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Archbishop Brunett formally blesses labs of AVM Biotechnology and Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute

(Seattle) Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett blessed the facilities and scientists of AVM Biotechnology and their non-profit, Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute (SCPI) in a formal ceremony at Ecklind Hall on October 21, 2010. The event celebrates the first Catholic-based biotechnology company in the State.



Left to right: Dr. Marissa La Madrid, with fellow scientists: Kumiko Koyama, Katie Doan, Sarah Bwabye, Archbishop Brunett, Dr. Theresa Deisher, Tessa Mathew, Rachael Fox

AVM Biotechnology and Stemnion of Clearwater, FL are two Catholic based biotech firms that have recently received their bishop's formal blessing. Stemnion celebrated a similar ceremony with Bishop Robert Lynch in the Diocese of St Petersburg, FL in September.

The Seattle event began with prayers over the people, the office and labs, sprinkling of holy water and the final solemn blessing, followed by a reception at the facility.

AVM founder Dr. Theresa Deisher and Dr. Marissa LaMadrid have been focusing their efforts on the research and development of safe, effective, morally produced vaccines.

Dr. Deisher recently presented preliminary studies on a possible link between autism and aborted fetal DNA in several vaccines at the International Meeting for Autism Research last May in Philadelphia.

As an adult stem cell scientist with 23 patents to her name, Dr. Deisher has also made national headline news in recent months after filing a civil lawsuit to stop federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.

Deisher and Boston researcher James Sherley were the plaintiffs in a suit against the Obama Administration, in which Judge Lambert initially ruled such funding violated the Dickey-Wicker Amendment. He later issued a stay allowing the funding to continue while the case is reviewed.

SCPI has also launched a special training program called TOPPS (Training Opportunities for Pro Life Professionals) that gives under-graduate students, graduate students as well as professionals changing careers in the field of biotechnology a chance to assist in research at their labs.

"These are profoundly pro-life students who otherwise might find themselves surrounded and influenced by an anti-life scientific culture," noted Dr Deisher. "We want to give them an opportunity to do something meaningful that will help them in their future careers as scientists."

Deisher is hoping concerned pro-life benefactors will help fund the students who are currently working on a volunteer basis.

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