

## SUMMARY

The present volume of the "Ethos" is entitled "For the Solidarity of the Family of European Nations" and it includes the proceedings of two complementary sessions held by the Institute of John Paul II at the Catholic University of Lublin in the year 2001.

The text *F r o m t h e E d i t o r s* expresses the view that the principle of solidarity is a characteristic feature of the European spirit. In the extensive extracts from his address delivered at the Brandenburg Gate, John Paul II communicates the message for Europe, which is one of freedom, responsibility, solidarity and social love.

The proceedings of the symposium *F o r t h e S o l i d a r i t y o f t h e F a m i l y o f E u r o p e a n N a t i o n s*, which was held at the Catholic University of Lublin and at the Lublin Castle on the 20th anniversary of the attempted assassination of John Paul II, and which supplied the title for the entire volume, open with a block of texts devoted to the ceremony of conferring the title of Doctor *honoris causa* on Bp. Stanisław Dziwisz. The block includes a letter of the Director of the John Paul II Institute at the Catholic University of Lublin to the Rector of the Catholic University of Lublin concerning the doctorate in question, Fr. Stanisław Nagy's laudation, as well as Bp. S. Dziwisz's lecture, a deeply moving testimony to the events of 13th May 1981.

The fact of the attempted assassination of John Paul II, who declares himself as the "Pope of Life," was the reason why the central question of the symposium was one concerning the proper attitude to the life of the weakest human being. The approach to this question manifests the measure of interhuman solidarity. This problem is considered in the introduction to the Symposium by Tadeusz Styczeń, SDS, Stanisław Majdański and Cezary Ritter. Bp. Egon Kapellari, the representative of the Austrian Episcopate in the COMECE (Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community), presents in turn the social, moral and religious aspects of the enlargement of the European Union. His address is supplemented by the Round Table Discussion. The problem of the spiritual unity of Europe is considered by Abp. Henryk Muszyński, Card. Marian Jaworski, Fr. Stefan Batruch and Manuel Herder. The historical aspect of the unity of Europe is in turn discussed by Jerzy Kłoczowski, Alphons Horten and Natalya Gorbanevskaya, while Abp. Kazimierz Majdański and Maciej Bednarkiewicz refer in their addresses to the question of the fundamental value of human life and to its present menaces. Andrzej Zoll in turn presents an evaluation of some axiologically significant articles of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights. An additional contribution to the session was made by Cezary Ritter in a presentation of John Paul II's vision of the moral unity of Europe. The proceedings conclude with Fr. Tadeusz Styczeń's recapitulation of the session, in which he describes Europe as a family of nations which respects the right to life belonging to each and every one of its citizens. The address by Fr. Styczeń is followed by the homily delivered by Card. Franciszek Macharski during the Holy

Mass celebrated in the historical Chapel of the Holy Trinity at the Lublin Castle, and by a selection of John Paul II's texts devoted to the spiritual unity of Europe.

The second symposium whose proceedings are included in the present volume of the "Ethos" was organized jointly by the Chairperson of the Lublin City Council and the John Paul II Institute at the Catholic University of Lublin on 16th October 2001. Its title was *The Primacy of Truth Over Power*, while its patrons were St. Thomas More (Patron of Statesmen and Politicians) and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Servant of God. The morning session was held at the historical Crown Tribunal in the form of a Round Table Debate on the moral foundation of power and on the pursuit - in the present situation - of the border (*Non possumus!*) which no power can violate. The participants in the debate were philosophers (Tadeusz Styczeń, SDS, Wojciech Chudy, Mieczysław A. Krąpiec, OP, Andrzej Szostek, MIC), lawyers (Alicja Grześkowiak, Andrzej Zoll, Wojciech Łączkowski) as well as a historian (Tomasz Strzembosz) and a medical doctor (Jerzy Umiastowski). The addresses delivered in the debate were commented upon by representatives of the local government, invited to the session by Helena Pietraszkiewicz, Chairperson of the Lublin City Council. An additional contribution to the discussion was made by Paweł Kawalec in an address on the logical presuppositions of the *non possumus*.

The lectures read during the afternoon session referred to the general topic of *Truth - Conscience - Power*. Andrzej Szostek, MIC, outlined a moral-political profile of St. Thomas More, while Wiesław Chrzanowski devoted his address to the description of Card. Stefan Wyszyński as a Statesman. Rocco Buttiglione spoke in turn about the need to return to the principle of *Plus ratio quam vis* in politics on the threshold of a new century. The proceedings of the symposium are complemented by a selection of texts by Thomas More and Card. Stefan Wyszyński and by the Apostolic Letter Issued *motu proprio* Proclaiming Saint Thomas More Patron of Statesmen and Politicians.

The succeeding section *Everyday Questions of Antigone* has been dedicated to Fr. Tadeusz Styczeń by his collaborators on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The section opens with a letter by John Paul II, Fr. Styczeń's Master in the Chair of Ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin, written specially on this occasion. The profile and research output of Fr. Styczeń has been extensively presented by Wojciech Chudy, while Cezary Ritter reports on the Jubilee Session held at the Catholic University of Lublin on 15th December 2001, and announces the appearance in print of the book entitled *Codziennie pytania Antygony* [Everyday Questions of Antigone], dedicated to Fr. Styczeń. The section concludes with a letter to Fr. Tadeusz Styczeń written by Professor Emeritus Josef Ziegler, nestor of German moral theologians.

The standing column *Thinking about the Fatherland* includes Rosary Reflections by Jerzy Umiastowski, "Solidarity" activist, who was imprisoned after the martial law had been declared in Poland in 1981.

The section *Notes and Reviews* opens with a review by Jarosław Kupczak, OP, of T. Ślipko's *Kara śmierci z teologicznego i filozoficznego punktu widzenia* [Death Penalty in the Theological and Philosophical Aspect]. Piotr Ślęczka, SDS, writes about J. Maritain's *Dziewięć wykładów o podstawowych pojęciach filozofii moralnej* [Nine Lectures on the Basic Notions of Moral Philosophy], Paweł Kawalec discusses R. Chisholm's *Ethics and Intrinsic Values*, Dorota Chabrajska reviews J. Merecki's, SDS, *Spór o prawo naturalne. Analiza argumentacji etycznej Josefa Fuchsa* [The Controversy Over Natural Law. An Analysis of Josef Fuchs' Moral Argument], while Adam Rodziński presents K. Lanckorońska's *Wspomnienia wojenne* [Memoirs from the War-Time]. The section concludes with the *Proposals of the "Ethos"*.

In the section devoted to *Reports* Fr. Krzysztof Mikołajczuk writes about an international conference *Unitas in varietate*, held at the Catholic University of Lublin on the occasion of the presentation of the Polish edition of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, stressing

that Christianity in Europe should breathe with “two lungs,” with the eastern one as well as with the western one. While reporting on a lecture given by L. M. Krążyński, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Houston, Dariusz Skórczewski writes about how the Polish experience of the second world war can be conveyed in the United States. Andrzej Pryba, MSF, writes in turn about a meeting of diocesan chaplains dealing with pastoral care centred on the family and diocesan advisers on family life which was held in Jasna Góra. Katarzyna Kałduś reports on the premiere showing of A. Mickiewicz’s *Dziady* [Forefathers’ Eve] and on the session following it, held in the J. Osterwa Theatre in Lublin.

The section *The Pontificate in the Eyes of the World* includes Fr. Marcin Brzeziński description of the changes in the style of presentation of John Paul II’s pilgrimages to his homeland, as these changes can be observed in Polish press.

In the section *Through the Prism of the Ethos* Mirosława Chuda speaks to Fr. Romuald Biniak, Director of the J. Popiełuszko Hospice in Bydgoszcz.

The concluding part of the volume comprises the *Calendar* of the twenty third year of John Paul II’s pontificate (by Beata Bogusz), an annotated *Bibliography* of John Paul II’s addresses on Europe (by Maria Filipiak and Cezary Ritter) and *Notes about the Authors*.