

## Editorial

**Dear readers of *Caritas et veritas*,**

We are presenting to you the second issue of the journal in 2016, which is devoted to the still very urgent issue of migration and refugeeism. As the configuration of the papers shows, migration and refugeeism are phenomena that can be investigated from many different aspects and by employing many different methodologies. But at the same time all the papers that we bring to you remain faithful to the journal's orientation, which is to reflect Christian contexts in social sciences and humanities. So you can primarily encounter theological studies, albeit employing diverse methodologies of other fields, especially historiography, ethics and sociology.

The topic is opened with an interview with the Austrian pastoral theologian and dean emeritus of the Faculty of Theology in Vienna Paul Michael Zulehner, which is published in the German language. Professor Zulehner focuses on the issue of migration and refugeeism on a long-term basis, and in 2015 he carried out an extensive social investigation in Austria, examining the reactions to the 'refugee wave' that had swept the country. In the interview, Paul Zulehner speaks of this investigation and also makes several more general statements on the refugee crisis, especially concerning the relationship to the Moslems.

In the first study, Adam Mackerle examines the issue of migration from the point of view of biblical ethics, with the Old Testament view as the main starting point. Then Roman Míčka discusses the issue of so-called 'world political authority', which is a fixed point in the Catholic social ethics discourse and is regularly opened up and debated anew in situations such as wars, migration waves, etc. Jindřich Šrager also reflects on the phenomenon of migration from the position of Catholic social ethics when he focuses on the idea of the so-called 'common home', which has been repeatedly brought up by Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. Martin Weis reflects on migration in history by means of analysing archive materials from the funds of the depository of the Episcopal Office in České Budějovice, which relate to migration in connection with World War II. Among the topical studies in this issue you will also find my own paper, which deals with the opinions and attitudes of Czech Christians regarding the refugee crisis based on a social investigation carried out in the summer of 2016.

As in the previous issues of *Caritas et veritas*, you will also find several other studies and papers that do not have a direct bearing on the main topic of the issue. Among these I would like to point out the study by Karel Šimr, which focuses on the diaconic mission of churches in our complex modern society with elaborate systems of social assistance.

Dear readers, I trust that due to its topic this issue of *Caritas et veritas* will capture your attention in a special way and that you will return to it with interest.

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