

Editorial

The second edition of “Theological-Historical Studies of Opole Silesia” for 2016 contains articles from the areas of theology, history and pedagogy, philosophy and from the area of the sciences of culture. The present articles are the result of research conducted by authors from different academic centres in Poland and in abroad.

The first theological paper focuses on an analysis of the teaching and ways of hold of maintaining the mission set out by Pope Francis. The author demonstrates the main new elements of leadership, which marks the teaching and the resolutions set out in the work of the Pope from Argentina. The next paper presents models of fundamental theology which were developed by examining the relations between theology and hard sciences. The next two articles are ethics and moral theology articles. The first of them analyses the newest documents of the Pontifical Bible Commission and presents the biblical foundations of the Catholic moral theology. The second article concerns the necessity of the change of the paradigm in re-socialisation; the author demands more attention to the ethical aspects of this process.

The history articles in this edition are papers which focus on the history of the Middle Ages and the history of the last century. The first of them concerns the dynastic politic of King Béla IV from Hungary in the thirteenth century. The next paper is dedicated to the history of the retreat house of the Polish Bishops Conference in Zakopane from its foundation in 1910 to the year 1945. The next article presents the history of the Franciscan curacy of Heart of Jesus in Gliwice in the years 1925–1945. The next two texts concern the life and attitudes of the Catholic clergy. The firs of them shows the life, the incarceration in the concentration camp of Dachau and the death of reverend Franciszek Reinhold Nawrot. The next paper concerns the attitudes of the Catholic clergy towards the Communist system in the Voivodship of Opole in the years 1950–1956.

The next three papers concern research conducted in the sciences but connected to theology. The first of them is concerned with pedagogy and shows the theoretical assumptions of the problem of activation of scholars during the lessons “educa-

tion for the life in the family” in Polish schools. The subject of the next text from philosophy is the question about relativizing the category of rationality by coincidence. The last article is interdisciplinary and presents the personality of Merian C. Cooper and the background of the events of his life and discusses the problem of the Polish-American borderland.

The column *Reviews – Materials – Reports* concerns two academic opinions of the theological publications and two reports. The first review concerns two volumes of *The General pastoral theology* by Franciszek Blachnicki and the second review is about the publication of the cult of the image of Merciful Jesus in the national sanctuary in Stockbridge in the U.S. The reports at the end of this issue concern the conference on the migration crisis in Europe organized by the Association of Moral Theologians and the activity of the Diocese Institute of Church Music in Opole in the academic year of 2015/2016.