

Directors' Preface

Hong Kong remains a privileged place of encounter between China and the rest of the world, and not least in the area of academic research. Perhaps, this is why the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is committed to the promotion of the exchanges between Eastern and Western cultures. In 2005, with a generous donation from the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, the CUHK Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) was established at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, to further develop Catholic Studies at the University.

From conceiving to implementing, the CCS has grown steadily in the past five years. Among our works, there are satisfactory achievements especially in research on local church history, spiritual education, field study and teaching. While we are happy to see this, we are aware of the great responsibility in continuing our work, especially scholarly exchanges among scholars of Catholic Studies worldwide, international conferences and publications. These are the works that need to be strengthened.

To enhance this academic exchange and bridge the worlds of China and international scholarship, in a domain concerning Catholicism in Hong Kong, China and the worldwide Chinese-speaking community, the *Hong Kong Journal of Catholic Studies* will be a bilingual publication that will welcome contributions in Chinese as well as in English, with an abstract in the other language. Occasional book reviews and news on the activities of the Centre will also be included. We will publish one issue per year, in both paper (only the two first issues) and electronic formats.

We encourage our readers and authors to regard our journal as a forum of interactive debate and welcome all comments and suggestions.

The *Hong Kong Journal of Catholic Studies* is a peer-reviewed publication aiming at the highest professional standards. The scope of the journal is broadly defined as humanities as well as scientific approaches to Catholicism and the Chinese world, with an emphasis on research based on documentary sources and field study. Our inaugural issue reflects this range of topical breadth, with contributions that explore the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and its implementation in the local churches of Asia, China and Hong Kong. Our warm thanks go to our sponsor *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), Germany* and the guest-editors and editorial staff for making this publication possible, and to our readers and authors for the interest and support they bring to this new venture.

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Call for Papers

Submissions will be reviewed by external referees on a double-blind basis. Evaluation is based on scholarly quality and originality. Both individual submissions and projects for guest-edited issues are welcome. Our next guest-edited issue is on Chinese Bible translations.