

osiem błogosławieństw prowadzi do lepszego zrozumienia ich znaczenia. Wreszcie, Marek Jagodziński, w tekście „Szanse Kościoła w obliczu kryzysu według Michaela N. Ebertza” gruntownie przedstawił koncepcję wspomnianego autora, uznanego niemieckiego socjologa i teologa, który określił najważniejsze społeczne oraz kulturowe wyzwania stojące przed Kościołem katolickim i zbadał szanse dostarczane przez socjologię religii.

Ten artykuł był ostatnim wkładem jego autora do „Roczników Teologicznych”. 21 kwietnia 2025 roku, kiedy ten zeszyt był w trakcie przygotowania, Marek Jagodziński nieoczekiwanie odszedł. Jego imponujące osiągnięcia, obejmujące przede wszystkim teologię *communio*, dopiero oczekują właściwego podsumowania. Wiele z jego teologicznych badań i refleksji zostało przedstawione na stronach „Roczników Teologicznych”. Trzynaście artykułów, które opublikował, dotyczyło głównie różnych ujęć interpretacyjnych teologii komunijnej: trynitologii, sakramentologii, pneumatologii, antropologii, eklezjologii i mariologii. Złożone razem, tworzą oryginalne, wnikliwe i znaczące dzieło teologiczne, które z pewnością będzie wydawać owoce w przyszłej myśli teologicznej.

Jako członkowie Komitetu Redakcyjnego zdecydowaliśmy, że zeszyt ten powinien upamiętnić ks. Marka Jagodzińskiego. Jest to pierwszy, ale z pewnością nie ostatni wyraz wdzięczności i czci wyrażanej jemu i jego teologicznemu dziełu.

FROM THE EDITORS

THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY. IN HONOR OF REV. PROF. MAREK JAGODZIŃSKI

The first issue of the *Annals of Theology* in 2025 contains five articles referring to the problems stemming from a rich and vast sphere of Christian theology and spirituality.

Jozef Krupa, in the paper entitled “The Participation of Unintelligent Creation in Redemption after the Parousia According to Post-Conciliar Theology,” considers the Catholic teaching on God’s plan for unintelligent creation after Christ’s second coming. He refers to the two traditions: the older, which held that all unintelligent creation will ultimately disappear, and the more recent, adopted by the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which maintains that all creation will be transformed. Jan Miczyński, in his article

entitled “Tritarian Mysticism in Autobiographical Writings of Blessed Marcelina Darowska (1827–1911)” comprehensively examines the theological thought of this Catholic Nun and points out that the originality of her Trinitarian mysticism lies in the strong emphasis put on moral conversion, both individual and social, of all nations of the world. In addition, Miczyński showcases the connections between her mysticism and Dominican, Rhineland, Ignatian and Carmelite mystical traditions as well as the most significant trends of 19th-century piety.

The spiritual legacy of Blessed Marcelina Darowska is also a subject of the paper by Adam Rybicki, “Theological dimension of suffering in the ‘Notatki duchowe’ by Blessed Marcelina Darowska (1827–1911).” The author thoroughly considers Darowska’s understanding of spiritual suffering by distinguishing the sources of this understanding, indicating its Christological nature, and demonstrating suffering’s spiritual fruits described by the Polish Mystic. The article “‘Christ’s Self-portrait.’ Beatitudes (Mt 5:3.4.6) in the Christophany Function” by Rafał Kraśnicki examines the fundamental theology perspective of the Eight Beatitudes. The author, interestingly and insightfully, argues that Jesus, when uttering his beatitudes, was revealing his divine nature. Kraśnicki holds that a new look at the Eight Beatitudes leads to a deeper understanding of their meaning. Finally, Marek Jagodziński, in the article “Church Chances in the Face of a Crisis According to Michael N. Ebertz,” profoundly presented the concepts by Michael Ebertz, a prominent German sociologist and theologian, who defines the most significant social and cultural challenges for the Catholic Church and explores the chances provided by sociology of religion.

This article was the last contribution by its author to the *Annals of Theology*. Rev. Prof. Marek Jagodziński unexpectedly passed away on 21st April 2025, just when this issue was being prepared. His impressive theological achievements, encompassing mainly the *communio* theology, await an appropriate summary. Much of his theological reflection and research was presented on the pages of the *Annals of Theology*. The thirteen articles he published referred mainly to different angles of the interpretation of the theology of *communio*: Trinitology, Sacramentology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Ecclesiology and Mariology. When stacked together, they create an original, insightful and important theological masterpiece that certainly will bear fruit in future theological thought.

As the members of the editorial board of the *Annals of Theology*, we decided that this issue should commemorate Rev. Professor Marek Jagodziński. This is the first, but certainly not the only, expression of gratitude and honor we give to Him and His respectable theological work.