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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ENCOURAGED BY STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH

Through its Executive Director, John Huebscher, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference issued the following statement on news of the latest development in stem cell research announced by the University of Wisconsin-Madison today.

“The Wisconsin Catholic Conference is pleased and encouraged by the announcement of successful new techniques in stem cell research that allow adult stem cells to be “reprogrammed” to take on the capacities of embryonic stem cells. This is precisely the kind of science and research that the bishops have consistently advocated.

We share Dr. Thomson’s caution that more research is needed to determine how helpful the discovery announced today will be. Nonetheless, today’s news from the UW-Madison appears to take us one day closer to the point where medical technology can serve human life without taking it in the process.

We applaud the scientists and researchers at the UW-Madison and elsewhere who have opened this door, and we encourage them in their efforts to move forward in this area.”

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