EDITOR'S PREFACE

This January issue of the sixth volume of LANDAS offers the reader articles on a variety of important and interesting subjects. Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo’s article presents valuable insights on the social teachings of the Church for the formation of future priests. He suggests an analysis based on the model of a “pastoral spiral” which starts with examining reality and then, in the light of the Gospel, moving to reflection and discernment in faith which can lead to efficient planning and action. The pastoral spiral approach helps the growth of a mature social conscience needed for pastoral leadership.

Timoteo M. Ofrași’s “The Baptistry and the Baptismal Font” studies baptismal symbols and images in archeology and in the writings of the Western Fathers and Western liturgical texts. This is a summary of the author’s doctoral thesis at the Pontifical Athenæum of St. Anselm in Rome.

An erudite and interesting answer to the perennial question on “The Time of the ‘Anticipated’ Sunday Mass” is presented by Adolfo N. Dacanay as an introductory comment on Canon 1248.

In a challenging article, Jose Mario C. Francisco presents “An Introductory Map of Narrative Theology,” describing its positive and negative aspects, as well as its importance as a category in theology; he acknowledges both the enlightening concerns as well as the darkened edges of narrative theology at its present stage.

Delving into the documents of Vatican II, Jose Mario B. Maximiano discusses “Christian Cosmology in ‘Gaudium et
Spes'," with reflections on the history of the final stand of the Council Fathers, intertwining philosophical concepts and theological data, singling out John XXIII's statement: "The Church is now called upon to take the perennial, vital divine power of the Gospel and inject it into the veins of the human society of today."

In a review article entitled "Halifax Lectures: Plus and Minus," Vicente Marasigan describes events prior to the 1990 publication of Lonergan's lectures about *Insight* given at Halifax in 1958. Omitted from the lectures are important portions bearing on the theologians' role of integration vis-a-vis the natural sciences.

A scientist with solid theological background writes on "Time, Modern Physics and Theology." Daniel J. McNamara treats some aspects of the problems of time to illustrate the evidence of the dialogue possible between modern physics and theology — a field in which he is particularly qualified.

In his Note on "Renewing College Theology Programs," Joseph L. Roche makes a proposal for the most needed updating and renewal of programs in College Theology, attuned in this respect to the directives issued and expectations created by the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (1991), centering the program on three particular emphases: Christ-centeredness, social consciousness and grounding in Catholic tradition.

A Note by Ralph B. Gehring on the Library of Loyola School of Theology and another by Vicente Marasigan on Geopolitics and Religiosity complete this first LANDAS issue for 1992.

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