



VOLUME SUMMARY

The human cognitive abilities make it possible to find the reasons for the existence of the world, to point out the purposefulness of individual or group actions and, finally, to define the criteria of evaluation in making the most optimal choices. The scientific papers constituting the next volume of “*Studia Pelplinskie*” (“*Pelplin Studies*”) belong to the widely understood humanities reflecting the genius of a person systemically defining his or her own ethos in the world.

The commandment to love God and one’s neighbour is the source of norms as well as an inspiration for action, defining concretely the path of holiness in the sense of participation in ever higher goods. The human being’s extraordinarily dynamic relationship with God, as perpetuated in the Sacred Scripture, which happens to transmit a very absorbing Word, defines the beginning of the culture which truly promotes the person in the world. In this context, the family appears as the environment where the most internalised transformations of man’s personality take place, enabling, in later stages of development, the formation of solidarity bonds corresponding to the common good.

The history of the Church in Poland is a record of struggles for freedom. It even points to the indispensability of institutions which, shaped on the basis of revealed doctrine, will contribute to the defence of personal dignity against the temptations of various forms of contemporary totalitarianism. The Church’s task in political communities, however, is not exhausted in the acts of a defensive nature. Equally important is the commitment to promoting a culture of life and extending the humanisation of our relations. This type of action is possible while preserving the teleological nature of human actions, attributed to the Supreme Good, as the ancient philosophers already pointed out.

The present volume of 'Pelplin Studies', containing scholarly articles as well as reviews and discussions, consolidates the research achievements of the past year. The fidelity to the principle of personalism entails the subsidiary nature of all sciences in relation to human being. The ever-improving research tools deepen the sense of certainty arising from reason and individual free will.