

EDITOR'S PREFACE

LANDAS presents an all-Jesuit issue in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the return of the Jesuits to the Philippines after the suppression of the Society of Jesus. As can be expected with things Jesuit, the issue shows a diversity of areas and topics.

Two essays deal with the teaching and transmission of Christian Faith. Enrico Eusebio's piece mines the Vatican II document on bishops, *Christus Dominus*, for its view on their role in catechetics. It underscores the central responsibility of the local ordinary for catechesis as well as the primary aim of such catechesis as maturity in faith.

The essay of Joseph Roche investigates what practical theology could contribute to religious and theological education. It distinguishes practical theology from what was earlier referred to as pastoral theology, and proceeds to show how the aims and methodologies of passing on the Faith could be enhanced by the perspective of practical theology.

The other major essays share the topic of leadership. Karel San Juan's reflects on the meaning of the often-used phrase "the grace of office" and relates it to the leader's invitation to self-transcendence. My essay compares two influential religious leaders, Archbishop Cardinal Kim of Seoul and Archbishop Cardinal Sin of Manila. Their leadership at the time of political repression and their contribution to democratization are linked to their socio-cultural contexts and their own personal concerns.

This issue's Documentation section spotlights two outstanding Jesuits. The letters of the late Fr. Arthur Shea, longtime missionary and maverick of Mindanao, are annotated by Jesuit sociologist John J. Carroll. Fr. Catalino G. Arevalo, S.J., recently recognized by the 9th Plenary Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), is rightly described by James Kroeger, M.M. as the "FABC's Premier Theologian."

The last books of two great Jesuit intellectuals who have passed away—Avery Dulles and Francisco Claver—are reviewed.

May this all-Jesuit issue reflect the diversity characteristic of the last one-hundred fifty years of Jesuit ministry in the Philippines.