

## Editorial

The present edition of “Theological-Historical Studies of Opole Silesia” is published in the year of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and the edition opens with three articles dedicated to questions related to the Reformation. The first of them is concerned with the person of Jan Hus and his reformatory postulates as a precursor of the Reformation which took place in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The topic of the next paper is related to another person connected to the Reformation. It is the German Diplomat, Bishop Julius Pflug who took care of the reform of the Church and its unity and is in our days counted as one of the representatives of the theology of mediation in 16<sup>th</sup> century. The third article presents the activity of the Franciscans Reformats in Wrocław in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century which became the form of theological disputes and were expressed in art and lead to recatolisation.

An analysis of questions and problems concerned with the evaluation of the contemporary phenomenon of terrorism especially the tendencies to connect it with religion is contained in the next paper. As an answer to these complex questions the author proposes an interreligious dialogue carried out on a local level with a chance of influencing the situation on a global level.

Articles of compact theological character are also in this present issue and are concerned with questions about the sacraments. The first of them depicts and outlines a personal understanding of the sacraments by Stefan Oster. The next article describes the place and significance of the nuptial promise within the sacramental framework. The connection between the Eucharist and ecology and its implications as a result of them is the topic of the paper on ecumenical views of the theology of creation.

Others articles published in this present biannual edition are the results of historical research. The first of them concerns Ancient History and justifies the thesis about aspirations of Theoderic the Great to restore *Imperium Romanum* concluded on the basis of coalitions with Arians. The next two papers are concerned with the research on the Dominican Sisters from Racibórz. The first of them is from the borderland of history and theology of spirituality and shows the synthetic truth of the spirituality of the venerable Euphemia from Racibórz on the basis of her confessor,

Peregrine of Opole. In this way the author justifies the localisation of the spirituality of Dominicans from Racibórz in the framework of *devotio moderna*. The other article is from the field of prosopographical researches and shows the Dominican Sisters from Racibórz on the basis of monastery obituaries from the years 1710–1817 as found in Czech and Moravian archives. This issue contains an article which is a second part of the history of the retreat house of Polish Bishops Conference “Księżówka” in Zakopane and shows its functioning and events connected with it in the years 1945–1990. The last article concerns a person of auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Opole Antoni Adamiuk from the perspective of the memories of School Sisters *de Notre Dame* and is an important contribution to his biography and the history of the Opole Diocese.

A few papers are published in the column *Reviews – Materials – Reports*. The first two are reviews of books: the first concerns the theology of mercy written by Cardinal Walter Kasper and the second the history of the Church in Silesia written by Józef Mandziuk. The next paper is a memory of profile and accomplishments of Professor Alojzy Marcol who died in March 2017. Another biography presented in the next paper concerns the person of the Prior Provincial of the Bohemian Dominican Province Thomas Elias Beran OP (1683–1742). At the end of this present issue are placed two reports. The first one on the annual conference of the Society of Moral Theologians that took place in June 2017 in Nysa and the second one concerns the activities of Diocesan Institute of Church Music in Opole in the school year 2016–2017.