

# Faith and science, tools of spiritual truth

*The bishop of Trieste promotes the diocesan workshop towards Esosf 2020*

“Are faith and science incompatible? Absolutely not, just the opposite. In fact, their roots are both in the goodness of the Creator. Faith and reason are the two wings with which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” Monsignor Giampaolo Crepaldi, bishop of the diocese of Trieste, looks with great interest at the events connected to Esosf 2020, meant to turn the city with a halberd as a symbol into the continental heart of the debate between science, technology, society and politics.

“Thanks to the contribution of Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia - His Eminence continues -, we plan to organise many initiatives, starting from an international and ecumenical theological meeting that will attract to Trieste scholars from any part of Europe to analyse in depth the delicate and promising relationship between science and philosophical reflection. Training and popularization events will be also organised with local and national academic organizations, along with an important part dedicated to the world of school.”

Monsignor Crepaldi has been bishop of Trieste for ten years and underlines another “local uniqueness: this area hosts some of the most important institutions for study and research on a European level.

Even the academic bodies are among the national and inter-



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national prestigious institutions. However, it often seems that this peculiarity tells little of the past of the city. I wish - the Archbishop hopes - it were different: the civil progress of a population passes also through its cultural, scientific and spiritual nourishment. The Church, master of humanity, is daily committed to the development of a new humanism.”

The diocesan workshop “Science and Faith” has been active for

four years now. “Upon suggestion of the diocesan synod, Monsignor Crepaldi concludes, we created this space for education and dialogue between the Christian thinking, its rationality and science. Confronting with the world of culture and science is fundamental: Trieste and then its diocesan Church has in its Dna a unifying vocation, favouring meetings and promoting a serious and deep reflection.” ■