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Introduction

The Dominican priest, Roger Tillard, ranked Father Libermann, along with Saints Benedict, Francis, and Ignatius, as a pivotal figure in the history of Catholic religious Orders. **William Cleary**, C.S.Sp., picks up the baton in *Francis Libermann: A Spiritual Guide for the Twenty-First Century*. **Prof. David Fagerberg** of Notre Dame University, Indiana in *Libermann, Abnegation, and Liturgical Theology* reflects on Libermann spirituality as pivoting towards authentic worship. **John McFadden**, C.S.Sp., *From Crisis to Commitment: Libermann's Pilgrimage to the Holy House of Nazareth at Loreto*, plots the significance of this pilgrimage for the foundation of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Mary and the writing of the *Provisional Rule*. **Cornelius McQuillan**, C.S.Sp., *Our Lady of Guadalupe and Missology*, draws out what Spiritan mission can learn from the Marian shrine of Guadalupe. **Phung Manh Tien**, C.S.Sp., shared the first prize in the Competition on Spiritan Mission with *The Challenges and Future of Spiritan Mission Today*. One challenge is that of sustainability, especially as the weight of gravity tilts towards the poorer south as depicted in Jean-Marc Sierro, "Money, Providence and Spiritan Mission" in the last *Spiritan Horizons*. **Ray Sylvester**, the Director of SOMA (Spiritan Office for Mission Advancement) begins a response with *Sustaining Mission Projects, Structures, Donors*. The feature, "Spiritans for Today," memorializes deceased confreres significant to the Spiritan mission in a certain way. **Joseph Oguejiofor Okafor**, C.S.Sp., *Spiritans for Today: Peter Oduenyi Dike, C.S.Sp. 1948–2010*, draws the portrait of a selfless and all-giving pioneer and formator.

The church could not remain silent in the wake of the protests for racial justice occasioned by the public snuffing out of the life of George Floyd, an African American. **Bishop Fernand J. Cheri**, III, O.F.M., auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, an African American, spoke from the heart to the United States Major Superiors Men. With his permission, that lecture is here published as *Let the Church Roll On*. **Dr. Austen Ivereigh**, a Fellow in Contemporary Church History at Campion Hall, Oxford University, reflects on the Amazonia Synod, *Let us not Clip the Wings of the Holy Spirit – The Synod for Amazonia*. Many were disappointed the pope did not lend his voice to the ordination of married men (*virī probati*). Ever the man of the spirit, the pope urged continued discernment sure that "wherever there is a particular need, [God] has already poured out the charisms that can meet it." In-between the Synod and the Pope's Exhortation appeared the book by **Benedict XVI** and **Robert Cardinal Sarah**, *From the Depths of Our Hearts: Priesthood*,

Celibacy and the Crisis of the Catholic Church. They argued that the Catholic priesthood was always celibate and must remain so. The review article by **James Chukwuma Okoye**, C.S.Sp., barely did justice to this important contribution. The discussion continues with **Francis Edumalichukwu Okonkwo**, C.S.Sp., *Can the Catholic Church afford to do without Clerical Celibacy?* Leaving controversy aside, **Bede Uche Ukwuije**, C.S.Sp., *Priestly Formation in Africa in the Light of the Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis*, offers insights into the pitfalls and gains of formation in Africa.

With COVID-19 on the attack, all schools went online last March. Our new dean, **Dean Kristine Blair**, *Online Learning and Education for Human Dignity*, addresses the issues moving forward. If Spiritans embrace preferential option for the poor, what happens to academic excellence? **Prof. Ronald Arnett**, *Unity of Contraries: the Mission of the University and Academic Excellence*, plots a pathway.

With over forty years at Duquesne, **Sean Hogan**, C.S.Sp., is the longest-serving Spiritan in Duquesne. His *Twenty-Seven Years at the Student Life Division, Duquesne University* is a mine of information and humor.

The number ends with two reviews by **James Chukwuma Okoye**, C.S.Sp.: **Gerhard Lohfink**, *The Our Father. A New Reading*, and **Edmund Kee-Fook Chia**, *World Christianity encounters World Religions. A Summa of Interfaith Dialogue*.

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