

From the Editor

We place in the hands of our Readers a somewhat jubilee volume, the fifteenth issue of the periodical, addressing a problem area that has undoubtedly “left its mark” both on scientific research and on the everyday life of the average individual and family. The volume entitled “Family, Education and Artificial Intelligence” attempts a multifaceted exploration of the challenges that the rapid development of digital technologies poses for contemporary family life. The articles collected in this publication form an interdisciplinary map of issues, combining pedagogical, ethical, and practical-technological perspectives. We are aware that it would be more appropriate to speak of an “outline of issues” rather than a map, since the dynamics of the digital world’s influence cannot be either contained or exhausted even in the most extensive volume of studies – let alone in a single issue of a periodical. A map requires accuracy and precision, whereas the challenge undertaken here was rather to shed light, in a focused way, on selected and significant issues concerning the interaction between the world of artificial intelligence and the family. Given that we are dealing with yet another industrial and technological revolution, a scholarly reflection on the epochal transformations unfolding before our eyes – transformations that are the result of digital transformation – proves to be essential.

A significant portion of the scholarly attention reflected in this volume focuses on supporting the educational potential of the family and on upbringing processes. The authors analyse the possibilities of using generative artificial intelligence in the Christian pedagogization of parents, while also raising questions about fear of new technologies and its educational implications. A key postulate emerging from the publication is the need to build relationships grounded in deep bonds, which constitute a more effective protective mechanism against the destructive influence of the virtual world than traditional methods of control.

Another group of issues addressed in the volume concerns an in-depth analysis of the ethical and anthropological dimensions of modern social communication technologies. The warning thesis resounds that it is not only digital technology that is changing; it also entails multiple transformations in the human

person and in human relationships, as well as in the perception of the human being. Researchers engage in a discussion on the foundations of Catholic education in the face of digitalization and formulate postulates regarding the ethics of artificial intelligence. A particularly innovative thread appears to be the analysis of the phenomenon of the “almost-immortal person,” which, from the perspective of Catholic anthropology, sheds new light on the process of experiencing grief through the use of avatars of deceased individuals.

The thematic section of the issue concludes with a practical perspective, shifting the focus to the area of preventing domestic and post-separation violence. The authors present, among other things, a concept for implementing telecare systems, pointing to the potential of digital technologies as tools that support the safety of family members in crisis situations. In our view, the key concept that resonates in this proposal and allows for a proper positioning of the role and tasks of artificial intelligence is the term “supporting tool,” which does not replace but rather enhances the potential of the human being using these advanced solutions. The thematic articles mentioned above clearly illustrate the need to develop a conscious, ethical, and deeply humanistic approach to integrating artificial intelligence into family life. Thus, the volume constitutes a valuable contribution to the debate on the shape of education and care for the family in the third decade of the 21st century. It can be assumed with a high degree of certainty that each of the substantive threads addressed here will have numerous continuations and further developments.

In the second part of the volume, traditionally devoted to various aspects of family-related issues, the Reader will find elements of a multidimensional discourse on the family, where theological and philosophical perspectives intersect with classical thought and the teachings of the Church. Some of the articles are dedicated to psychological challenges, such as communication in times of crisis, the impact of divorce, or parenting children with autism, as well as to important social issues, including the role of support organizations and manifestations of exclusion. As a result, the volume constitutes an attempt to diagnose selected aspects of the condition of the contemporary family and the institutional forms of its support.

Since the very beginning of the journal’s publication, the graphic design presented on the cover of each annual issue has been connected to the theme of the volume. The arrangement of strings – an integral visual motif of previous covers, symbolizing family relationships – this time surprises with its mathematical precision. The layout of the strings is highly regular, intersecting exactly at the center of a square, and was generated by artificial intelligence. All the graphic parameters, such as the type of strings, the dimensions, and the background colour

of the square were created as a result of providing precise prompts (commands) to artificial intelligence, which “created,” or rather “calculated,” the image.

For me, as the editor-in-chief, the publication of the fifteenth volume of the journal “Family Forum” has a special character, and not only because of its jubilee nature. Since the founding of the periodical, I have had the honor of taking care of its scholarly quality and development. With this volume, I pass on the responsibility for its academic future to those who will form the Editorial Board.

Gratitude is a moral virtue; therefore, with full conviction, I say “Thank you” to every person who, over the past fifteen years, has contributed their part to the development of the scholarly quality of “Family Forum.” The journal would not have been able to grow without the esteemed female and male Authors, whose scholarly exchange of ideas and views, as well as the competent dialogue of specialists in family studies, have painted a rich and inspiring academic landscape. The substantive, scholarly, and linguistic quality of the journal is the result of the efforts of many individuals, to whom I would like to express my personal gratitude here. I greatly value the constructive cooperation with the members of the journal’s Scientific Council, composed of distinguished scholars from various academic disciplines and from different countries across Europe. Your patronage and academic guidance have shaped the journal into a valuable and significant periodical present in the international scholarly circulation.

For their cooperation and the scholarly expertise they have offered, I extend my thanks to all esteemed female and male Reviewers, whose contribution has had a tangible impact on the steadily increasing substantive quality of the yearbook. In this group, I am particularly pleased by the willingness of some scholars to join the circle of permanent reviewers. The assistance of language specialists Dr Kornelia Czogalik and M.A. Michalina Trybuś has been and continues to be invaluable. I express my deep gratitude to them, while also hoping that they will continue to support the Editorial Board with their competent expertise. The closest circle of collaborators consists of the members of the Editorial Team of “Family Forum,” without whom the periodical would not enjoy its current quality and standing. I thank you wholeheartedly and kindly ask for your support for the new Editor-in-Chief. In its renewed composition, the Editorial Board will determine the themes and directions for the journal’s development. Finally, I reserve a special word of thanks for the Editorial Secretary, Dr. Jerzy Bosowski, whose contributions to the development of the periodical are difficult to overestimate. He has been responsible for the exchange of endless correspondence, the management of the journal’s platform, the typesetting of each volume and

its placement in respected journal databases, as well as for “putting out fires,” which are inevitable in the dynamic work of an editorial office. I thank you for all your achievements, especially as the Secretary is also bidding farewell to the Editorial Board, passing the baton to his successor.

To the new persons responsible for “Family Forum,” I wish every success and all prosperity. My final words are addressed to you, dear Readers. It is for you that we have striven to create a journal that is both academically rigorous and engaging. Thank you for your interest in “Family Forum,” and I continue to commend it to your attention, wishing you an enjoyable and stimulating reading experience.

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