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WELCOME TO THE PROGRESSIVE CATHOLIC REVIEW

Thank you for your willingness to take a look at yet another new electronic journal. We hope what you find here will draw you back again. The first issue is introduced in the next item on the Table of Contents. This page will give you some information about:

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TITLE

The “Progressive” and “Catholic” identifiers are probably intuitive and don’t need further comment . “Evangelical” means that we are rooted in the Gospel and we look to that as the criterion for all our evaluations of what is meet, right and salutary in the Church. “Ecumenical” means that we are open to the broadest possible experience of that which is Progressive, Catholic, and Evangelical within the Church. “Discourse” has two meanings: 1) a long and detailed development of an idea (and some of our articles will reflect this), and 2) a conversation on a specified group of topics (and we hope that the *PCR* will provide that).

MISSION:

THE PROGRESSIVE CATHOLIC REVIEW is an electronic publication of the St. Francis Virtual House of Studies, an educational ministry to the Ecumenical Catholic Communion and beyond. Our mission is to promote and publish studies that explore and enrich our understanding of:

1) the Church Catholic expressed through the Local Church, as experienced in the First Millennium of Christianity, as recovered by the See of Utrecht in the early Eighteenth Century, as engaged by the secession of some German, Swiss and Austrian Roman Catholics following the First Vatican Council, as articulated by the theological discussions of the Second Vatican Council and those theologians who have continued in that ecclesiological trajectory, and as expressed by all Christian theologians who have contributed to our understanding of an ecumenical ecclesiology;

2) ecumenical ties with other Catholic communions, Eastern Christians, Lutherans, Anglicans, Protestants, and with all who are in Christ;

3) our relationship with all children of God, including those of different faiths and of no faith;

and

4) integrative theological systems that speak to the catholicity of the human experience and the ecumenical possibilities between peoples who presently conceptualize themselves as differentiated.

CHARACTERISTICS:

PCR will contain a potpourri of scholarly articles, reflections, meditations, individual book/film reviews, and review essays relevant to the mission of St. Francis Virtual House of Studies and supportive of the ministry of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion.

If popular demand of a sufficient size develops, we may eventually go to a print format. We can dream.

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE AUTHORS

While we encourage pastors and laypersons in the Communion to contribute, we also invite submissions from interested Old Catholic, Roman Catholic, Eastern Rite, Anglican and Evangelical Catholic (Lutheran, Reformed, Methodist and other) Christians as well.

We look for submissions that reflect values and concerns implied by our Mission Statement and are characterized by fidelity to the Gospel, centeredness in Catholic Christianity, and clarity of expression.

We are flexible on the length of submissions and style. Use any standard template (e.g., University of Chicago, MLA, APA) as long as the style is consistent.

Submissions should be in MSWord 1997 (or later) and sent as an attachment to ecathrev@gmail.com.

At the present time the review process will primarily involve the two Editors and other members of the St. Francis Virtual House of Studies staff, but we will seek expert advice if a submission is beyond our combined expertise. We anticipate a decision well within a month. We may institute a board of editors if sufficient interest develops over the next two years.

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