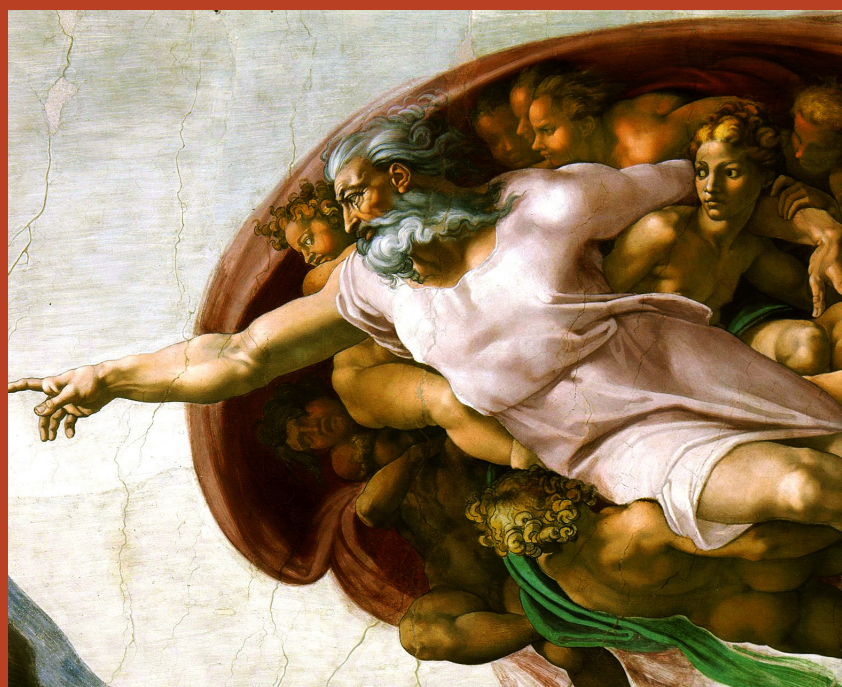


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Reflections on the Renaissance Papacy



A public lecture by Dr. Emily O'Brien

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In popular culture, the Renaissance papacy (c. 1417-1534) seems an intriguing mixture of highs and lows. On the one hand, it dazzles us with artistic achievements – the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's, to name but two. On the other, it shocks us with personalities infamous enough to thrive on cable television ("The Borgias," anyone?). While this blend of extremes may draw us to the Renaissance papacy, how much can it actually teach us? A great deal, in fact. This lecture tours the good, the bad and the ugly of this period in papal history and, in so doing, illuminates how this era represented a turning point for the Western Church.

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