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### SUMMARIES

**Pierangelo Sequeri**, *The theological semantics of the Sacred*

In the theological tradition, “sacred” and “holy” are synonymous with the religious form: they qualify persons and things, words and actions, which have a special connection with the divine. The recent development of cultural anthropology has forced attention to an experience of the “sacred” that precedes and exceeds its religious elaboration. The “power” of the sacred is recognised as a psychological/social matrix of injunction and transcendence that acts even independently of the religious form. The essay points out the terms of the provocation that this cultural elaboration addresses to Christian theology.

**Marco Gallo**, *Liturgy and the sacred: transformations. Presiding rite on the trial of the democratic era and the abuse crisis*

The author takes up the challenge posed to liturgical practice by the serious issue of abuses committed by Catholic clergy. What connivances does theological thinking have? And which ones concern the liturgical action? What emerges is a fascinating rewriting of the theme of ritual presidency in a form of the service that allows itself to be displaced from the centre of the rite.

**Guillame Le Blanc**, *The “caring” revolution: towards an ethics for every life*

The risk of any moral perspective is to determine a priori where the good lies, until to command the forms to which each life must conform. According to the author, only by overcoming this perspective once can ensure today that ethics makes sense. This essay argues for the ethical value of the ability to take care of itself that each life has, by outlining some key consequences in view of rethinking of ethics.

**Juan José Pérez Soba**, *Ecclesial integration facing the challenge of the excluded. A reflection fifty years after John Rawls’ “A Theory of Justice”*

The concept of integration is one of the main ones in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. In this concept is inscribed the way in which the Church is situated in its relationship with the world. It is important to analyze this integration theologically in dialogue with the usual concept that is handled in society to point out its analogy. For this, we must study the integrative method that John Rawls proposes for its enormous social

impact. From here emerges a theological and sacramental idea of integration that we must apply to the pastoral care of the Church.

**Stephan Kamposki**, *The contribution of Pope Francis' Magisterium to the theology of marriage and family*

This essay examines the contribution of Pope Francis' *Magisterium* to the theology of marriage and family at a time when these institutions are on the verge of dissolution in many countries. For the Holy Father, some of the factors at the root of the current predicament are a romanticized notion of love, an unstable affectivity, and an inadequate understanding of the relationship between conjugal love and procreation. The three elements of the Holy Father's response will be discussed in particular: the pedagogy of love, the principle of gradual growth, and the vision of love as always fruitful.

**Orietta Rachele Grazioli**, *Responsum of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on blessing same-sex couples*

The article deals with the *Responsum*, promulgated February 22, 2021, by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, on the blessing of homosexual couples from a juridical point of view through three different steps: 1) procedural and formal aspects; 2) substantial aspects; 3) reflections and perspectives. This contribution underlines how *Responsum* and related explanatory note try to go beyond the simple *question/answer* dynamic, reporting the nature of the blessing in the category of sacramentals and highlighting different reasons in support of the negative given answer. The main topic concerns the compatibility or not of the blessing to the homoaffective union, followed by the relationship with the sacraments, and the power of the Church to dispose of it and its consequent legitimacy or otherwise. The issue is completed by looking at future juridical perspectives about homosexual people in the Church.