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From the Editor

Those of us who live in the northeastern part of the United States get to experience the poetic consonance of the four natural seasons with the richly evocative liturgical seasons of the year. As a gloriously colored early autumn has turned suddenly into a harbinger of a harsh winter and the end of the year, so too the Roman Catholic lectionary cycle familiarly prompts us to eschatological reflections and hope for the end time. Yet is it so familiar—or hopeful—this time around? As we raced toward the feast of Christ the King, parishes were scurrying to offer catechesis about the new English translation of the Roman Missal that were in use with the first Sunday of Advent. The familiar now becomes a bit foreign. Questions have been raised as to whether enough consultation with local priests and the faithful who populate the pews was done before the translation was authorized. Even a thirteen-year-old confirmation candidate asked, “Why are they doing this?” and direly predicted, “The kids won’t learn these new prayers, they won’t understand, and they’ll stop coming to church. That’s not good.” We wonder what new forms of being church Advent might birth.

Consultation is also a question in the case of the “Statement” by the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine regarding Elizabeth Johnson’s *Quest for the Living God*. As promised in the Spring 2011 edition, this issue features a study of some of the topics involved in the bishops’ critique and Professor Johnson’s June 1, 2011 response. Just as we were going to press, the bishops released their evaluation of Johnson’s response, reaffirming their initial critique. We wonder what chilly winters await the theological community.

In some way, all of the articles capture a sense for that liminal space hovering between ending and beginning, darkness and light, eschatology and (re)creation. How do we envision a Christian eschatology that respects both human and divine freedom (Denny)? How do new categories in theology such as theological ethics (Rigali) or a theology of reception (Colberg) challenge us to articulate the cherished faith of the tradition in ever-changing contemporary circumstances? What resources in the tradition help us to confront the ecological crisis (Olson)? Our authors converge in different ways on the answer that the way from darkness into light is a God-centered, Christ-focused orientation.

In addition, the editorial essay and the roundtable consider questions about the use of language and history and how our methodological choices affect our presentation of the tradition and authority. The authors in this issue evince a great respect and love for the Christian faith as well as demonstrating and in some cases urging a hermeneutics of compassion (the phrase comes from the late Anne Carr) for each other’s reflections on the mystery of faith.

As the nights lengthen and the snow falls steadily at this writing, we wonder about the future shape of theology and the relationships between laity and magisterium as we wait in hope with the Psalmist for that joy which comes in the morning (Ps 30).

The editorial staff offers a word of deep gratitude to Joann Wolski Conn and Eileen Flanagan, both of Neumann University, who have served *Horizons* faithfully as book review editors since 1982 and 2002, respectively, and whose terms ended with the Spring 2011 issue. We offer our thanks for your hard work at a demanding task and for your valuable contributions to the work of the Society. At the same time we give a hearty welcome to Christopher Denny (St. John’s University) and Mary Doak (University of San Diego), whose terms as book review editors begin with this issue and whose contributions to the CTS are already well known.

Through endings and beginnings, the efforts of the readers and contributors to *Horizons*, theologians working on behalf of church and world, continue. *Horizons* is proud to support these efforts.