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As readers of the previous issue of *Conversations* know, the National Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education is the ultimate source of this journal. It is dedicated to publishing material on major issues which affect the work of American Jesuit higher education today and to stimulating in and among the Jesuit colleges and universities thought and conversation on such issues.

The first issue of *Conversations* brought welcome letters in response to its appearance and purpose. They are published early in the issue, because we want the conversation to start immediately. Your letters will be warmly welcomed too: we hope to hear from you.

The seminar members serve limited terms of office and over the summer three of the original participants completed those terms while three new members joined the group. I want to thank our departing members, Father Vincent J. O'Keefe SJ, superior of the Jesuit provincial residence in New York, a former president of Fordham University, and later in Rome general assistant and vicar general of the Society of Jesus; Sister Rosaleen Trainor CJS, a member of the faculty of philosophy at Gonzaga University, Spokane; and Dr. Ronald E. Walker, executive vice president of Loyola University, Chicago, and a member of the faculty of psychology there.

I also wish to introduce and welcome our new participants. Dr. Mary Ann Donnelly is professor of business administration at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York. She is also a graduate of Le Moyne as well as of Harvard Law School. She practiced law in New York City for some years, was a part-time faculty member at the University of Syracuse, and since 1980 has been again at Le Moyne, where, in addition to teaching in the field of business law, she has been the president of the faculty senate. She and her husband are the authors of the annual survey of commercial law for New York State; along with Donald Kirby SJ, she is the co-author of a work about the values program at Le Moyne, *Ambitious Dreams*.

Sister Elizabeth Linehan is associate professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She received her baccalaureate degree at Mt. St. Agnes College in Baltimore, and her master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy at Fordham University, New York. Her areas of specialization in teaching and research have been ethics and American philosophy. Most recently she has published "Ignorance, Self-Deception and Moral Accountability" in *The Journal of Value Inquiry*. She is presently working on material on feminist ethics and is also a member of the John Courtney Murray Group, scholars interested in American philosophy and theology and their impact on American life. As a Religious Sister of Mercy, she has also been involved with the health-care system of her religious order.

Dr. Allen L. Service is academic dean of the School for Professional Studies at Regis University, Denver, Colorado. He is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, where he majored in mathematics. He received both his master of science degree and his doctor of philosophy degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in the area of operations research. He has served as senior research and staff associate at Case Western Reserve in the School of Applied Social Sciences, and at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems at Boulder, Colorado. He was director of the Human Service Management Institute at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and program director and assistant professor of management and public administration at the University of Denver. Before coming to Regis in 1984, he was senior partner in a training, planning, and evaluation company that served as consultant to social service, educational, and governmental agencies.

—John W. Padberg SJ