

VOLUME SUMMARY

This volume of “Pelplin Studies” (“Studia Pelplinskie”) contains articles from the area of humanities in a broad sense which corresponds to the mission of this periodical as defined at the very beginning of its foundation. Therefore, this year’s issue contains papers from such fields of knowledge as theology, philosophy, history, literary studies and sociology. God is the Creator of the world in whom the man fulfils his or her proper vocation. The natural attribute of the person is freedom whose scope for the realisation must be equally guaranteed to men and women. The heroic choice of values and their defence against the reductionist influence of wordly ideologies resulted in a growing number of saints and blessed of the Catholic Church whose lives can be a point of reference for individual people functioning in pluralistic societies.

The Church, as an institution called into being by God and functioning in specific circumstances, always brings some certain hope to the world. The good prevails, thus justifying every effort to defend human factors, which also enables the process of humanisation. In the circumstances of the Ukrainian-Russian war, just beyond Poland’s eastern borders, the teaching of the Church should indicate how important it is for human development to preserve subjectivity, cultural distinctiveness, established borders, etc. Even the most tragic moments in history must not have the potential to stifle a good future, the criterion for which is the preservation of personal dignity. The actualisation of the salvific message – in the various aspects of the individual activity – is in fact an expression of pietism for the human being, i.e. a God’s creature redeemed by Christ.

The description of people’s struggles for freedom or the records of traditions passed from generation to generation have an indelible personal mark on them, expressing identity, abilities or very personal desires. Historians studying the past

focus on specific elements of the past in an attempt to identify the essential message left by the ancestors for the subsequent generations. Equally important, however, is the consideration of the context in which social groups function, which fosters an even fuller understanding and clearer definition of the human genius.

This volume also contains foreign-language articles as well as reviews of publications. The aim of the journal's editorial team is to make the periodical even more international, meeting the highest criteria of editorial integrity.