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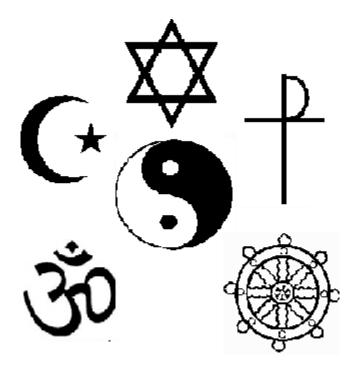
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Letter from the Editor

I am pleased to announce the publication of another edition of *Verbum*.

It is pleasing to see the Fisher community involved in this project with the submissions of articles, poetry, research papers, and varied essays. The pieces of writing that you will read in this issue are a reflection of the insights offered by this community to the larger world around. I encourage you to read this edition with an open mind and an open heart.

With this edition comes a new section of *Verbum*: poetry. We feel that by including religious poetry, we open the door to a new variety of submissions. Moreover, these submissions will add a new and stylish element to the publication. We hope that you enjoy this new element of *Verbum* and will perhaps consider writing your own piece for future issues.

I would also like to take the time to thank all of the people who helped make this edition of *Verbum* possible. Namely, the Faculty and Alumni submission review committees and the members of the Religious Studies Club who encouraged students to submit their work. I would also like to thank the people who chose to submit their writings. Whether or not the individual writings were chosen for this edition, it is their work that makes this publication possible.

We would also like to thank those members of the larger Rochester community whose support of this publication is appreciated.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of *Verbum* as much as we did putting it together. May it inspire you to write and submit your own work for the Spring 2006 semester.

Best wishes to all.

Matthew Cotugno REST CLUB President

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