

## From the Editor

The problem of violence is one of the dramatic issues of the modern world, affecting the family in a special way. It is not surprising that this subject matter appeared on the pages of our magazine, becoming an opportunity to pose subject questions, search for answers, see the complexity of the phenomenon, attempt to find solutions regarding prevention against this social scourge. The subsequent, ninth volume of the Family Forum magazine is devoted to the “Problem of violence”.

The first article is written by four scientists (Tanja Valenta, Christian Gostečnik, Tanja Pate, Tanja Repič Slavič). They tackled the problem of “Mental injuries caused by early childhood violence”. There is no doubt that they can have long-lasting and even irreversible consequences. The issue of “Diagnosing the phenomenon of domestic violence” was examined in the next article by Jarosław Przeperski. The basic problem that appears in this area is the question about accurate and reliable diagnosis of violence by professionals working with families experiencing violence. Next, Tanja Repič Slavič presented the results of scientific research on “People with a history of sexual abuse”. If a person has been sexually abused in childhood, they most often bear the most severe consequences of trauma associated with sexual abuse in the area of sexuality, and their sexual experience will be completely different from that of those who have not been abused. The international team of authors, Barbara Simonič and Elżbieta Osewska, presented the “Relative approach to family therapy in the case of partner’s intimate violence”. Intimate partner violence is defined as a form of violence when a partner or spouse commits physical or mental acts of violence against the other partner/spouse. Lena Szuromska-Jóźwik proposes in her article “The SPICE index as a tool that can be used to constructively work through loneliness.” The SPICE index described above indicates five main spheres (spiritual, physical, intellectual, communicative and emotional). After applying this therapy, spouses can get out of the crisis strengthened, and their relationship can achieve a new quality. The authors of the last article in the thematic section of the volume, Przemysław Marcin Zdybek and Radosław B. Walczak, proposed quite an unusual approach to the problem of violence. They took up the topic:

“Does Culture of Honour work well in Poland?” The article presents experiments in which men and women evaluated the letter written by the “honourable” killer and “dishonourable” thief (in two gender versions). The results show that the overall role of gender in the Polish culture of honour “accepts” men as active users of violence in response to a provocation. However, women are not allowed to defend their honour in an active and violent way.

In the second section of the volume – ‘Varia’ (about the family) – Piotr Jaskóła analyses the content of “German catechisms for adults – Evangelical and Catholic ones in relation to marriage”. The article focuses on the topics of a civil marriage and church matrimony, the essence of marriage, the forms of marriage, divorce, mixed marriages (Evangelical catechism), as well as: marriage as a sacrament and essential attributes of marriage and mixed marriages (Catholic catechism).

The next few texts focus on the problem of parenting. In the first article in this area, Ewa Małgorzata Przybylska and Danuta Wajsprych analyse “Experiencing parenting in early adulthood”. An attempt was made to present phenomenologically the experience of parenting by a dozen or so young adults who became mothers/fathers. A Czech researcher, Jaroslav Franc, raises the issue of “Modern methods of birth control in the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt”. The article analyses the stages of the development of bioethical discussions in the Church, as well as the role of the Church and the state in the process of making procreation decisions by Christian believers. Then, an Austrian bioethicist, Walter Schaupp, an expert on assisted reproduction, looked at “Reproduction techniques from a theological and ethical point of view”. According to the Author, due to the possibilities offered by modern reproductive medicine, we are dealing with the processes of social liberalization that impose on individuals a high degree of responsibility for the proper use of these techniques. In the context of the growing possibilities of genetic and biological manipulation, the significance of genetic and biological origin for the child and the family system is enormous.

Dorota J. Kornas-Biela took up the subject of “Education through everyday life in the family”. The article is an attempt to bring to light and appreciate the work of an outstanding educator, Professor Teresa Kukołowicz. In the spirit of personalism, the huge role of upbringing in everyday life was emphasized not only for children in the family, but for all family members.

In turn, Jerzy Henryk Kostorz raised the question of “Cooperation between the catechist and the parents according to *the Core Curriculum of Catechesis of the Catholic Church in Poland.*” As part of the diagnosis, a contemporary crisis

of parents' involvement in the process of raising children and young people in faith should be stated. One of its symptoms is parents' little interest in cooperation with the catechist and this state of affairs should be changed. The Author addresses this issue in relation to the new "Core Curriculum of Catechesis of the Catholic Church in Poland" (2018), which will come into force on September 1, 2020.

The journal cover and its coloured square, as every year, becomes the thematic trailer of the volume. The strings are the symbol of family ties. However, this year a rose stem is woven into them. It's a beautiful flower. Many species smell wonderful. However, the stem has thorns. They can hurt badly. Such is the violence in the family: hidden from sight and it often hurts deeply, both in the mental and physical sphere.

As usual, many people participated in the creation of the journal, to whom we convey the words of gratitude on behalf of the Editorial Board of "Family Forum", the Institute of Family Sciences – the institution that publishes the journal, and on behalf of the Readers of the volume. I express my thanks both to all Authors presenting their articles and to reliable and competent Reviewers, to reliable and skilled Translators, Proofreaders and the Technical Editor. The quality of the journal is also affirmed by the Scientific Council of "Family Forum", which is attended by eminent scientists from various scientific disciplines and from different European countries, and whom I would like to thank for cooperation.

On behalf of the Scientific Council and Editorial Board of "Family Forum", I would like to invite all the interested to discuss the problems of "Social processes affecting families" (the topic of the new issue) and other important issues in the area of family sciences. We wish all readers a fruitful and engaging reading.

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