

## Editorial

The first issue of the biannual „Theological-Historical Studies of Opole Silesia” of the year 2022 presents at the beginning results of the research in the exegesis of the Holy Scripture. The first article is an analysis of the Jer 1:4-19 according to the Hebrew biblical rhetoric. On the basis of the explanation of the composition of the examined fragment and thru the relations inside the unites the author presents theological applications regarding the understanding of the vocation and mission of prophet Jeremiah.

The next article, presenting the research in the exegesis of the New Testament, discusses the realization of instructions of Jesus granted to the disciples in the Gospel of Luke (9:1-6; 10:1-12) in the post-paschal Church on the basis of chosen texts of Acts of the Apostles (16:16-34; 19:8-12). Based on it the author shows the way of realization of the evangelization mission, which in the apostolic Church happened according to the indications of Jesus.

The article from the field of fundamental theology concerns the question of martyrological character of the priest existence. The author, starting with the analysis of the word *martyria* and his using in the New Testament and in the early Christian literature, justifies the assertion of the martyrological character of sacerdotal life and service. The text is an important contribution to the reflection on the particular aspects of the sacrament of ordination.

One of the particular question discussed in the contemporary debates on the medical care is the place of the principle of autonomy and self-determination of patients. The article from the field of moral theology analyses possible new formulations of the understanding of the principle of autonomy of patient. The author justifies that autonomy in the connection with the principle of care is an important complementary principle in the care for old and sick people in the contemporary system of health care.

The next two articles concern the problems from the interdisciplinary studies in philosophy and theology. The first of them contains analysis of the opinions of St. Anselm from Canterbury in the field of reference of terms *nihil* and *malum*. The author, starting with the characteristics of goal and method of philosophy of Anselm,

explains his understanding of terms “nothing” and “evil”, using the distinction between meaning and marking.

The next article presents the connection of Cartesians and theology on the base of the thought of Charles-Claude Genest (1639–1719), included in his work *Principles of philosophy*. The author shows the proof for the existence of God and the immortality of soul in the work of the Catholic priest, referring to the thought of Cartesian and presents the theological conclusions.

The part of this issue presenting results of the research in the field of history opens article on princesses rooted in the dynasty of Cieszyn Piast. The author argues that their rule have not limited to be a wife of the monarch, but they have been involved in the cultural, social and political changes and became with their presence a „catalyst” of a lot of favorable transformations.

The next article is a continuation of the in the last issue proposed analyse of the into Polish translated work of blessed Antonio Rosmini (1797–1855) *On five wounds of the holy Church*. On the base of the analyzing work the author shows the promoted by Rosmini postulate of the renewing of the ecclesial life in the turbulent moment of the history of the Church, i.e. in the period of falling monarchies and revolutionary impulses of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The next papers concern different episodes from the newest history of the Church.

The first of them discusses the patriotic-pastoral activity of priests served in the parish Dąbrówka Wielka in the Babimost region. The author shows the activity of particular priests in this parish for the Polish people and their contribution to the work of preservation of Polish national identity.

Analysis of chronical notes of Rev. Andrzej Witulski, priest of the parish Wójcin in the Wieluń district during the first World War is a subject of the next article. This parish was bordered the Prussian State and the parish priest hoped that the beginning of war would mark the final withdrawal of the hated Russians from the administration of the Kingdom of Poland. It would lead to the establishment of independent Poland thanks to the help of German and Austro-Hungarian troops that were supposed to drive the Moskals to the Far East.

The problem of activation and education of Evangelical youth in the interwar period in Poland presents the next article, which detailed describes the main areas of the activity of the association „The Union of Polish Evangelical Youth of the Silesian Voivodeship”. The author talks about conditions of the creation and development of the Association, taking into account the scope of its patriotic-religious, cultural-educational and social influence, preparing young people to perform important religious, social-educational and national duties in their environment.

The last article is dedicated to the martyr of the Second World War and candidate to the glory of altars – rev. Antoni Korczok (1891–1941). On the occasion of the passing last year of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom, the author presents the person of the pre-war parish priest from Gliwice-Sońnica, trying to solve the complexities of his life story, especially on the question of his alleged political involvement and his activity on behalf of the Polish-speaking pastoral ministry in the pre-war German Upper Silesia.

The rubric *Reviews – Materials – Reports* contains two papers. The first of them is a review of the book published in English in Germany on the Catholic Church in Lower Silesia in the years 1945–1974. The reviewer reflects if the by the authors – mainly connected with the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław – described events in the postwar history of the Wrocław Church will arouse interest in a local circles, soothing promoted by their predecessors stigma of „prewar sentiments and postwar harms”. The last paper of the presenting issue of „Theological-Historical Studies of Opole Silesia” is a report on the activity of the Diocesan Institute of the Church Music in Opole in the school year 2020/2021.

