

FROM THE EDITORS

THEOLOGY IN SEARCH OF ITS SOURCES

“Theology in Search of its Sources” is the title of the first issue of the “Annals of Theology” for 2026. It comprises five articles discussing various selected factors contributing to the contemporary state of Christianity, the Church and theology. Sylwester Jaśkiewicz, in his article entitled “St Augustine’s Approach to the Nicene Homooúsios,” presents an interpretation of the Christological section of the Nicene Creed as understood by the Bishop of Hippo, through an analysis of St Augustine’s approach to the term *homooúsios* contained in the Nicene Creed of 325. Dawid Makowski, in a text entitled “An Attempt to Show the Rise and Early Formation of the Hierarchy of the Lower Clergy in the Church between the 2nd and 3rd Centuries,” undertakes to outline the historical process of the emergence of the five offices comprising the lower clerical hierarchy in the early Church. Paweł Piotrowski, in an article entitled “Between Norm and Message: Justice in *Tractatus VII* of Ludwik Babenstuber OSB as a Model of Social Communication in the Eighteenth Century” discusses the 18th-century work of the eminent German Thomist, arguing that it can be interpreted as a model of normative social communication that remains relevant and inspiring to this day. Andrzej Anderwald, in his text entitled “Theologie vor dem Anspruch der Technik” [“Theology in the Face of the Claims of Technology”], drawing on the teachings of John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, considers the consequences of technological progress for theological anthropology, emphasising the challenges that technology poses to theological reflection. Bogusław Jaworski, in his essay entitled “The State of Doxology (κατάσταση δοξολογίας) According to St Paisios the Hagiorite,” analyses the teachings of St Paisios the Athonite (1924–1994), published in Volume VI of his works (*On Prayer*), and introduces the centuries-old tradition of the *Starets*’ teachings, regarded as experienced spiritual guides, which is characteristic of the Christian East.

The issue thus presents topics that demonstrate the richness of the sources of theological reflection and their diversity from historical, denominational and thematic perspectives. The “sources” referred to in the title point, above all, to the inspirations drawn upon by theology as it strives to fulfil its function of responding to the signs of the times.