

## Catholic leaders: Transgenic plants must be used to feed poor

The Catholic Church supports GMOs, writes William Patenaude, an environmental regulator and author of the *Catholic Ecology* blog. Dr. Peter Raven, one of the leading scientists in plant systematics and evolution at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, has stated on several different occasions that GMOs are not only safe but beneficial to fighting global food security issues.

The Pontifical Academy of Sciences acknowledges this debate. It also engages it. Indeed, its closing overview of issues such as the public's understanding of science and the role of the private sector are worth the time to read and reread, as are the statement's concluding recommendations. As did Cardinal Turkson in Des Moines, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences *statement* speaks to many of the concerns raised by those who object to genetic modifications within the food supply—concerns like greed, organizational corruption, scientific uncertainty, and so many other characteristics of our fallen human race.

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