

A theology that is anything but systematic

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In recent months the debate around the renewal of theological research promoted by the call Rescuing Fraternity - Together written by a group of ten theologians, summoned by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, has progressively intensified and enlivened; an invitation addressed "to the Church in all its components, and to the wise, men and women of good will", in the spirit of "provocation" of Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti, "creating an atmosphere of "intellectual fraternity". (...)

Every scholar engaged in theological research, according to their own individual skills, must be aware of the "service" they are called to carry out in the context of the ecclesial reality: through innovative or confirmatory investigations, whether analytical or synthetic, they must demonstrate how theology opens up to ever wider horizons, never forgetting the results achieved over the centuries and always striving for further and fruitful results, for which using the word "definitive" would not only be presumption but also untruth since everything concerning God and faith in Him is inexhaustible in itself.

Every theological research is outpouring of knowledge but also a merit and a privilege that must be spent for the benefit of those who want to advance their intelligence towards the Supreme Good. The reader's intelligence and its advancement are a responsibility to be taken on by those who want to open a debate, arouse an interest, raise a problem, make a comparison, submit a project, revisit the documents of the past or the most ancient sources to transform them into that "living voice" which becomes an aid to feel the protagonist in the "economy of salvation" which is "God's plan".

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