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Certainly Pope Francis, in his theological approach centered on the mystery of the God-man who at the same time redeems and exalts the poverty of the human condition, is giving great impetus to the renewal of the theological content and language. But it is at the same time necessary to recall that this is a process that started a long time ago: from the passionate "holy provocations" of Rosmini, to the reflections of the Tübingen school, to John Henry Newman, to the Second Vatican Council, to Paul VI, to Benedict XVI in *Caritas in Veritate*: they all gave impulses aimed at making people rediscover the extraordinary potential of the Gospel in history. In past years a certain torpor and conformism have afflicted theological and philosophical thought of Christian inspiration, but now it is clear that a disruptive creative energy is being released. It is necessary that this energy is not wasted, it must find channels of expression and above all create a network, as the foreword of *Veritatis Gaudium* wishes, in order to multiply and permeate every ecclesial environment, even the most peripheral ones. (...)

We are living in an exceptional period. A period of crisis for the world, for the Church, for the very civilization that has nourished our thinking for centuries. But as Pope Francis reminds us, the worst of the crisis would be wasting it by regretting the past, instead of seizing its opportunities. (...)

Besides, the great renewals in history were never born in the large institutions but were laid down in the prophecy. If the theme in question is how to promote the regeneration of thought in the interpretation of reality, this can only take place, as Pope Francis exhorts, starting from the outskirts of existence, which are also the outskirts of official and standardized knowledge.