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On the eve of the 4th National Mission Congress in Warsaw: *The Joy of the Gospel – the Source of Missionary Zeal*, we are happy to present the 137th issue of the “Nurt SVD”. It opens with the article of B. Łysik about Pope Francis’ approach to missions. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* he calls for a renewal of the Church by entering into a permanent “state of mission (...) capable of transforming everything” (25-27).

Rejuvenated missionary awareness of the Catholic Church breathed new life into research on the missionary dimension of the Orthodox Churches. Since the history and doctrine of the Orthodox Church has always been a bit of a challenge to Polish theologians, this is a much needed and promising development. With this in view we publish two articles by K. Pawełczyk-Dura on the Orthodox Church operating in the beginning of the 20th century in two directly opposed geopolitical settings: Russia and North America.

Discourse between Catholics and Anglicans on the issue of authority is another interesting theme in the Christian ecumenism. The latter have never actually denied the special role of Peter in the Church; they only rejected the concrete papacy at the specific point in history. Anglican Church today is no longer opposed to the institution of primacy, and is seen as a *via media* between Catholicism and Protestantism. The article by J. Radkiewicz presents history of the dialogue between Catholicism and Anglicanism, with the emphasis on the latter relationship with the institution of the papacy.

The next article treats about a debate in the Sub-Saharan Africa on the valid matter for the Eucharist. P. Pietrusiak, after an overview of the classical premises of the theology of inculturation, examines African ways of expressing faith in Christ. Catholic theology, with its Tradition, ecclesiology and liturgy, tries to find its place in the cultural, economic and political fabric of African societies. The present debate, which flows from the African branch of the liberation theology and the ideology of decolonisation, can make a positive contribution to the theological maturity of the African Catholic Church.

The closing article by M. Werka presents the results of the author’s research among the inhabitants of Warsaw on their tolerance towards sacred objects in public places.

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