



## Stem Cell Research Science and the Church



Seasons of Faith on line offers three components:

### 1. Pro-Life Section on our Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dcdiocese.org/Prolifeministries/prolife.htm>.

Please pay special attention to the letter from our Kansas Bishops regarding Stem Cell Research:

[http://www.dcdiocese.org/swkregister/March\\_18\\_2007/StemCellLetter.htm](http://www.dcdiocese.org/swkregister/March_18_2007/StemCellLetter.htm)

and to the DVD produced by the Kansas Bishops. You may view it on line linked from our diocesan pro-life website. Priests, DREs, Parish Life Coordinators, KofC Councils have copies of the DVD. If you still need one, contact Coleen Stein, [cstein@dcdiocese.org](mailto:cstein@dcdiocese.org), 620-227-2538.

*Read the Bishops' Letter and view the DVD: Ask these questions after each:*

1. What did I hear?
2. What does it mean?
3. What are the concerns of the Church?
4. What am I going to do about it?

*Please pay special attention throughout the discussion to the distinction between "adult" stem cells and "embryonic" stem cells.*

### 2. The Debate Over Stem Cell Research with *Questions and Answers*

(This material is drawn from a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Donald Wuerl when he was Bishop of Pittsburgh.)

*That material follows this page. Please ask the same questions as above.*

### 3. What is Working ~

✍ From Kansas State University: A Rich Stem Cell Source: Research on Umbilical Cord Matrix:

[http://www.innovations-report.de/html/berichte/biowissenschaften\\_chemie/bericht-34052.html](http://www.innovations-report.de/html/berichte/biowissenschaften_chemie/bericht-34052.html)

✍ Cord Blood Stem Cells:

[http://www.cordblood.com/cord\\_blood\\_faqs/cord\\_blood.asp](http://www.cordblood.com/cord_blood_faqs/cord_blood.asp)

**What is perhaps not working ~**

✍ Where the Best Arguments Might Take Us...an excerpt from Commonweal.

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### Other resources:

You might want to rent, view, and discuss one or both of these films:

"The Island" (2005)

[PG-13 for Some Sexual Content]

[www.theisland-themovie.com](http://www.theisland-themovie.com)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Island\\_\(2005\\_film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Island_(2005_film))

"Extreme Measures" (1996)

[R for violence, language, some nudity and graphic ER activity]

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extreme\\_Measures](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extreme_Measures)

✍ Catholic Update that explores this issue:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0102.asp>.

✍ [http://www.geocities.com/seapadre\\_1999/stem-cell.html](http://www.geocities.com/seapadre_1999/stem-cell.html)

✍ Remember one can always dialogue with our diocesan theologian, Msgr. Brian Moore, [bmoore@dcdiocese.org](mailto:bmoore@dcdiocese.org).