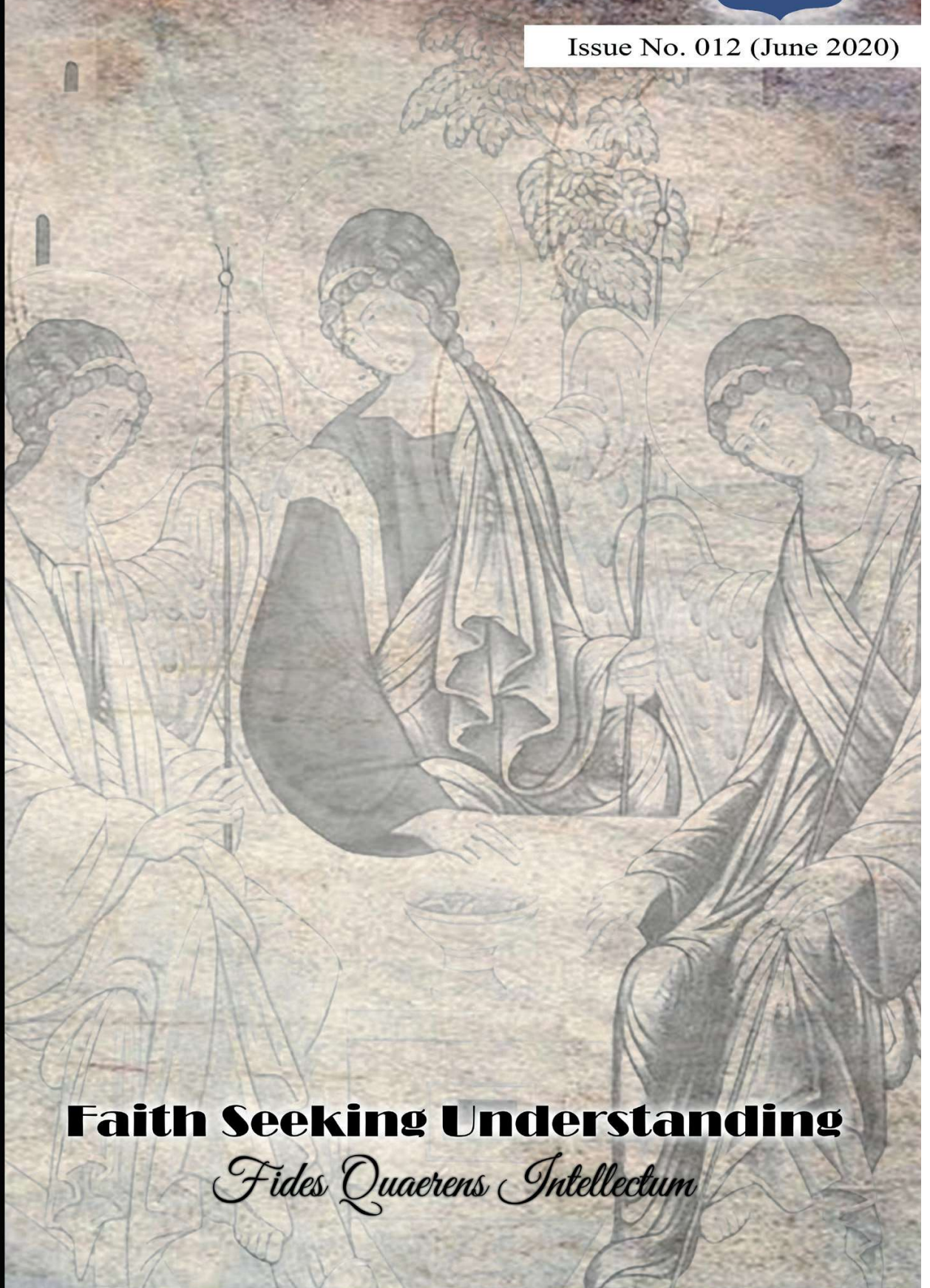


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Editorial

‘Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a *domestic church*, a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else.’ This message of the holy Pope John Paul II is ever actual in the current situation of the world. The last two publications of Dare constitute a perfect echo of that imperative, whereby the contemporary Christians are to authentically witness to their faith, in time and against time. The current Covid-19 situation in the world, as challenging as it is, can be seen, and is to be seen, as an opportunity for Christian families to rediscover and strengthen their vocation as domestic churches. There is need for Christians, therefore, to develop an ever close relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, through a constant meditation of the Word of God, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The present Dare publication, ‘**Faith Seeking Understanding**’ (*Fides Quaerens Intellectum*), provides articles in various theological disciplines: Scriptures, Liturgy, Dogmatic, Moral, Church History, etc. It aims at facilitating and directing its readers into their particular areas of interest. **Faith Seeking Understanding** is a collection of theological reflections which serve the purpose of deepening of faith, via a clear comprehension of the Christian faith.

Thus, the first section of the journal offers topics on Sacred Scriptures. Christian faith is a ‘product’ of a long history handed over from one generation to the next. Within that tradition, the life and faith of specific scriptural characters has a lot to say to the contemporary Christians. So, an orthodox approach of those important biblical figures is necessary in the search for an unshakable Christian faith. These articles therefore are reflections on some of the critical issues which are found both in the Old and the New testaments.

The second section is about Sacred Liturgy. The articles reflect on how best Christian faithful can actively participate into the liturgical celebrations of the Church. Different from popular piety, Sacred Liturgy is a moment of encounter with God.

This edition also gives reflections on the Moral Teaching of the Church. In his article, Michael Kyalo (*SJ*) points out that the duty of the Church to work for the salvation of souls and its engaging concern to address the needs of the community of faith is quite pivotal. Majority of the Popes who governed the Church, especially after Vatican II, have vehemently attempted to address two globally touted issues that are a threat to humanity. The two issues are: the use of nuclear weapons and environmental conservation and protection. On the other hand, this section reflects on how Christians can deal with the phenomenon of abortion. The role of social media is pointed out in Vatican II's document *Inter Mirifica*. It says that "readers, viewers and listener of social media fully favor those presentations that are outstanding for their moral goodness, their knowledge and their artistic or technic merit."

Moreover, the role and importance of catechesis is also presented in this publication. The articles point out the place of catechesis in the evangelization mission of the Church. After all, the Church exists to evangelize. Givemore Mazhanje (*ofm*) argues that "true evangelization takes place when the Good News is proclaimed by the witnesses of life and by the word of life; these should include teaching the life, promises, the kingdom and mystery of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God." Catechesis is an educative formation of mind and will for action focused on the life of Jesus Christ.

The mystery of faith evolved within particular cultural environments throughout ages. In its last section, the journal briefly highlights important historical elements in the development of the Church in Zimbabwe. For the meantime, emphasis is put on dioceses of Chinhoyi, Mutare and Masvingo.

Fides Quaerens Intellectum offers in these articles a support to its readers; so that they may know the truth which makes people free. For saint Peter says in his first letter: "Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence" (1Pt 3: 14b-16a). Christians could not be able to explain their belief unless they have a sufficient enlightenment about what they believe in.

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May God bless you all!

Pax Et Bonum!

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