

## WHO WE ARE

The Regina Apostolorum Pontifical university is an international academic community in full accord with the Holy Father and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Based in Rome, it is close to the Holy Father and in the heart of Christianity and the Church, enabling its students and faculty to study and do research in a key center of Catholic thought, and in an international setting favoring reflection, research, and bioethical discussion.

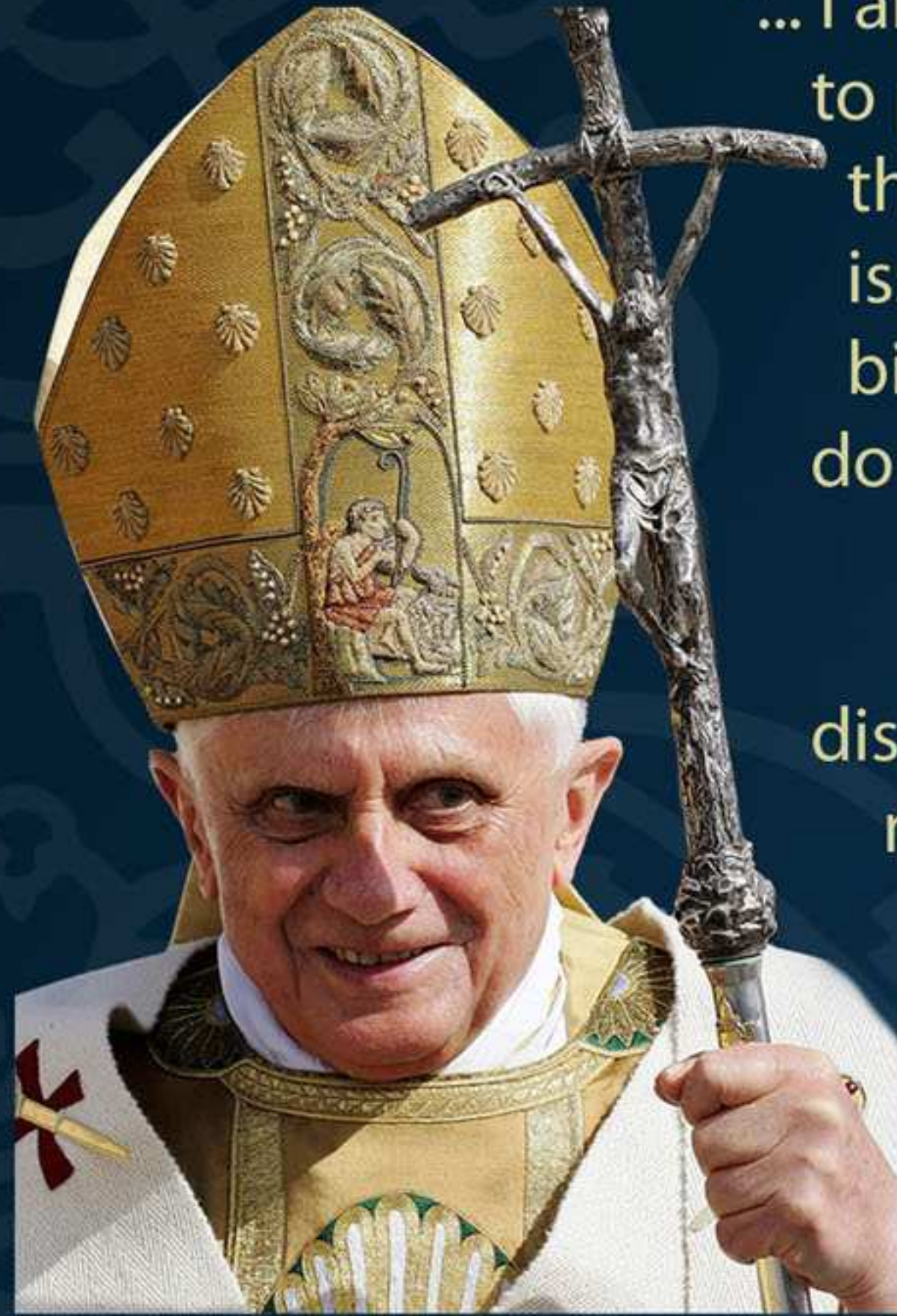


## OUR HISTORY

September 15th, 1993  
Schools of Theology and Philosophy are canonically established by the Congregation for Catholic Education

July 11th, 1998  
Pope John Paul II grants Regina Apostolorum the "Pontifical" title.

May 21st, 2001  
The Congregation for Catholic Education approves the foundation of the School of Bioethics with Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees.



"... I also ask you, dear friends, to pay special attention to the difficult and complex issues of bioethics ... new biomedical technologies, do not only involve certain specialized doctors and researchers but are disseminated through the modern means of social communication, giving rise to expectations and questions in ever broader sectors of society ..."

*(Pope Benedict XVI, address to CDF, 1/31/08)*

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## Why a School of Bioethics?

Regina Apostolorum's School of Bioethics seeks to respond to the multi-faceted challenges presented by today's rapid technological progress in medicine and biotechnology.

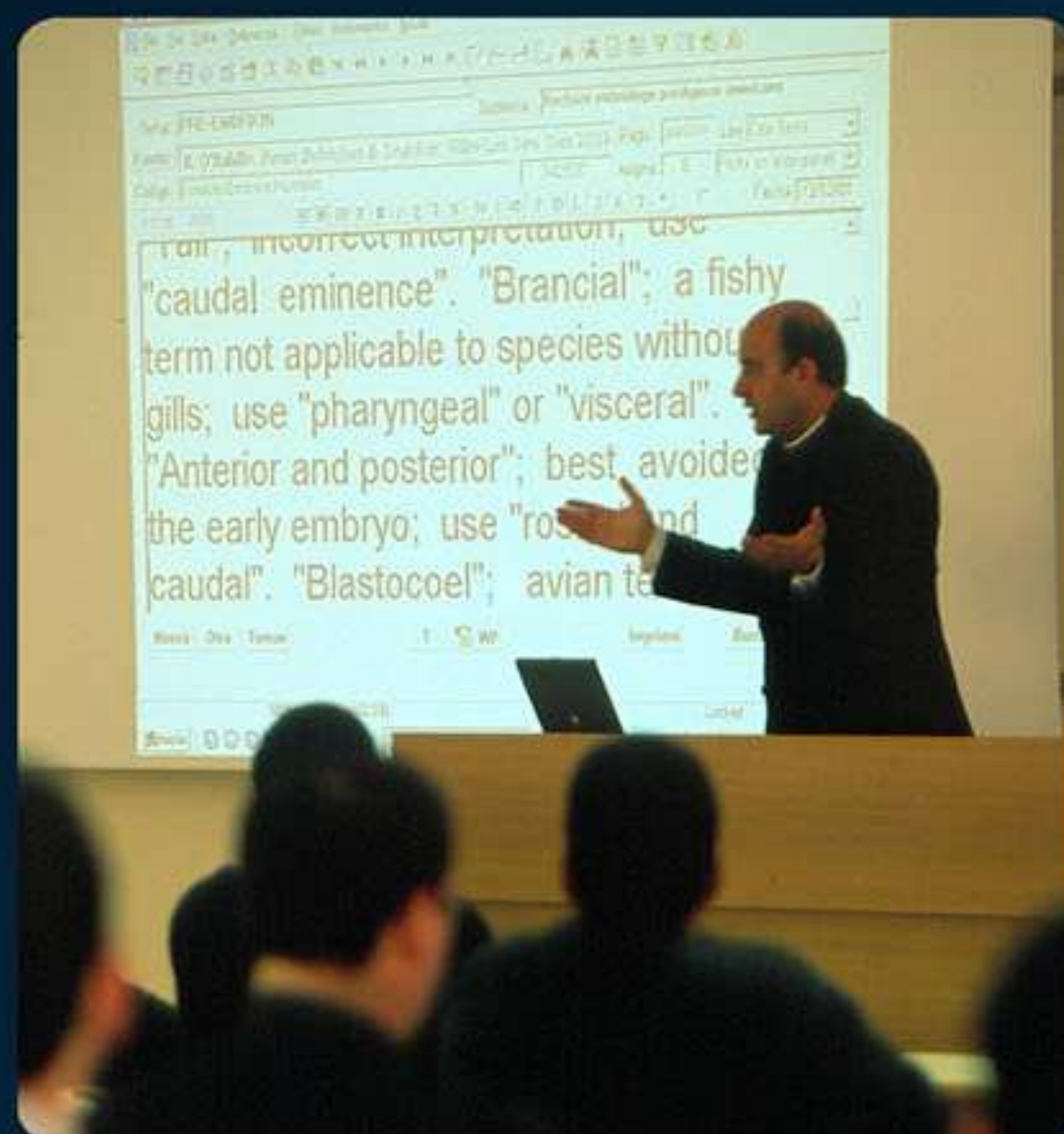


Bioethics is a coordinated interdisciplinary approach that draws from studies in theology, philosophy, medicine, and law. This approach enables the bioethicist to be far more effective in evaluating complex bioethical issues than a specialist in just one of these fields could be.

## Our Academic Approach

An untiring search for truth founded on

- A sound metaphysics and philosophy of man
- Solid scholarship
- Adherence to the Magisterium of the Church.
- A profound formation of principles, ethical norms and working solutions in the field of bioethics, in agreement with the Christian vision of the human person.



## Our Programs

### Degrees

Regina Apostolorum is the first university in the world to offer Bachelor's, Licentiate (Master's), and Doctoral degrees in Bioethics:

#### Bachelor's:

Lasts two years and offers courses and seminars on bioethical fundamentals in theology, philosophy, medicine, biology, and law.

#### Licentiate (Master's)

Lasts two to three years. Along with further investigation into foundational bioethical principles, students engage in case analysis and applied research regarding specific bioethical issues. All Licentiate students attend the following required courses to round out their bioethical studies:

- State, Society, and the Inviolability of Human Life
- Respect for unborn human life
- Bioethics and medical interventions on man
- Management of the medical act and medicine
- Clinical Bioethics
- Bioethics and human sexuality
- The dignity of procreation
- Bioethics and social problems
- End of Life Ethics
- Bioethics and environment

#### Doctorate:

Lasts two to five years. The preparation of a doctoral dissertation (250-400 pages), under the guidance of a professor in the School of Bioethics, in which the student offers an original contribution to the field of bioethics.

### Intensive Week Courses and Licentiate

Four times a year the courses given for Licentiate-level bioethics students are taught in an intensive week course format, enabling students to come to Rome periodically and study bioethics without having to live full time in Rome, either auditing a course or working toward a degree.

### International Bioethics Summer Course

Each year professors from the School of Bioethics and other international experts go in depth on one bioethical theme in a classroom environment designed to include the considerations and insights of participants. Past courses include:

- Genes, Genetics, and Eugenics
- Generating Humans: procreation or production?
- Technologizing humanity or humanizing technology? Bioethics with an eye to the future.
- End of Life Ethics: between a dignified death and dying with dignity
- Abortion and the Culture of Life: from face-off to proposal

**"Respect, Defend, Love, and Serve Life, every Human Life"**

(Evangelium Vitae, n.5)

