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Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to see that you have chosen to open up another wonderful issue *Verbum*. Thank you for your continued interest because you, the reader, are the reason that this is such a successful publication. Every semester, *Verbum* receives a wide variety of fun and interesting pieces that will challenge, encourage, and simply entertain readers from all walks of life. The Fisher campus has been generous in contributions of exciting pieces for *Verbum*. I would like to thank all those who made contributions to this exciting new issue! These pieces have made the Spring 2012 *Verbum* another remarkable issue.

This issue offers a plethora of noteworthy pieces that will challenge the reader to think, explore, and understand religion in faith from a variety of different views. This semester's *Verbum* will allow you to look into the life of a seventeen year old wrestling with an understanding of God in their life. This issue shows us a new understanding of who both Mary Magdalene and the Virgin Mary are according to different faiths, and reminds us of the importance of community service. There is a ton more to read in here about teachers as ministers, the celebration of new life, and a reminder of the influence of Martin Luther King Jr. I could go on and on describing all of the great pieces that are present in this issue, but why don't you continue on and enjoy them for yourself!

I would also like to thank the review boards, compilers/editors, and of course the REST Club's academic advisor, Dr. Michael Costanzo. He has been dedicated to *Verbum* and has helped both the publication and REST Club to grow under his tutelage. We also thank the Office of Multicultural Affairs & Diversity, the campus bookstore, Campus Ministry, and other individuals and organizations that made contributions for the prizes presented to the *Verbum* writers.

Thank you for enjoying the Spring 2012 issue of *Verbum*!

Faithfully Yours,

Jonathan Cotugno
REST Club President
Editor of *Verbum*

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