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„It is rightly claimed that persons have reached adulthood when they can distinguish independently between truth and falsehood, making up their own minds about the objective reality of things. This is what has driven so many enquiries, especially in the scientific field, which in recent centuries have produced important results, leading to genuine progress for all humanity. No less important than research in the theoretical field is research in the practical field - by which I mean the search for truth which looks to the good which is to be performed. In acting ethically, according to a free and rightly tuned will, the human person sets foot upon the path to happiness and moves towards perfection” (Fides et Ratio 25).

Pope John Paul II makes clear that the need for self-transcendence applies to practical inquiry and theory as much as to metaphysics and natural science. The truth of the values is to be found not by turning in on oneself but by opening oneself to apprehend that truth even at levels which transcend the person. This is an essential condition for a human being to become himself/herself and to grow as a mature, adult person. The search for ultimate truth is so deeply rooted in us that it is unthinkable that it should be useless.

The editors and authors of “The Person and the Challenges: The journal of theology, education, canon law and social studies inspired by Pope John Paul II” want to seek the truth in a systematic way based on the methodology of every discipline and disseminate knowledge and the scientific search results. Their search for truth is strongly connected with “trusting dialogue and sincere

friendship”, which allows every scientists from all over Europe and all the parts of every continent to express the truth about the person without any prejudices. The only limit is the dignity of the human being.

“The Person and the Challenges: The journal of theology, education, canon law and social studies inspired by Pope John Paul II” is an important contribution to the theological, educational and social studies in addition to canonical law search in Europe and the world, so I am very grateful to the editors and all authors for undertaking this work and hope that the international journal will support everyone in these fields. I also would like to pay a very warm tribute to the all of the authors for their hard work and willingness to search for the solutions of new challenges. I congratulate the Tarnów Section of the Theology Faculty, (which is an integral part of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow) for having the courage to publish this international scientific journal. My thanks are also due to Professor Józef Stala, the Chief editor of the journal, who continuously tries to present the scientific search undertaken by Polish scientists to readers abroad and make links with various universities, academies and higher education institutions. I do hope that the scientific and personal capacity of all authors will bring academic, institutional and personal benefits to the readers of this journal.

The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow is rooted firmly in the teaching, reflections and scientific search of Pope John Paul II; this teaching is aimed not only at the intellectual mind, but also the spirit which equally shapes human personality. I appreciate that our search for the solutions of the XXI century challenges continues not only by the of our university community, but also by various scientific communities all over the world. I look forward to the new issues of the journal.



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