

Editorial

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Once again we are happy, in this year dedicated to the Holy Spirit, to bring out 3 articles on the Spirit. Fr. Santhanasamy M. Jerome (Good Shepherd Seminary; Myleripalayam post; via Othakalmandapam, Coimbatore 641 032) in his erudite article "The Holy Spirit and Reconciliation", enquires into the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in their unitary act of reconciliation and tries to identify the specific role of the Spirit in this reconciliatory action in both the universal as well as the individual history.

Conversion, both from the side of the Roman Catholic Church and of the Protestant Churches is the need of the times, affirms Dr. J.R. Narchison (Our Lady of Good Health Church, Rajakkamangalam, Eathamozhy-629 507; T.N.). Since the Holy Spirit is the principle of Church's unity, the author pleads that we give enough room to Him in our ecumenical conversion, become a confessing church and not a confessional Church and take a risk not "prejudging the future inspirations of the Holy Spirit" in our efforts at unity.

Raj Irudaya, S.J. (Arul Kadal, 98 Santhome High Road, Chennai 600 028) has undertaken an exhaustive study of the Synoptic Gospels with reference to the "unforgiveable-sin-logion" (Mk 3:28-30 par.) and arrives at a convincing conclusion as to the meaning of this enigmatic logion, namely, it is the determined resistance and audacious refusal to recognize and accept the work of God's Kingdom manifested by the Spirit in the very person of Jesus, which is the unforgivable sin.

Through his own personal case study, Dr. A. Pushparajan, Professor and H.O.D. of the Department of Interreligious Relations, Kamraj University, Madurai (100-101 Sivagami Nagar, Athikulam, Madurai 625 007) has analyzed systematically 3 distinct but successive stages of growth - Isolation, Interaction, Integration - with regard to his understanding of other religions both in his own life as well as that of the Indian Church. His plea that the stage of Integration both in its

intra-religious and interreligious level is the need of the times, needs to be heard since "dialogue with other religions and contemporary culture" (TMA) is one of the major thrusts of this year consecrated to the Holy Spirit.

In a personal vein

With this issue, my service as editor to the just 3 year old baby Vaiharai, comes to an end. In the 12 issues published so far, articles of various hues: Biblical Interpretation, Contextual Indian Studies, Science and Religion, Spirituality, Encounter of Religions, Sociology, Mission, Dialogue, Ecumenism etc.- have been contributed by various *Scholars* to whom I owe a debt of gratitude. But for their generous cooperation Vaiharai would not be what it is - a review which caters to people who not only think theologically but do theology. I should also place on record my sincere thanks to *Publishers* (foreign and Indian) who have sent their Books for Reviews, *Reviewers* who have given wide publicity to these by their erudite comments, *Editors* of Journals (15 of them so far) who have accepted Vaiharai for exchange, the *Subscribers* and *Well wishers* of the Journal and lastly the *Managing Editor* Fr. S. Jesudasan and the rest of the staff of St. Paul's Seminary. I wish the new editor all success. I am sure, with the help of the persons mentioned above, he will be able to help the Vaiharai-baby grow into the expected as well as desired maturity. Shalom to one and all.

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