

Special Issue

The Theological Legacy of Pope Francis

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue explores the question of the theological legacy of Pope Francis. This question does not seek to offer an overall evaluation of the papacy of Francis, but by posing the question of a theological legacy, it places a stress on the intellectual dimension of the influence exercised by the Pope and considers consequences that might extend beyond one succeeding pontificate.

Here are some suggestions for the topics:

- The legacy of Francis and the Latin American tradition of doing theology after Vatican II.
- A documentary approach to studying the legacy of Francis.
- Synodality as a vehicle for the theological legacy of Pope Francis.
- The burning questions that included issues of sexual orientation, the role of women in the church, the role of lay people in ecclesial decision-making, etc.
- The “Global Compact on Education.”
- Geographic differentiation of the reception of the theological legacy of Pope Francis.
- What do intelligent critics of the Francis pontificate have to say about his probable theological legacy?
- Did the Francis pontificate have a theological impact on non-Catholic Christian theologians, or, even, on theologians in other religions?

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