomas Aquinas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Rudolph Sunderman
Fred Gallo, Jr.
Manuel Rodriguez*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 PM to 2 PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fr. Tadeusz * Jeannie Drozd * Adrian Weber * Amanda Kells * Jean Machalski * Przemyslaw Golembiowski * Margaret Lombardo * Valerie Ainsworth * Mary Jane MacArthur * Nancy Kruszon Walters * Joanne DeMarco * Sandra Kuhlman * Richard Abbott * Beverly Bullock * Joseph O'Shea * Baby John Krepps * Dottie Bugdin * Jadwiga Luniewska * Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Andrew * Justin * Chris Bonocore * Ron Danowski * Paula George * Dorothy Grodski Sousa * Irene Monahan * Ethan Donahue * Jodi Ponce * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Johanna Benthall

ATTENTION PLEASE!!

To all who have charitably placed their loved one on our prayer list, please let us know the status of their condition.

Names will be removed every three months if no updates are received.

Thank you.

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:



Greg Szlejtner, Nicholas Pelosi,
Christopher Drowns,
Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming,
Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec,
Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht
and Hunter Bahnke

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, Sept. 20: Sunday & St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

Next Week, Sept. 27: Sunday & Debt Reduction
Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

It is with heavy hearts we announce the retirement of our Spiritual and Social Minister, Dianne Massiello. Dianne runs our Food Pantry, so we are currently looking for someone to be our Pantry Coordinator. If we do not find someone to replace her, our Pantry will close.

Please call the office if interested in more information about this part-time position.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.

Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT TRIP

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

One of the largest and most-attended
Christmas markets in the nation!

Join us for a festive day of Christmas shopping, beautiful lights, holiday treats, and German-inspired traditions at Bethlehem's famous Christkindlmarkt

~ **Date:** November 27, 2026

~ **Departure:** 6:45AM **Return** 8:45PM

~ **Cost:** \$130pp (meals on your own)

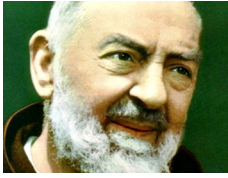
Bring family and friends
and enjoy the Christmas spirit together!

For information or to reserve your seat,
contact the rectory: 631-727-2114

PADRE PIO

(Feast Day Sept. 23)

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess; it is the key that opens the heart of God."



Pio of Pietrelcina (born **Francesco Forgione**; 25 May 1887 – 23 September 1968), widely known as **Padre Pio** (Italian for "*Father Pius*", Latin: *Pater Pius*) was an Italian friar of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, priest, **stigmatist** and **mystic**. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church. Padre Pio will long be remembered for the countless spiritual insights, succinct spiritual direction, and constant encouragement he gave through his concise sayings and teaching. Here are some of them to think about. Pick a saying that "speaks" to you - meditate on it then put it on your mirror or in your pocket!

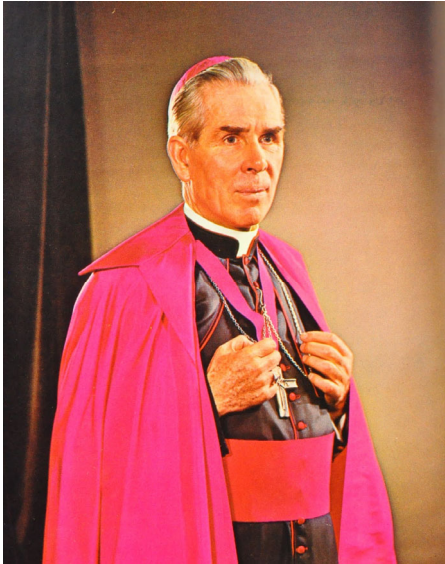
Wise and Wonderful Insights from Padre Pio

- ~ Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart.
- ~ Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God.
- ~ Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.
- ~ Do not be so given to the activity of Martha as to forget the silence of Mary. May the Virgin who so well reconciled the one with the other be your sweet model and inspiration.
- ~ It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass.
- ~ A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- ~ How can the mother of Jesus, present at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, who offered her Son as Victim for the salvation of souls, be absent at the mystical Calvary of the altar?
- ~ In the spiritual life he who does not advance goes backward. It happens as with a boat which always must go ahead. If it stands still the wind will blow it back.
- ~ You must speak to Jesus also with the heart, besides the lips; indeed, in certain cases you must speak to him only with the heart.
- ~ We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength.
- ~ God loves man with an infinite love and when he punishes he does so with reverence, almost fearing to hurt.
- ~ God "absolutely cannot reject the sincere desire to love him."
- ~ My past, O Lord, to your Mercy; my present, to your Love; my future, to your Providence!
- ~ Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God.
- ~ Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.
- ~ Where there is no obedience, there is no virtue; there is neither goodness nor love. And where there is no love, there is no God. Without God, we cannot reach Heaven. These virtues form a ladder; if a step is missing, we fall down.
- ~ Obey promptly! Do not consider the age or merit of a person. And in order to succeed imagine you are obeying the Lord.
- ~ To fail in charity is like wounding God in the pupil of his eye. What is more delicate than the pupil of the eye? To fail in charity is like failing against nature.
- ~ The final purpose of meditation is the love of God and one's neighbor. Love the first with all your soul and without reservation, love the second as another self, and you will have arrived at the final purpose of meditation.
- ~ The demon has only one door by which to enter into our soul: the will; there are no secret doors. No sin is a sin if not committed with the will. When there is no action of the will, there is no sin, but only human weakness.
- ~ Do not fear. Jesus is more powerful than all hell. At the invocation of his name every knee in heaven, on earth and in hell must bend before Jesus; this is a consolation for the good and terror for evil.
- ~ The field of battle between God and Satan is the human soul. It is in the soul that the battle rages every moment of life. The soul must give free access to the Lord so that it be fortified by him in every respect and with all kinds of weapons; that his light may enlighten it to combat the darkness of error; that it be clothed with Jesus Christ, with his justice, truth, the shield of faith, the word of God, in order to conquer such powerful enemies. To be clothed with Jesus Christ it is necessary to die to oneself.

(Soon to be) BLESSED FULTON J. SHEEN

A Life of Faith, Evangelization, and Holiness

(Beatification scheduled September 24, 2026)



Fulton J. Sheen was one of the most influential Catholic evangelists of the twentieth century. A gifted preacher, teacher, author, and pioneer of radio and television ministry, he dedicated his life to proclaiming the Gospel and leading people to a deeper love of Jesus Christ.

Fulton John Sheen was born on May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois, and was raised in nearby Peoria. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919. After further studies in philosophy and theology, he became a professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he gained a reputation as an outstanding scholar and teacher.

Recognizing the power of modern communications, Father Sheen began preaching through radio in the 1930s. His ministry eventually reached millions of listeners. After becoming an auxiliary bishop of New York in 1951, he became nationally famous through his television program **“Life Is Worth Living.”** His warm personality, remarkable intellect, humor, and ability to explain the Catholic faith in simple language brought the Gospel

into millions of American homes.

Bishop Sheen also served as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966. In 1966, he became Bishop of Rochester, New York. He resigned from that position in 1969 and was subsequently named a titular archbishop. Throughout his ministry, he remained a prolific writer and preacher, encouraging people to discover the transforming power of Christ.

Archbishop Sheen died on December 9, 1979, in New York City. His cause for canonization was formally opened in 2002. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI recognized that Sheen had lived a life of heroic virtue and declared him Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, an important step on the path toward sainthood.

A significant moment in his cause came through the case of James Fulton Engstrom, a child who was born in 2010 without a detectable pulse. His parents prayed for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen, and the child unexpectedly recovered. After extensive medical and Church investigation, the recovery was recognized as a miracle attributed to Sheen's intercession. This miracle opened the way for his beatification.

After several years of delay, the Church has now scheduled Archbishop Sheen's beatification for **September 24, 2026**, in St. Louis, Missouri. At beatification, he will receive the title Blessed Fulton J. Sheen. The beatification will be a major step toward canonization, but it is important to distinguish the two: beatification does not yet mean that he has been declared a saint. Canonization normally requires recognition of another miracle attributed to his intercession after beatification.

The enduring appeal of Archbishop Sheen lies not simply in his fame as a broadcaster, but in his deep devotion to Jesus Christ. He used his extraordinary gifts of communication to remind people that faith is not merely an intellectual belief but a personal encounter with God. His preaching emphasized prayer, the Eucharist, the Blessed Mother, repentance, sacrifice, and the hope of eternal life.

His life continues to inspire Catholics and people of many backgrounds who seek to live their faith courageously in the modern world. As the Church prepares for his beatification, many devotees pray that Venerable Fulton J. Sheen will one day be formally proclaimed a saint.

(Soon to be) Blessed Fulton J. Sheen,

pray for us.

Cardinal Sarah and the Crisis in Bioethics

Sister Renée Mirkes, OSF

Cardinal Robert Sarah's address this summer to the European Parliament identifies a foundational problem in contemporary bioethical discourse: the widening gap between language and reality. Words that once conveyed stable meanings – "healthcare," "rights," "dignity" – are increasingly deployed with ideological elasticity. Cardinal Sarah warns this linguistic instability constitutes a "crisis of the logos or of reason," a breakdown in the relationship between words and the realities they signify. Language ceases to correspond to reality; reason loses its footing, and moral judgment becomes vulnerable to sentiment, ideology or political coercion. Sarah's thesis rests on three philosophical principles deeply rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition:

First, *language must correspond to reality*. For Sarah, language is not a neutral tool but an instrument of truth. Words are meant to reveal reality, not obscure it. Once medical discourse employs euphemisms or ambiguous terminology, it becomes difficult to identify the moral nature of medical actions. When terms such as "healthcare," "choice," or "medical aid in dying" conceal the underlying reality of direct killing or murder, the loss of linguistic clarity spawns a loss of moral clarity.

Second, *reason is the basis of ethical judgment*. Sarah's critique presupposes a classical and Christian understanding of reason as the faculty capable of discerning truth. In turn, ethical judgment is directly dependent on reason's ability to apprehend the nature of the human person and the goods proper to human flourishing. Rather than rational inquiry into human goods, many bioethical debates today become mere contests of sentiment or political power.

Third, *human dignity is objective and intrinsic*. Sarah insists human dignity does not depend on "autonomy," utility, or political consensus. It flows from the nature of the human person as an *imago Dei*, a being created in God's image. The consequences of ignoring these principles are particularly acute in bioethics, where, as Sarah argues, the stakes involve human life, embodiment, and dignity.

For this reason, Sarah's *lectio* evaluates coherently four major bioethical issues: abortion, *in vitro* fertilization, transgender ideology, and physician-assisted suicide. In each case, he demonstrates how linguistic distortion functions as a precondition for moral confusion and policy error. Referring to abortion as "health," for example, is a linguistic manipulation that conceals the elimination of life. Sarah cites American, European, and international policy documents where "sexual and reproductive health" is routinely used to include abortion. He argues this egregious "reversal of the logos" re-frames the deliberate termination of a human life as a form of healthcare, conditions human dignity on maternal choice, and treats the unborn baby as an object whose existence depends on external approval.

Sarah insists the linguistic distortion of "health," "choice," and "rights" normalizes abortion by embedding it within the language of medicine and the Constitution. But if abortion is described as "healthcare," the unborn child becomes a pathology, the moral reality of direct killing is obscured, and reason is subordinate to political expediency. Within this conceptual framework, warns Sarah, it becomes difficult – if not impossible – to recognize the gravity of the act of abortion.

Sarah also contends that the language of "reproductive rights" justifies *in vitro* fertilization, embryo cryopreservation, selective reduction, and embryo disposal. While the term "rights" is employed to frame the baby and its laboratory production as entitlements, it clandestinely obscures the moral implications of creating and destroying human beings at their embryonic stage. And when IVF is framed as a "right," the child becomes a product of technique rather than the fruit of a unitive act of marital love. The genesis of a new human being is relocated from the interpersonal unitive love of parents to the technical expertise of embryologists and endocrinologists. With such verbal artifices, reason is displaced by technological positivism, while the logic of laboratory reproduction replaces the logic of the gift. Transgender ideology, in Sarah's valuation, detaches "identity" from the body. With deceptive linguistic moves – something the Cardinal argues is foundational to transgender ideology – terms such as "gender identity," "assigned at birth," and "affirming care" divorce gender identity from biological sex and altogether obscure the reality of embodiment. As Sarah warns, once identity is detached from the body, reason loses its ability to discern the meaning of embodiment. One's body is no longer revelatory; it's arbitrary. Rather than a gift that reveals personal identity, the body is treated as a canvas for self-expression.

And born of this sort of verbal artifice, ethical judgment on transgender ideology in general and "transitioning to the opposite sex" in particular relies entirely on subjective feeling or thinking rather than on a rational reflection of human nature. Sarah demonstrates how verbal subterfuges – terms like "medical aid in dying," "death with dignity," and "compassionate choice" – conceal the reality of intentionally killing a patient. This linguistic shift reframes the murder of a human being as "care." As Sarah points out, if direct killing can be redefined as compassion, then compassion loses meaning. If suicide can be redefined as healthcare, then healthcare loses meaning. In all of this "crisis of the logos," Sarah shows how reason is deprived of the conceptual tools necessary to distinguish healing from harm. The sick person becomes a burden to be eliminated rather than a neighbor to be cared for. Human dignity becomes contingent on functionality, and the entire medical vocation is distorted as the physician's role morphs from healer into executioner.

Sarah's thesis weds the future of bioethics to the future of language. When we lose the ability to speak truthfully about the human person, we lose the ability to defend the human person and human life, *bios*. The crisis of the logos or reason is, in Sarah's estimate, the crisis of our whole civilization. Only the restoration of reason will restore human dignity. And only the restoration of human dignity will restore hope in our future and the future of bioethics.

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