

## VOLUME SUMMARY

This new volume of “Studia Pelplinskie” (“The Pelplin Studies”) is centred on a number of topics connected with Pomerania but also with current theological issues of Church’s teaching which stem from personalism. The Pomeranian history is a record of human efforts to progress. When historical data is studied, one discovers the importance of social institutions which shaped individual lives. The painful experiences of pestilence or war put our faith to test but also demonstrate how our trust in God can enable us to overcome evil with good. The Pomeranian region is marked with veneration to numerous saints such as St Rocco or the Martyrs of the Second World War to name a few. Holiness is a challenge and an inspiration to grow constantly. The lives of saints and blessed clearly show that there is yet another reality we expect beyond this visible world. Moreover, every historical period bring new phenomena and ideas which spur theological reflection. Communism, for instance, was a time of totalitarian domination. Such people as Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński or Rev. Jozef Tischner defended the unchangeable values which give hope despite the vicissitudes of this day. One can also name here the ecological debate which reflects the grandeur of the act of creation. The effort to preserve the ecological equilibrium ought to be seen as respecting the right of the future generations to clean environment which is certainly the just thing to do. In addition to this, the present volume of “Studia Pelplinskie” contains a number of papers from such disciplines as law or education. Every human being is endowed with religious freedom. The period of the Nazi occupation meant severe breach of fundamental rights of men due to the racial superiority theories. On the other hand, true education determines integral individual and social growth. To make the world better is to make it more humane, as the Popes teach in *Populorum progressio*, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* or *Caritas in veritate*. Integral education poses a particularly difficult challenge in the contemporary period of intellectual reductionism domination which leads to marginalisation of some individuals or groups of people in the name of ideological trends. To broadcast the authentic message one needs the mass media. The truth is inseparably intertwined with

freedom. The effort to reach the ultimate truth is an answer to various forms of relativism. The immutable epistemological fundament is a cornerstone of national and international security. To facilitate the access to the rich contents of this 54th volume of "Studia Pielplinskie", we have provided the list of abbreviations, some selected reviews of recent research publications as well as concise summaries.