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Brief Bio:

After earning a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University, Fr. Tad did post-doctoral research at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He subsequently studied in Rome where he did advanced studies in theology and in bioethics.

Bio info:

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. 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 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 Oregon 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 Europe. He has done numerous media commentaries, including appearances on CNN International, ABC World News Tonight, NBC Nightly News and National Public Radio. He is Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and directs the Center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics.

Father Tad writes a monthly column on timely life issues. From stem cell research to organ donation, abortion to euthanasia, he offers a clear and compelling analysis of modern bioethical questions, addressing issues we may confront at one time or another in our daily living. His column is entitled, "Making Sense Out of Bioethics" and is nationally syndicated in the U.S. to numerous diocesan newspapers, and also carried by newspapers in England, Poland and Australia.

Some of the schools, universities and hospitals where Fr. Tad has presented on the Science and Ethics of Stem Cells and Cloning:

UCSF, San Francisco, CA; Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; Boston College, Boston, MA; University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA; Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA; University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA; Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL; Jordan Hospital, Plymouth, MA; University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX; Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital, Cambridge, MA; Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN; St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, MA; Salve Regina University, Newport, RI; University of Dallas, Dallas, TX; Southern New England School of Law, Dartmouth, MA; Marymount University, Arlington, VA; University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX; Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA; Stonehill College, Easton, MA; Boston University, Boston, MA.