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## **EDITORIAL**

At the end of the first year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century it may not be uncommon to speak of a sense of vertigo or dizziness - is it possible to see straight? Do we notice the continuities or the sharp discontinuities with what was said and thought only a decade ago. Our first article provides new data and analysis to show how much has changed in the world of theological education within the territory of the former Soviet Union. Although Jason Ferenczi's primary focus is on the evangelical Protestant schools, he does offer current statistics on other schools. More to the point, many of the conclusions with reference to how Western, and how contextualized the education of clergy, theologians and active laity is to be are common. In light of the numerous articles we have carried in REE on theological education, this one points out what is in a process of transition.

Nevin Duvnjak's review of several recent sociological studies in Croatia provide a rare focus on what the Croatian public expects of the Roman Catholic church. Survey results show that the Croatian public does not really want a more prominent political role for the church. Rather they wish for a greater influence of the church and its institutions in the sphere of social welfare and in fostering a moral tone for society, something he refers to as influencing upbringing.

In recent weeks, Paul Mojzes traveled to the former Yugoslavia twice as part of efforts to foster the work of the religious institutions towards resisting the resort to war and to building the bases for reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. Here we present a short paper by Mojzes that seeks to clarify some key concepts. Given the over use and misuse of the word "Dialogue" today, in spite of the still useful criteria for serious dialogue that Mojzes published some decades ago when the concern was Christian-Marxist dialogue, here he spells out what sort of "Deep-Dialogue" must be sought, in light of the gravity of the internecine conflicts and in light of the ways in which religion is involved. This issue concludes with a longer article by Ivan Cvitkovic, sociologist in Sarajevo, whom Mojzes cited extensively, and whose article he translated. It is the voice of the analytical sociologist waxing prophetic about what must be addressed, if the adherents of the universal faiths of Judaism, Christianity (Orthodox and Catholic variants in particular) and Islam are to find the way to peace.

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