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Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

Here before your eyes, of the body as of the mind, is the latest issue of *Verbum*. This is the first issue of volume 14 of the journal of the Department of Religious Studies. I hope you will find in it an article or an essay that will stimulate your thoughts and inspire your mind or imagination.

This first issue of volume 14 will bring to your attention a variety of writings from as far away as Ireland and Thailand, and from as close by as the college campus itself: I wish you good time as you read an interesting article by Dr. Weber or learn about St. John Fisher's *Commentary on the 7 Penitential Psalms* (so called by Christians), or peruse through the 3 essays on Religion by 3 Fisher students. We offer a look at what Christian love and kindness can do to embrace and improve the life of "special" children of God in faraway Thailand, and, bypassing the *Poetry Bend* section, reach the field of the ever important aspect of human relationships that specially affects parents and their children. If you still have a moment left from your busy daily schedule, we ask you to visit the *Alumni Corner* and learn from 2 former Fisher students what they are up to nowadays; lastly though not least, see what actor Bosco Hogan (a good friend of *St. John Fisher*) has to say about his visit to our place of higher education.

As I bid you good reading, I ask for your gracious acceptance of this new issue of *Verbum* that we in the *Religious Studies Department* offer to you towards the end of this fall 2016 semester. Finally, I ask you to consider submitting a writing for the second issue of volume 14 that will be published in the spring of 2017.

May your Christmas and Holidays be joyful and healthy!

Dr. Rev. Michael Costanzo

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