

## Preface

The 8 issue of *Icoana Credintei/ Icon of Faith* (IFIJISR) encompasses a group of articles on various themes, dedicated to the areas of Theology, Education, Science and Religion. The committee of corresponding authors for the issue Number 8, Year IV (2018) of *Icoana Credintei* are intended to provide interaction within the community of thinkers, engaging in the dialog between religion and all types of science.

Thus, the first section: **THEOLOGY STUDIES** starts with the keynote lecture “*The Christian family between Tradition and Modernity*”, delivered by Professor PhD. *Marian VÎLCIU*. In this article the central role of the Family and marriage in our contemporary society is analysed. Next study belongs to PhD. *Hristea G. KARAIANNIS* called: “*The image of God in the Old Testament*” and debates the theological reflection about the image declaring the immovable relationship between God and man. The next paper belongs to Fr. Ph.D. *George GRIGORIȚĂ* entitled: “*The Canon: the fundamental pastoral rule of the Church. An etymological, semantic and theological approach*”. The central idea of this article is the importance of canon and the practical rule in the Church. Fr. PhD. *Nicolae PREDA* signs the paper, entitled: “*The prayer “GOD OF THE SPIRITS...” short textual analysis*”. Theme of this paper is dedicated to prayer “God of the Spirits...” considered one of the representative prayers for the dead in practical theology. This first section ends with the paper of Ph.D. Candidate *Constantin Valentin BUGIULESCU* and bears the title: “*The importance and role of virtues in the spiritual development of a person*”. Virtues are the first contribution to the Christian life and the formation for moral life.

The second section: **EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND RELIGION STUDIES** includes firstly Ph.D. *Gabriela Alina ANGHEL*, Ph.D. *Mariana DOGARU* paper: “*School education in the context of inclusive education policies*”, whose subject is an essential understanding of the inclusive education policy in Romania. The following issue, unfolded by Ph.D. *Claudia VLAICU*, Ph.D. *Ramona NEACSA* is the “*The role of interactive methods in the development of primary children’s creativity*”. It draws several directions of teaching research methodology in relation to this topic and it also suggests specific interactive methods of teaching meant to develop primary students’ creativity. The next paper belongs to Ph.D. *Elena Ancuța SANTI*, Ph.D. *Cosmin SANTI* and brings new clues in understanding “*The dynamic of Religious Family life from a Psychological perspective*”. The next article belongs to Ph.D. *Nicutor BELDIMAN*, in which he exposes the theme: “*Parnetic principles in the homiletic work of the Metropolitan Bishop Firmilian Marin*”. The section ends with Ph.D. *Georgios KARAKASIS* paper: “*The Catechism of Destruction: Sergei Nechaev and the spirit of Nihilism*”. The author stresses a philosophical path of interpretation of the phenomenon of political nihilism according to the way the latter is developed in the life and thought of the Russian anarchist Sergei Nechaev.

Therefore, the content of the current issue is a good invitation to reading theological, philosophical and moral-educational researches on specific themes from the field supporting thus the scientific aim of *Icoana Credintei*, international journal published by *Ideas Forum International Academic and Scientific Association* (IFIASA) in collaborations with members of the *Faculty of Orthodox Theology and Education Sciences*, “Valahia” University, Târgoviște, Romania.