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## From the Editor

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All Jubilees are characterized by the fact that they are an occasion for celebration, an opportunity to reflect on the past period of time. However, a Jubilee should not become just a cause to celebrate, which leaves behind only recordings in the archives, neither should it be just a time of writing congratulatory scrolls and building monuments of gratitude. It should rather provoke to bold questions about the present and the future. Asking questions in fact, is our expression of some ignorance, but it is also eagerness to find answers to our worries, to what bothers and haunts us. As Prof. Helmut Juros SDS wrote: „rationality and human dignity lies also in the fact that a person is able to ask reasonable questions. But they fall in spiritual misery and existential drama, when they do not feel the need to ask questions or when they are not able to formulate a meaningful question“.

Celebrated in 2013 Jubilee of the 60th anniversary of founding the Salvatorian Major Seminary in Bagno near Wrocław has become an inspiration to undertake within the framework of this volume of „Studia Salvatoriana Polonica” both historical topics, and research on the formation and ministry of priests in the context of current challenges. Fr. M. Piela SDS discusses preparing for the priesthood in the history of the Catholic Church, with particular reference to the Decree of the Council of Trent *Cum adolescentium aetas* about the obligation to create seminaries. Fr. I. Kielbasa SDS focuses on the history of the past 60 years of the Salvatorian Major Seminary in Bagno. The historical perspective, taking also into account the present can be found in the article of Fr. J. Bednarz SDS on the transformation from a Salvatorian Major Seminary to the Jordan University College led by Salvatorians in Marogoro, Tanzania. In this thematic block we can find articles looking for answers to the challenges of the modern world. I mean, among other things, the issue of vocations (Fr. S. Soczyński SDS), adequate to the needs of priestly formation (Fr. A. Radecki and Fr. K. Wons SDS), the ecclesial obedience (Fr. R. Słupek SDS), the

cooperation between clergy and laity (Fr. M. Chwaścianek SDS) and crises of the priesthood (Fr. B. Szpakowski SAC). To complement these reflections there appear articles devoted to the image of a priest in the works of Roman Brandstaetter (E. Bednarczyk-Stefaniak) and Christianity, the Church and the priesthood in the thought of Leszek Kołakowski (Fr. R. Masarczyk SDS).

The issues related to the land of Lower Silesia are discussed by s. O. Konopka SMCB in her presentation of artistic work of Bruno Tschötschel, called Silesian Wit Stwosz of the 20th century. The third part includes articles that are not linked thematically, but draw out important issues. There is then the first article dedicated to the Servant of God, Fr. Józef Czesław Chryzostom Małyśiak SDS, who was the initiator and propagator of closed retreats for all walks of life in Poland (Fr. J. Wawrzyniak SDS). Following it are reflections on the missionary activity of the Church (Fr. M. Stanek SDS) and the preferential option for the poor as a sign of the credibility of the Church (Fr. B. Giemza SDS). The whole ends with comments concerning overcoming evil in Mikhail Bulgakov's novel *Master and Margarita* (Fr. R. Nęcek, A. Zięba) and analysis of Jan from Słupca's comment on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* (Fr. M. Socała SDS).

The whole of the present volume is complete with reviews, reports on the scientific and didactic activities of WSD in the academic year 2012/2013, a report from the Biblical Spirituality Days, which took place in 2012 in the Spiritual Formation Centre in Kraków and selected bibliography of Salvatorians for the year 2012.

The Second Vatican Council in the Decree on priestly formation calls a seminary „the heart of a diocese“. Let me dedicate this volume of our *Studia* to all those who over the past 60 years have contributed to the development and decided the fate of the Salvatorian Major Seminary in Bagno, which is at the heart of the Polish Province of Salvatorians. I think about the professors and lecturers, the educators and faculty members, administrative and support personnel, as well as the students. The graduates of this University have been working in Poland and many European countries (Albania, Belarus, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Russia, Scotland), Africa (Tanzania), Asia (the Philippines) in both the Americas (USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil) and Australia.

Words of appreciation and thanks are due to the individuals, Church and social institutions, who helped the Salvatorian heart and the small town – Bagno – become an important meeting place of religious, cultural and social character, on the map of Trzebnica-Oborniki region and in Lower Silesia. A separate mention is due to the fact of affiliation of WSD in Bagno to the

Pontifical Theological Faculty in Wrocław, completed successfully on February 18, 1993. The authorities of the University – past and present – deserve special words of gratitude.

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