Letter from the Editor

With the commencement of a new year and the arrival of a new president, on both a national and collegiate level, we find ourselves in a time of change when we must learn to adapt. Keeping this adaptation in mind, the Religious Studies Club introduces its third issue of *Verbum*.

This issue will attempt to continue to broaden understandings of other religions and bring a sense of family to the Fisher community. That brings us to the matter at hand—we, at the Religious Studies Club, dedicate this issue of *Verbum* to Dr. Katherine Keough, who has impacted St. John Fisher College in multiple ways.

From touching on daily morality issues to in depth biblical research, this issue strives to reach an inner core of religiosity. These articles will challenge the mind and the spirit of the readers, unlocking the mystery of our world’s religious traditions.

In closing, the legacy of Dr. Keough will not cease with her death, but will continue and thrive.

In the end, we thank you, Dr. Keough, for all you have given us, and we shall attempt to carry your values forward to future St. John Fisher students and the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Linda Wert, Editor
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Jodi Rowland, Alumni Advisor
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Dr. Katherine Keough
March 25, 2004

Fr. Michael Constanzo
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Dear Fr. Constanzo,

It is with pleasure that I congratulate you on the Religious Studies Club’s first edition of *Verbun*. Thank you for thinking of me and sending along a copy. This is a fine thing that the Religious Studies Club has started here at Fisher. Our students have shown great leadership and creativity in undertaking this project. Thus far I have only had a chance to read selected sections but have been quite impressed with your students’ submissions but look forward to seeing more of their works in the future. With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially,

Katherine E. Keough