

Preface

VOLUME FIFTEEN of *Life and Learning* presents a selection of papers from UFL's 2005 conference. We are deeply grateful to Dean Bernard Dobranski for providing UFL with another opportunity to use the splendid facilities of the Ave Maria Law School in Ann Arbor, Michigan for our conference. Special thanks are due to UFL President Richard Myers for hosting this meeting. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Sharon Sansoterra and Meg Castro, who assisted in the arrangements there with such tremendous hospitality and efficiency.

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The papers in this volume are grouped under six headings, beginning with the essays on international law (Wilkins & Reynolds, Keown, Safranek). In the section on rhetoric and argument, three UFL members (Voth, Stith, King) reflect on the significance of the ways in which the life issues are framed in public discourse. Four of this year's papers consider questions in the area of medicine and nursing (Klaus, Fehring, Echlin, O'Connell), while another four take up the life-issues from an ecclesial perspective (Conley, Fastiggi, Gardiner, Fedoryka). A number of our contributors treat philosophical and theological problems (Forsythe, Mathie, Latkovic, Reimers, Conley). Finally, a number of UFL's scholars comment on contemporary culture and the life issues (Mathie, Gilroy, Nyikos, Koloze, Krause, Porter, Yuengert & Fetzer).

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