The July issue of Landas offers commentaries and reflections on four aspects of the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines whose Decrees were solemnly promulgated on July 22, 1992. Each article is written by a specialist in his own field. Further articles on the Plenary Council will appear in successive issues.

"Spirituality in PCP II: Integrated, Scripture-based, Communitarian" by Thomas H. Green opens the series. He presents a clear view of what authentic spirituality for all Filipino Catholics should be as gleaned from the Council's text and context.

Joseph L. Roche writes on "Catechesis/Religious Education in the Spirit of PCP II," proving that the Council has made catechesis/RE the number one priority for re-evangelization focusing on its primary needs. The whole community must get involved in this endeavor.

"Teaching Moral Theology According to the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines" is Gerald W. Healy's contribution. With abundant quotes from the Conciliar Document and the Council's Decrees, he shows the need of placing a strong emphasis on social transformation.

Pedro S. de Achútegui's article deals with "Ecumenism in the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines." He brings out the fact that the Council's explicit ecumenical output is rather timid, but he argues that the implicit ecumenical elements found in the Conciliar Document warrant a more vigorous ecumenical stand.

Eschatology is in search of a new framework that can better promote an orthopraxis of hope in the technological culture of today. In "Framework for Eschaton," Vicente Marasigan con-
structures such a framework from meanings derived from modern writers as a scaffolding for meanings that are not only cognitive but also efficient, constitutive, and communicative.

With integrated reflections on creation and theology, Trinity and creation, Creator-creation relationship, and creation and the Church, Peter W. Walpole offers “A Comprehensive Synthesis Focused on Creation” as a solid basis to what may be called “ecological theology.”

The Notes and Comments section carries an article on “AIDS: Theological and Pastoral Perspectives in a Philippine Context” by Vitaliano R. Gorospe. Echoing the first CBCP-CARITAS National Orientation on AIDS held in Manila, the author presents the answers to the main questions raised by the new epidemic.

“Filipinization of the Religious Orders” is the title of John N. Schumacher’s review article of Rolando de la Rosa’s book, Beginnings of the Filipino Dominicans. Schumacher considers the book an important contribution not only to the history of the Dominican Order but of the Philippine Church as a whole, with some reservations on the chapters on the twentieth century.

Finally in the section Texts and Documents, James H. Kroeger presents in his “Encountering the World of Dialogue” a comprehensive review of twenty titles found in the Orbis Books series, “Faith Meets Faith.” The series represents a panorama of viewpoints on the topic of interfaith dialogue.

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