

FOREWORD

In order to „open us fuller and better to Europe”, we are starting with a new review FORUM PHILOSOPHICUM.

FORUM will be published once a year in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Latin and Polish. The articles in Polish will be followed by extensive summaries in foreign languages.

Since we do not renounce Polish speaking readers, the articles in foreign languages are also followed by extensive summaries in Polish.

The review is the work of the Jesuit Faculty of Philosophy in Cracow (Poland).

The Jesuit Faculty of Philosophy in Cracow currently possesses two Sections (departments): the Department of Systematic Philosophy and the Department of Religious Education, as well as the Institute of Religious Culture.

The Department of Systematic Philosophy offers a basic three-year course as well as a specialisation in a branch of philosophy.

The Department of Religious Education was founded in 1990. It offers a two-year course in philosophy, theology, psychology and sociology, followed by a three-year specialisation in catechetics or in education of children and young people.

The Faculty also incorporates the *Institute of Religious Culture*, founded in 1989. It offers special studies (Saturday courses and private study) of a philosophical and theological nature lasting three or six years for lay people and religious.

The Faculty has, since 1932, the right of conferring degrees as an institute of higher education of the Church. On the basis of a bill of parliament from 1989, the Faculty obtained legal personality as well as concomitant rights, such as the right to admit lay students and to confer them degrees, recognised by civil authority.

Since 1988, the Faculty of Philosophy has been publishing its own „Rocznik” [Yearbook]. It contains information on the activity of the Faculty as well as articles about philosophy.

Up to December, 1995, the Department of Religious Education has published 26 issues of its quarterly journal „Horyzonty Wiary” [Horizons of Faith].

In the academic year (1995/1996), the teaching staff is as follows: full professors: 17; others: 71, half of them are non-jesuits (many part-time).

Full-time students – 445 (systematic philosophy: 50; religious education: 395); at the Institute of Religious Culture – 289 students; total number of students – 734 (29 foreigners).

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