



"God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." - Gen 1:27

# The Image

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## Action Alert: Vote to repeal of Defense of Marriage Act



Visit the Colorado Catholic Conference site to learn more about the upcoming US Senate Judiciary Committee vote on whether to repeal DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). The vote is scheduled for November 3, 2011. [http://www.cocatholicconference.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=345](http://www.cocatholicconference.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=345)

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## A Catholic Environmental Vision – *Human Ecology*



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"In the name of supposedly egalitarian vision of the "dignity" of all living creatures, such notions end up abolishing the distinctiveness and superior role of the human beings. They also open the way to a new pantheism (God and nature are one) tinged with neo-paganism, which would see the source of man's salvation in nature alone, understood in purely naturalistic terms" [http://catholic.org/printer\\_friendly.php?section=Cathcom&id=43463](http://catholic.org/printer_friendly.php?section=Cathcom&id=43463)

## A "Note" Stirs the Secular Media into Frenzy



A "note" released by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace entitled: "Towards Reforming the International Financial and Monetary System in the Context of Global Public Authority" had every major secular news outlet in a bit of a tail spin. Again, not understanding the Catholic Church's moral mission and organizational structure, the secular media flew into a "carnivorous" frenzy.

For more information on this note published in Italian, visit <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/expert-downplays-vatican-councils-idea-for-financial-body/> or (not available in English): [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/justpeace/documents/rc\\_pc\\_justpeace\\_doc\\_20111024\\_nota\\_it.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20111024_nota_it.html).

## Religious Freedom, Going, Going, Gone!

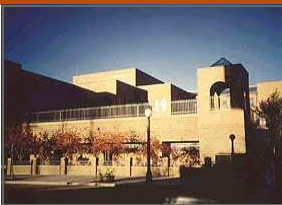


As social secularism gains greater influence over American culture support for the Church's charitable works diminishes accordingly. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has refused to renew a \$2.5 million grant to the U.S. Conference of Bishops, Department of Migrant and Refugee Services, to help human trafficking victims. The USCCB believes the reason is because, in keeping with Church teaching,

it will not offer to women artificial contraception, sterilization or abortion.

[http://catholic.org/printer\\_friendly.php?section=Cathcom&id=43409](http://catholic.org/printer_friendly.php?section=Cathcom&id=43409)

## Samaritan House - Season of Need



Samaritan House, Denver CO

Samaritan House is in need of 1000 turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are able to pick up an extra turkey during the holidays and donate it to Samaritan House, they would appreciate it!

Donations are accepted at Samaritan House 7 days a week at the blue door on the North side of the building. Call 303-294-0241 for more details. For a complete list of needs visit: [www.ccdenv.org/Services/Homelessness](http://www.ccdenv.org/Services/Homelessness).

## ENDOW and Denver's Homeless Women

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## Angels and the Human Person



Song of the Angels, Bouguereau

*"Father from the beginning of time you have always done what is good for man..." - Eucharist Prayer for Reconciliation I*

Did you know that the term "angel" means "messenger" and refers to the mission these creatures have been given by God in our regard? St. Augustine noted that their proper designation is actually "spirit" for that is what they are, and "messenger" or "angel" is what they do (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 329). In Christ, angels have been commissioned to serve in human salvation history. God has exalted them by their service to us in Christ.