

FROM THE EDITOR

A NOTE ON THE INAUGURAL ISSUE

Thank you for reading the first issue of the *Journal of Moral Theology*. It has been years in the making. Along with many hours and countless details, the main components in the formation of the journal and this first issue have been collaboration and trust. I hope this process helps to set a tone for the future of the journal. The journal fills an obvious niche, indicated by the title, but it was conceived with a particular vision about the practice of moral theology which I have elaborated in an extended introductory essay.

This first issue of the journal is organized around the theme of “formative figures,” and was conceived and brought to completion by David Cloutier and William C. Mattison III. They know their stuff (as the saying goes), but it is their ability to argue, work together, and resolve problems that has been most impressive. Special thanks are due to James F. Keenan, S.J., Craig Steven Titus, David Hollenbach, S.J., Lisa Sowle Cahill, John Grabowski, and Jana Marguerite Bennett. They have written on faith for a journal that did not yet exist and have produced an issue that gives the JMT an auspicious beginning. The managing editor for this issue has been Joshua Hochschild, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Mount St. Mary’s University. Fawn O’Hara of the Mount’s publication office designed our cover, and Fr. Elias Yelovich of the Mount’s library faculty assisted with online access. I thank them all for their good work.

The editorial board has outlined the following plan for the JMT. The journal is semiannual, with January and June issues. The first six issues (three years) will be organized by topic. They will be constituted primarily by articles that have been requested from specific authors. The purpose of this editorial approach is to give the journal a good push at the start or to prime the pump, as it were. After the first three years, we hope to plan topical issues for each year in January and general issues (i.e., not a specific topic) for each year in June. We are receiving submissions for a topical issue planned for volume 4:1 (January 2015). The topic is “Prospects for Moral Theology.” We invite authors to consider key topics in moral theology and to suggest how the discipline might move forward. For more information consult the journal’s website (www.msmary.edu/jmt).

—David Matzko McCarthy, *Editor*