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AN INTRODUCTION TO THIS ISSUE AND ITS AUTHORS

This issue contains articles that are both wildly diverse and yet remarkably similar. The diversity represents a wide spectrum of Progressive Catholic thought. The similarity is that they all are reports on spiritual journeys, even if that was not the primary purpose of the author. The three eldest contributors clearly intended their writing to be self-revelatory. The two youngest had other motivations for writing. One is exploring an alternative approach to soteriology, but that is as much a spiritual journey as it is an intellectual exercise. The other is analyzing the similarities and differences of early legends about St. Francis, but he is also a novice in the Franciscans of Reconciliation and his journey back through the centuries is a necessary part of his journey into the path forward as a Franciscan.

OUR AUTHORS IN THIS ISSUE

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conversant with Eastern Religions. He is a solid Catholic so secure in his faith that he enters fully into ecumenical and inter-religious experiences.

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The Rev. Kevin Yell (American Catholic Church, Diocese of CA) is a playwright and director. He is passionately interested in the continuing analysis of the structure and function of the Church, particularly under the criterion of the Love of God in Christ Jesus. He also has an active sense of humor and understanding of irony.

A brief note to the reader: Those of you who have read previous issues will see only one name that has not appeared in these pages previously (thank you Br. Raymond for bringing fresh blood to our efforts). We are also seeing for the first time an issue with all male authors, but these are the articles submitted for consideration. No, we are not trying to use this review as a personal platform nor are we trying to have an all-male clique, but we did want to come forth with another issue and we had some good submissions to go with.

We know there are people in our readership who think theologically and have something to say. We can't promise that everything submitted will be published, but we will give serious consideration to all manuscripts submitted and even if we think a piece needs additional work but is well worth the effort we will assist as much as possible. Please read more about

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