

# editorial

## Dear readers.

The first issue of *Caritas et Veritas* in 2014 is devoted to the topic "Social work as a human rights profession...?". We have attempted to collect papers bearing in one way or the other on the topic of the relationship of social work and human rights. We know that the issue of human rights is an essential element of the definition of social work as such, reference to human rights is even part of the established definition: "*The foundation of social work are the principles of human rights and social justice*" ("*International Code of Ethics in Social Work*" – *Ethics in social work – principles*), or that "*social work is grounded in the values of democracy, human rights and social justice*" (*Ethical Code of the Social Workers' Association in the Czech Republic*). Even though reference to human rights primarily means the content of individual international human rights documents and the *Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms* guaranteed by our constitution, we cannot avoid constantly rethinking and elaborating the issue of human rights, its content, extent, and relationship to social work. The papers we present contribute to various partial aspects of the topic and expert discussion. There is a paper by Bedřich Jetelina on *Seventh-day Adventists, Human Rights and Social Work*, by Anna Sýkorová and Markéta Elichová on *Social Workers' Interpretation of and Attitude to Standards for Quality in Social Services with Focus on Human Rights* and by Jaroslav Kozák and Michal Opatrný on *The Assisting Profession's Confrontation with Evil*. There follow papers by Petr Černý on *Approaching Clients With Multiple Sclerosis in Social Services* and on *Some Problems and Ethical Questions Concerning Pastoral Care of Mentally Ill Persons* by Miroslav Škoda.

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