

Seminare – 50 Years of Reflection, Dialogue, and Formation in the Spirit of the Humanism of St. Francis de Sales: Publisher’s Note

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We are pleased to present to our readers the latest issue of *Seminare. Learned Investigations*, which appears in a particularly significant year, the 50th anniversary of our journal. Since its founding in 1975, *Seminare* has served as a space for academic dialogue and reflection on the human person, education, faith, and culture. The initiative to establish the journal arose from the post-conciliar academic and pastoral needs of the Salesian environment. Today, *Seminare* stands as a respected interdisciplinary forum for scholarly exchange with an international reach.

Over the past five decades, the journal has published 1,839 texts, including peer-reviewed articles, book reviews, and reports, contributing substantially to the academic output of the Francis de Sales Scientific Society, which has been the publisher of *Seminare* since 2008. We are deeply grateful to all authors, editors, reviewers, and readers who have contributed to shaping the identity and quality of this publication. *Seminare* remains a living testimony to the engagement of the academic community in the service of education and scholarship, inspired by the legacy of St. John Bosco and the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Seminare. Learned Investigations is published by the Francis de Sales Scientific Society – an academic community engaged in research and educational activity inspired by the humanism of St. Francis de Sales and Christian personalism. The journal’s profile focuses on the broadly understood “world of youth” studied from the perspective of various academic disciplines. We publish contributions in the fields of pedagogy, education, psychology, sociology, family studies, law, philosophy, anthropology, theology, and the history of education. We aim to offer a broad, interdisciplinary platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and scholarly reflection concerning education, formation, and the ongoing debate about the dignity and future of the human person.

The thematic focus of this issue centres on today’s younger generation – their condition, challenges, and prospects for growth. Contributors from various fields of study explore topics such as technological transformation, psychosocial crises, education, guidance, and pastoral accompaniment. Particular emphasis is placed on youth facing emotional difficulties, loneliness, and disorientation in the digital world, as well as on the formative role of educators and mentors. The articles offer both insightful diagnoses and constructive proposals for educational and pastoral practice.

In the spirit of St. John Bosco and St. Francis de Sales, patron of our Scientific Society and a guiding figure in our educational and academic mission, we strive to support the academic community in fostering a culture of encounter, dialogue, and responsibility for the future of young people. The humanism of St. Francis de Sales, rooted in love, gentleness, and respect for human dignity, defines the horizon of our scholarly and formative engagement.

Grateful for the fifty years of *Seminare*, we look to the future with hope – continuing our scientific inquiries, promoting integral human development, and serving educational communities in the spirit of the Gospel and Christian humanism.

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