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I hereby invite you to read the second issue of "Nurt SVD," 2013.

The first scene of the 134th issue of our semi-annual is dedicated to the *theology of missions*. It appears that the Second Vatican Council "has not uttered its final word yet." Our authors – missiology specialists carry out an analysis of selected local churches initiatives, undertaken in the Council's spirit: a dialogue with African tradition and its religions (K. Szymczycha) and new pastoral practices in the Brazilian Amazon (K.H. Arenz). A groundbreaking Council for the missionary thought – in the *Ad gentes* Decree – consistently combines two fundamental objectives of missions: the preaching of the Gospel (the Münster school paradigm) and the establishment of the church (the Leuven school model). A remarkable in the Council years missiology dilemma echoes also in the contemporary missiology experts' reflection (B. Łysik). Staying in the realm of the Council's decisions, the challenges addressed to the laity in the *Apostolicam actuositatem* Decree appear to be still alive – bearing in mind the global renewal of the Church (J. Yurko).

The second scene of this issue is booked for the *history of mission* buffs. I wish to draw particular attention to the article that analyses the role of Christianity in the youngest country of the world: the South Sudan. Christianity is the religion of native status there, because it goes back as far as to the 1st century BC. Meanwhile, the geo-ethnic, economic, political, religious and social relationships remain particularly troubling in this part of Africa (K. Dudek).

In the third scene we offer articles on *religion and culture*. A particularly revealing character – for Polish readers – a text devoted to the cultural integration of the Palestinian minority in Poland (I. Schabieńska). – How important is it for an immigrant to preserve their cultural identity? – What factors affect this and what value for a migrant is it to maintain contacts with members of the dominant group, in this case with the Poles? These are the questions that lead the author to surprising conclusions. Getting to know the Palestinians living in Poland, we discover an unknown side of Poland.

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