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The Church performing Her mission does not work in a vacuum, but She carries out Her tasks in certain socio-cultural conditions. The faith cannot be reduced to rituals and sentimentality, but it must have a social dimension. It was put very aptly by the Pope John Paul II, who, addressing priests and religious on 20 October 1985 in Cagliari, Sardinia, noted in his speech the interdependence of evangelization, theology and contemporary culture. The Pope said: „There is a need for the enlightened ecclesiastical culture, deep theological and pastoral competence, prudent sensitivity to today’s society and, at the same time, the absolute trust in Him who chose us, so that we bear witness to the revealed Truth and bestow grace”.

In this line, we invite you to read articles by the Most Rev. Andrzej Dziuba, Fr. Waldemar Irek, Fr. Krzysztof Pawlina and Anetta Ocytko. Bp Dziuba in his deliberations addresses the issue of the civilization of love, so clearly present in the teaching of John Paul II. Next, Fr. Irek refers to 120 anniversary of the announcement by Pope Leo XIII of the important social encyclical *Rerum novarum* (15/05/1891) and discusses the current issue of the Catholic social teaching as an essential instrument of evangelization. Fr. Pawlina, basing his reflection on sociological studies, shows turbulence associated with the traditional family model including the problems of youth. He emphasizes in this context, the importance of educating young people in the realism of life and decision-making skills. The article of A. Ocytko seems to be complementary to the one just mentioned. Based on the documents of the Church it emphasizes the importance of catechesis in the teaching of faith. It cites, among others, the teaching of Benedict XVI, who said that education in faith must rely primarily on the development of what is good in man.

„Motherland is the land and graves. Nations, losing memory, lose their lives”. Such an inscription, attributed to a French Marshall, Ferdinand Foch, can be seen on the cemetery gate, designed by Stanislaw Witkiewicz at Peksow

Brzyzek in Zakopane. Mindful of this warning, we recall in the current volume those who died in 2010: Aleksandra Natalli-Świat (10/04/2010) who died tragically at Smoleńsk and two outstanding Salvatorians: Fr. Professor Antoni Kielbasa (15/07/2010) and Fr. Professor Tadeusz Styczeń (14/10/2010). Fr. Bogdan Giemza SDS discusses relationships of A. Natalli-Świat with the land of Trzebnica and Oborniki, where she was born, spent her childhood and youth and remained faithful to these early ties for life. The article written by Fr. Michał Pielą is devoted to Fr. A. Kielbasa who was bound with various ties to Lower Silesia and the Church in Wrocław Archdiocese as a master and educator. Then Fr. Piotr Ślęczka SDS, without trying to flatter Fr. T. Styczeń, discusses the development of essential theses of meta-ethics in his teaching.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry wrote in 1943 from the front in Algeria: „actually there is only one problem, the biggest problem in the world: to give life its meaning again. In the long run, you cannot live just on what is in refrigerators, on what the politics brings, the balance of solving crossword puzzles. It is impossible”. The past months have been full not only of the sad time of farewells and separations, but also brought the glad tidings. One such event for the universal Church was the information of 14 January 2011. On that day Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree on the recognition of a miracle through the intercession of the Servant of God John Paul II, whose beatification took place on 1 May in Rome. In addition to the decree Benedict XVI approved on that date the decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints concerning 12 more servants of God, including Fr. Francis Jordan. The significance of the proclamation of the heroic virtues of the founder of the Society of the Divine Saviour is discussed by Fr. Szczepan Praškiewicz OCD.

The set of articles closes with the reflection by Fr. Ambroży Skorupa SDS devoted to the qualifications required of candidates for the priesthood, and Fr. Hubert Ordon's SDS about † Fr. Jan Gerard Drozd SDS as a biblical scholar and Polish philologist.

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Grateful to the Authors, the Reviewers and all the persons and institutions, thanks to which „Studia Salvatoriana Polonica” may be published and take scientific shape, I encourage our Readers to reach for the next volume, and invite them to reading. I will also be grateful for the comments which will help the editors in the further creative development of the journal.

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