

From the Editor

This issue concludes our two-volume celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of *Horizons*. Over the course of volumes fifty and fifty-one, we have heard from former editors about the founding of *Horizons* and later developments in both the journal's operations and its content. We reprinted significant articles from our corpus. The reprinted works of Raymond Brown, Gustavo Gutiérrez, Sandra Schneiders, and, in this issue, John Connolly are interpreted by respondents who illumine the theological arc of the past fifty years, identifying advances and innovations of our authors as well as errors and omissions then and now, all of which provides a meta-commentary of sorts on the life of the journal. Though we are concluding our anniversary celebration in print, Associate Editor Christopher Denny will be curating virtual anniversary theological roundtables on our Cambridge University Press website, allowing us to continue learning from former authors through the perspectives of current authors.

The golden jubilee of *Horizons* has prompted the editors to reflect on the identity of the journal. It seems appropriate, therefore, that this issue's peer-reviewed articles coalesce around the theme of identity, both institutional and personal. C. Colt Anderson returns to the ecclesiological question of models and suggests that in the face of the ongoing sexual abuse crisis, the church itself might be understood as a "fragile state instead of a perfect society." Kathleen Cavender-McCoy and Conor Kelly take us from corporate identity to the personal identity of married couples struggling to live out the church's teachings on contraception, calling for an encounter between Catholic sexual ethics and Catholic social teaching to provide structural change within the church that enables couples to live their vision of Catholic marriage more easily and completely. Kristen Drahos invites readers to explore the powerful potential of iconographic pathography for supporting those who are ill as well as their caregivers, arguing compellingly "iconographic storytelling mediates divine grace and alters ill persons and the groups who surround them." And Enrico Beltramini dives into the identity of Catholics in India in the Nehruvian era, mapping the ground of Catholic theology in India in search of a truly authentic Indian theology.

In addition to the peer-reviewed articles and anniversary roundtable featuring M. Shawn Copeland and Karen Teel as respondents to the reprint

of John Connolly's 1999 "Revelation as Liberation from Oppression: Black Theology's Challenge for American Catholic Theology," readers are invited to discover the rich offerings of the Seventieth Annual Convention of the College Theology Society and other CTS news by reviewing the CTS report, an annual part of the December issue.

Customarily, I conclude my note to readers with an expression of gratitude to the authors, readers, reviewers, and staff of *Horizons*. It is fitting, however, that in concluding our anniversary celebration this issue preserves and provides a record of the people who have guided the journal over fifty years as well as documenting how roles have changed over fifty years; their names appear at the end of this note. Some names might appear more than once as generous scholars volunteered their talent for different roles at different times. As I offer an expression of gratitude to the people who have served in the curating, editing, and production of the journal, I would be remiss if I did not offer hearty thanks to all the unnamed manuscript reviewers, book reviewers, and authors without whom *Horizons* simply would not exist. Their contribution of excellent scholarship to the journal, to the mission of faith seeking understanding, is most deeply valued.

As we enter the next fifty years of *Horizons*, may the journal go from strength to strength in the face of new challenges that the future will bring to theological scholarship and the teaching of theology in colleges, universities, and seminaries.

The Editors of *Horizons*

Bernard P. Prusak, 1974–1980
 Rodger Van Allen, 1974–1979¹
 Walter E. Conn, 1980–2007
 Anthony J. Godzieba, 2004–2015
 Elena G. Procario-Foley, 2016–present

The Associate/Assistant Editors of *Horizons*

Assistant Editor

Elena G. Procario-Foley, 2009–2012

Associate Editors

Elena G. Procario-Foley, 2013–2015
 Gerald Beyer, 2016–2021
 Christopher Denny, 2016–present
 Timothy Brunk 2021–present

¹ See *Horizons* 50, no. 1, June 2023, for Van Allen's recounting of the origins of the journal.

As *Horizons* developed and grew in stature, editor Anthony J. Godzieba determined that the journal would benefit from an assistant editor. In 2009, he instituted the position of assistant editor and invited me to assume the role. At that time, though, *Horizons* used the term “associate editors” for what was more commonly understood as an “editorial board,” hence the nomenclature of “assistant.” When, however, editor Godzieba and I undertook a major revision of aspects of the journal as part of the move to Cambridge University Press, we created an editorial board with relevant duties and discontinued the use of the term “associate editors” for what should be a board.² At this juncture, the assistant editor position was permanently changed to associate editor.

The Book Review Editors of *Horizons*

James E. Biechler
 Walter E. Conn
 Thomas J. Ryan
 Joann Wolski Conn
 Eileen Flanagan
 Mary Doak
 Christopher Denny
 Colleen Mary Carpenter
 Christopher McMahan
 Mary Kate Birge, SSJ
 John N. Sheveland

The Editorial Assistants of *Horizons*

Teresa C. Byrne
 Irene C. Noble
 Sarah Glaser
 Christine Bucher

The Managing Editors of *Horizons*

Christine Bucher
 Mary Pappalardo

It is important to note that the editorial assistants and the managing editors are the true lifeblood of *Horizons*. The dedicated professionals who have served in these roles have each brought fresh ideas and distinct talents to the

² See *Horizons* 51, no. 1, June 2024, for Godzieba’s reflection on the growth of the journal in a digital age.

job. As the journal grew, so did the responsibilities of this role and the job needed to be redefined. In 2016 the new position of managing editor was instituted along with distinct new qualifications for the role, replacing the editorial assistant.

The Business Editors of *Horizons*

This role was active from 1975–2012.

Thomas J. Ryan

Margaret Mary Reher

Anne McGuire

Ellen Murray, RSM

Gerald S. Vigna

The Members of the Editorial Board and/or “Associate Editors” of *Horizons*

As noted previously, from 1974–2015, the term “associate editors” was used for the group of advisors to the journal. Beginning with 2016, the journal moved to a rotating editorial board format. Those names with asterisks denote those scholars who served in both groups. The *Horizons* family is grateful for the support and guidance of these seventy-nine scholars. They are listed alphabetically and not chronologically as is the case with the lists for all other positions detailed in this historical recounting.

Susie Babka

Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer

Lieven Boeve*

Radu Bordeianu

Agnes Brazal

Lisa Sowle Cahill

Dexter E. Callender Jr.

Rosemary P. Carbine

Denise Lardner Carmody

Anne E. Carr

William Cenkner

David Cloutier

Bernard Cooke

M. Shawn Copeland*

Lawrence S. Cunningham

Charles Curran*

Nancy Dallavalle

Celia Deane-Drummond

Colby Dickinson
Margaret A. Farley
Silvio E. Fittipaldi
James W. Flanagan
Jeannine Hill Fletcher*
William P. Frost
J. Patrick Gaffney, SMM
Joris Geldhof
Anthony J. Godzieba, inaugural chair of the board, 2016
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado
Donald Gray
M. Dennis Hamm*
Angela Kim Harkins
Derek C. Hatch
Mary Catherine Hilkert*
Roderick Hindery
Mary Ann Hinsdale
Christine Firer Hinze*
David Hunter
Natalia Imperatori-Lee
Mary Jo Iozzio*
Elizabeth A. Johnson*
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Pheme Perkins
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Jean-Pierre Ruiz
Albert William Sadler
Jame Schaefer
Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza
Francis Schüssler Fiorenza*
William M. Shea
Gerard Sloyan
Jonathan Y. Tan
William M. Thompson
Maureen Tilley*
David Tracy
Wilhelmus Valkenburg
Mary Jo Weaver
Maria Assunta Werner, CSC
Sandra Yocum

Graduate Assistants of *Horizons*

Beginning in the mid-2000s the journal began employing graduate assistants from Villanova's theology department, deepening the ongoing and mutually productive relationship between the journal and Villanova.

Denise Pimpinella
Elise Italiano
Rena Black
Siobhan Riley
Ben Winter
Luke Hopkins
John York
Andre L. Price
Céire Kealty
Tristan Mitchell
Connor Ritchie

ELENA PROCARIO-FOLEY