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## PRESENTING THIS ISSUE

This present issue is no. 16 of the continuing series of *Spiritan Papers*, a series henceforth largely concerned with research material. As we indicated in the first number of *Spiritans Today*, our new annual series concerning animation, we offer a critical edition of the writings of our first founder, Father Claude Francis Poullart des Places. Father Joseph Lécuyer, former superior general, prepared the text after the original manuscripts in the archives, and Father Wilfrid Gandy, former secretary general, furnished the English translation we print here.

In *Spiritan Papers*, nos. 3, 4 and 5, Fr Lécuyer wrote three articles entitled 'Rereading Poullart des Places', which will be helpful in conjunction with this issue. (Back numbers of *Spiritan Papers* in English and French are available.) The first chapter of Fr Koren's new history of the Congregation (see Bibliography) provides an admirably condensed account of Claude des Places's life and work.

In our Bibliography we notice only books or articles sent to the Generalate. We are aware that members of the Congregation are writing more than we indicate and we would be glad to receive and note more material. We would also like to hear of Spiritan celebrations, papers delivered, relevant homilies or sermons; and according to our possibility we will supply information or material for confreres engaged in Spiritan research or renewal enterprises.

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