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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Catholicism is one of the major religious systems of the world. Claiming more than a billion adherents, it has a visible presence on every part of the globe. In recent years interest in religious history has surged among professional historians. The religious experiences of human kind have become a portal to a fuller understanding of individuals, societies, and nations. Catholicism's historic contributions to global culture and its impact on the values and behavior of men and women (not to mention the built environment and material culture) of the past two millenia is the subject of this gathering of historical work. The cross fertilization of Catholic history with the social sciences, the history of theology and the "cultural turn" in recent historiography has produced a vibrant and stimulating burst of new scholarship.

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