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To the Editor:


Firstly, he says that I argue that embryo rescue is unchaste. I do not. Secondly, he argues as though I say that the proposed embryo rescue would be surrogacy. I do not.

Thirdly, I mention in my paper a possibility arising from existing techniques: that a woman might have her child, conceived in marriage, transferred from her womb (because of that womb’s unfitness to bring the child to term) and placed in the womb of another woman. If it is not wrong to rescue embryos from the freezer, then it is hard to see why this kind of rescue would be wrong. Fr. de Rosa makes nonsense of some my remarks by treating them as statements of the consequences of embryo rescue from the freezer rather than as statements of the consequences, seen in the light of this example, of saying that there is no intrinsic evil in a woman’s allowing herself to be made pregnant with a child not her own. Among these consequences is the lawfulness, in the case envisaged, of what would be surrogacy by the first of the Donum Vitae definitions.

Those who want to know what I actually think should read what I say, and not rely on those who, like Fr. de Rosa, represent me as arguing to the conclusion that embryo rescue would be unchaste.

– Dr. Mary C. Geach
London

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