

FROM EDITORS

This new, special issue of the *Roczniki Teologiczne/Annals of Theology* contains articles written by theologians who create the environment of the Institute of Theological Studies of the Immaculate Mary in Grodek in the Ukrainian Podolia. The prepared issue is not only a presentation of scholarly research. It is a manifestation of the perseverance, commitment and steadfastness of theologians who see the significance of their work in a country affected by the violence of war.

The university in Grodek, in carrying out its mission, aims not only to transmit knowledge. Based on the intellectual component, it wants to integrate society, developing its spirituality based on the Christian cultural heritage. Over the course of almost thirty years of its existence, the Institute has graduated several hundred students who are now working, among others, in education, journalism and family counseling. Thanks to this, the labor market has received competent theologians who also have interesting competences in the field of ethics, anthropology and communication. The listed properties are gaining significance for the unification of society in the face of the axiological chaos after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Today, the university accompanies society immersed in an existential catastrophe – war. It organizes workshops and retreats for people directly involved in military operations, for example, for chaplains and psychologists. It also helps, through courses on returning to a state of emotional balance, people affected by cruelty and violence on the part of the invaders. Moreover, it is already preparing for its mission in post-war Ukraine, plagued by the escalating dimension of social problems.