

WE'RE INFERTILE – NOW WHAT?

Presented by Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.
Monday, February 6, 2012, 7 PM



Fr. Tad will present *In Vitro Fertilization, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies*

Part I: *The Science*

- examination of the techniques
- examination of the risks
- examination of the use of hyper/super-ovulatory drugs

Part II: *The Ethics*

- examination of the moral question regarding human procreation and the gift of human life
- examination of IVF and its ramifications for the marriage covenant
- examination of the moral and ethical difficulties in the treatment of extra-corporeal human embryos
- consideration of the financial and economic factors which invariably skew the ethical discussion

Fr. Tad, a world renowned expert on bioethics, is Director of Education of The National Catholic Bioethics Center. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts. As an undergraduate he earned degrees in philosophy, biochemistry, molecular cell biology, and chemistry, and did laboratory research on hormonal regulation of the immune response. He later earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University, where he focused on cloning genes for neurotransmitter transporters which are expressed in the brain. He also worked for several years as a molecular biologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Fr. Tad studied for 5 years in Rome where he did advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, examining the question of delayed ensoulment of the human embryo. He has testified before members of the Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia and North Carolina State Legislatures during deliberations over stem cell research and cloning. He has given presentations and participated in roundtables on contemporary bioethics throughout the U.S., Canada, and in Europe. He has done numerous media commentaries, including appearances on CNN International, ABC World News Tonight, and National Public Radio.

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