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Dear Raimondo Villano,

The Stem for Life Foundation and the Pontifical Council for Culture would like to thank you for taking part in our ground-breaking international conference, *Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture*, held in Vatican City, November 9 - 11, 2011. With your participation and support, you have helped raise public awareness of adult stem cell technology and research, develop and exchange short-term and long-term actions that political, scientific, educational, and religious leaders can take to be part of the cultural paradigm shift engendered by regenerative medicine, and explore the cultural, ethical, and human implications of adult stem cells.

As you know, the Vatican Conference started an ongoing initiative between the Stem for Life Foundation, the public, non-profit foundation founded by NeoStem, Inc., and the Pontifical Council for Culture to expand research and raise awareness of adult stem cell therapies.

We hope that this event was just the beginning of many positive and highly productive interactions as we work together to seek an end to needless human suffering. Thank you again for joining us.

Sincerely,

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