

From the Editor

This issue of *Integritas* takes up the question of poverty, and the responsibility that Catholic colleges and universities have in helping to address it. Sister Amata Miller, I.H.M., an economist who has spent a lifetime considering the question, offers a panoramic view of Catholic engagement with what she calls “the greatest obscenity of our times,” extreme poverty amidst unprecedented wealth. She points to recent efforts to eradicate poverty, and offers the tradition of Catholic social teaching as a resource. She concludes with reflections on the role that Catholic institutions of higher learning can take in shaping responses to poverty.

In his moving response, poet Paul Mariani highlights the prophetic nature of Sr. Amata’s call to responsibility. Pointing to the biblical, theological, and Magisterial roots of this call, he hopes that Catholic colleges and universities will heed the cry of the poor. Together, these two essays, and the moving discussion that followed, point to an important theme in the heart of the Church, and in the heart of Christ.

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