General information

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Studies of the Franciscan Theological Institute in Roman. It was founded in 2002. Its theological and scientific purpose, as well as the desire "to contribute more to the spread of the gospel and the knowledge of Christ", were underlined by the Editorial Board in the inaugural issue. The Journal is intended as a platform for theological dialogue and debate. Its purpose is also to promote the experience exchange between the Romanian scholars and with those abroad. The journal offers a professional support for those who carry out scientific researches in the field of theological sciences and Franciscan studies. It also encourages scientific debate and free exchange of ideas.

Its publication was considered by the leadership of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals: "A sign of progress and scientific activity is the launch of its new journal Studii Franciscane, which sets a milestone in the history of the Institute itself. With its aim of promoting research and the diffusion of the Franciscan spirit and culture in Romania, the journal adds another dimension to the activity of the Theological Institute" (Letter, Fr. Joachim A. Giermek, minister general OFMConv, Rome, 22 November 2002). His Grace Petru Gherghel, bishop of Iasi, deems it a blessing: "A theological journal, which aims to promote theological research and to present in a particular light the truths of the faith and the arguments of the Christian life, can only be a blessing and a great help not only for scholars but also for the general public eager for a deeper knowledge of eternal truths and Christian living" (Letter, Iași, 01 November 2002). The Journal was also for His Grace, Florentin Crihalmeanu, Greek Catholic Bishop of Cluj-Napoca, "a new opportunity to glorify God and to thank Him for the wonderful achievements that can be admired here, at the centre of Franciscan spirituality and theological culture in Roman" (Letter, Cluj-Napoca, 10 November 2002).

The publication of the Journal, by the scholars of the Franciscan Theological Institute in Roman, in collaboration with professors and researchers from within the country and abroad, was encouraged by His Grace, dr. Jean Claude Périsset, apostolic nuncio in Romania: "May the articles of this first issue of *Studii Franciscane* lead us, following the example of Saint Francis, *to give the*

light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ'. 2Chor 4: 6 (Letter, Bucharest, 01 November 2002).

The Journal appears only in printed form and has one issue published a year, except for 2003 when there was a publication of two issues: no. 1 *Mary in the Christian faith*, and no. 2 *The Eucharist, Memorial of Christ*. The nature of studies covers the entire diversity of theology: from biblical, dogmatic, patristic, spirituality, canon law, historical themes, etc. to that of Franciscanism and philosophy.

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