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The original proposal of Władysław Madziar's SVD missiological reflection opens the 144th volume of "Nurt SVD". Inscribed in the vision of the Church promoted by Pope Francis are the author's thoughts about characteristics of the missionary activity of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD): heritage of the past and options for further growth. Bold questions about the shape of mission and a fresh reading of the signs of time give his analysis an optimistic dynamism. Referring to the permanent and irreducible values, which belong to the essence of the missionary presence among the people, the author admits that the person of a missionary is not the last instance of evangelization.

Do people in the Church unambiguously understand the term "evangelization"? Professor Joanna Sobczykowa analyzes the occurrence of this concept in various aspects, discussing its linguistic, theological and colloquial semantics. As a result, the linguist considers evangelization as a "communication strategy", presenting verbal and non-verbal methods of proclaiming the Gospel. This study inspires missiological research in the era of a new evangelization. Each missionary is *ex professo* "a participant in the religious discourse" of his time. Today, the recognition of the context of the post Christian sphere reveals the need for a new style in preaching, new methods and forms of expression, new tools and words, and finally - more meaningful characters.

The last word has not yet been said about the theology of liberation. Maciej Zaborski seeks to answer the question whether this theology, based on a grassroots socio-political movement in Latin America, has correctly interpreted the mission of Jesus. Starting with the question: "And who do you say I am?" (Mt 16:15), the author wonders whether the essence of the Gospel - the love of God and neighbor - can be reconciled with the image of the Christ-liberator with a rifle on his shoulder? Entering a deeper theological reflection, the author critically analyzes attempts to connect the Christological dogma with leftist political activism. The originality of taking on this otherwise wellknown subject lies in a suitable application of historical distance ... Does theology of liberation truly represent a contextual proposition of faith based on the ideal of helping the poor or a politicized ideology based on the emotional hyper-activity of people? To what extent have the theologians such as Gustavo Gutierrez from Peru, Leonardo Boff from Brazil, Jon Sobrino from El Salvador and others contributed to the inculturation of faith in the churches of South America?

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