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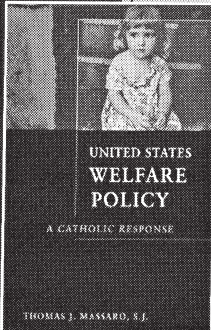
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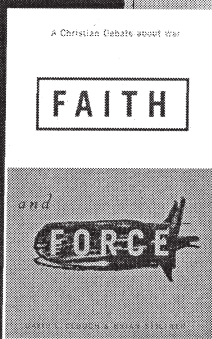
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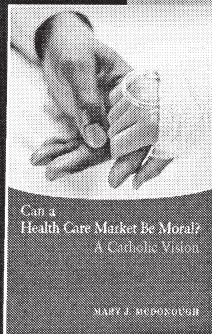
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The parts that constitute the current issue demonstrate with great clarity the practices that our various theological and religious studies disciplines do best: the arts of critical recollection, retrieval, and contemporary application.

Our feature articles exemplify this from a number of angles. Robert Gruse's analysis of the development of monotheism in the ancient world discerns the logic of that "breakthrough" and shows how its positive effects can affect our approaches to some current problems. Catherine Mooney recalls the life and the "life" of the medieval mystic Angela of Foligno, and gives an object lesson in how both the person and the *vita* might be taught productively in the contemporary classroom. In his recollection of Ian Ramsey's contributions to the analysis of religious language, Terrence Tilley points out the implications they continue to have for contemporary theological reflection. And Elizabeth Gandolfo brings together in dialogue two traditions of experience that have had profound and long-lasting effects on the ways in which contemporary practitioners of religious studies and theology do their thinking.

We also present an essay by the late Monika Hellwig, a good friend of our Society and of many of its members. Her essay not only recalls her own formation in the theological life, but also the effects that Vatican II had and indeed continues to have on the life and thought of the church.

Along with thirty-eight other books reviewed in this issue, covering our usual wide range of topics, the review symposium features an enlightening discussion of Fergus Kerr's *Twentieth-Century Catholic Theologians*, which also takes Vatican II as a central reference point. Kerr's book is both an overt exercise in retrieval of the work of major Catholic thinkers of the period (to whom our own work owes so much) and an evaluation of the continued effects of their thought in the current ecclesial situation. Our choice of reviewers aimed at a "generational spread" of astute commentators, and I am certain that you will find their remarks, as well as the response of the book's author, stimulating—and perhaps even provocative—reading. (Who would *you* add to Kerr's list?)

This issue marks the conclusion of Walter Conn's remarkable tenure as editor of *Horizons*. That tenure has spanned an extraordinarily productive twenty-six years. During that time Walt has guided a vital forum of research and insightful scholarly conversation in expert fashion, with sureness of judgment. Many of the finest scholars in theology and religious studies and many important interventions on crucial topics in those fields have appeared in *Horizons* during his watch, and his contributions to the stature of the College Theology Society have been immeasurable. (We expect those contributions to continue, of course!)

For the past two years, it has been my true privilege to share the top of the masthead with him. Now, as Walt rides off . . . no, not into the sunset, but to the bottom of the masthead as Editor Emeritus, the members of the CTS thank him for his wonderful years of service to the Society, and warmly congratulate him for a task spectacularly done. *Ad multos annos!*

—Anthony J. Godzieba