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Letter from the Editor

Today, religious studies as an academic discipline is growing and widening at St. John Fisher College. Part of this growth is to pursue scholarship for scholarship's sake; study for the passion of study. It is with this pursuit in mind that the Religious Studies Department Club presents *Verbum*. The publication of this academic journal provides an opportunity for the Fisher community to participate in a scholarly forum where religious traditions of the world are examined and engaged in critical discourse.

This issue of *Verbum* showcases student knowledge and study in Christianity and Sikhism, along with the philosophical and religious concept of humanism. From the interpretation of a Christian film to the understanding of human nature in relationship to religious studies, these articles demonstrate an intellectual foundation for the future of the continued appeal of religious studies at the collegiate level.

Verbum is a bi-annual, student-run publication whose concept generates from the work and dedication of the Religious Studies Club and Department. Thus far, in bringing the idea of religious pluralism outside the classroom, the Religious Studies Club creates an environment that broadens the view of the Fisher community regarding religion. The opportunity to open doors to more possibilities in scholarship is the goal of publishing *Verbum*.

Verbum accepts submissions each semester from classroom projects to individual research. Prizes are awarded to the two outstanding essays in each issue. In this issue, Dr. Costanzo graciously furnished the prizes. We look forward to reading your future submissions and continuing the pursuit of academic achievement in religious studies at St. John Fisher. In the words of our Basilian founders: *Bonitatem et disciplinam et scientiam doce me.*

Sincerely,

Jodi Rowland, Editor
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