

## Vatican study of GMO foods bear watching

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A study week on "Transgenic Plants for Food Security in the Context of Development" opened Friday and runs through tomorrow in Rome, sponsored by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

NCR's senior correspondent John L. Allen, Jr. is reporting on [the event for our web site](#) [1] and in the May 29 issue of the newspaper.

I've got a backgrounder, [What are GMO foods?](#) [2], on the issue.

Critics have pointed out that the study week appears to be a totally one-sided [campaign to promote genetically modified crops](#) [3], that featured speakers and panelists are largely spokespeople for big agribusiness corporations.

For more information about the study week, visit the web site of Vatican's [Academy of Sciences](#) [4].

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