Special Issue

Catholic Theologies of Culture

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to provide orientation for relating the fundamental elements at play in Catholic theology and culture. As a discussion of fundamentals, the focus is on how God, humanity, and the Church can be construed as relating to culture in the domains of theology and philosophy. There is a particular concern for situating these discussions in relation to contemporary Catholicism, which includes current ecclesial controversies, the growth of 'traditionalist' subcultures (particularly among the young), the present reality of liturgical diversity in certain contexts, the growth of Catholicism in Africa, and the changing political contexts of the West with regard to populism and similar upheavals.

The parameters and means of orientating Catholic theology in relation to culture are many and varied, surrounding such fundamental issues as defining culture (with or without God and/or the Church), considerations of human nature and flourishing, disambiguating the 'religious' from the 'cultural', situating revelation in relation to history, assessing and grounding appropriate liturgical and devotional traditions.

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