

## Editors' Note

The articles featured in this issue of the *Lumen et Vita* Journal come from our Spring 2022 Conference - "The Great Waters of the Kingdom of Matter": Faith, Religion, Science, and Reality. Although religious belief and science have long been constructed as being in tension and conflict in Western society, they also work together cooperatively, with mutually-informing perspectives despite different commitments, frameworks, burdens, strengths, limitations, methods, and goals. These tensions and differences can speak to one another creatively and assist in the pursuit of truth and, ultimately, the search for God. At the Spring Conference, we invited presenters to address how faith, religion, and science work together to lead us to a greater understanding of reality. In this issue, we have published the best papers from the Conference.

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The Boston College School of Theology and Ministry received the Science for Seminaries grant under the leadership of Professor Jessica Black and Professor Dominic Doyle. This grant was used to fund awards of \$400 each for the three papers deemed to be the best presentations on the application of scientific knowledge to pastoral ministry. The criteria for the awards included clarity, originality, and the ability to address a concrete problem in pastoral practice through a clear and accessible articulation of a relevant aspect of contemporary science.

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