

editorial

Dear readers.

All the original papers published in the second 2013 issue of the journal *Caritas et Veritas* are devoted to the topic of “pastoral care of the rich and powerful”. Questions of wealth and power, their relationship to Christian values, and the associated controversies have always provoked thought, discussion, and argument. Having been aroused by the topic as well we at the Faculty of Theology, University of South Bohemia, held a symposium on it on April 18, 2013, sponsored by the Department of Biblical Studies. There we sought to reflect on the issue in its biblical, historical, ethical, psychological, and pastoral dimensions. We now present the outcomes of the reflections of some of the participants to you, developed into scholarly papers, for further discussion and reflection.

Among the papers, published in Czech and English language versions, there are texts from the field of biblical theology **The World According to Boaz: Wealth, Power, and Justice in the Book of Ruth** by Viktor Ber and **Qohelet as an Expression of Old Testament “Pastoral Care” of the Rich** by Adam Mackerle. There follow the papers **Business as a Calling? Some Ethical and Spiritual Ramifications of Wealth and Power** by Roman Míčka from the field of social ethics and **The Rich and Powerful as Subjects of Social Pastoral Care** by Michal Opatrný from the field of pastoral theology. Finally we present a paper from the field of history called **Abuse of the Topic of Wealth by the Communist Regime: The Case of the Journal *Charity*** by Rudolf Svoboda.

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