

Editorial

by the Co-Editors

It is fitting that *The One Sent*, an image of Mary Magdalene with Jesus, graces the cover of this issue. Indeed, Mary was called, was a disciple and an apostle. This issue celebrates the establishment of the Center for the Study of Consecrated Life at CTU. We are republishing two talks given at the opening and are also publishing two important pieces—one from a sister and one from a brother in religious life—about the calling or discipleship that is demanded of those who choose consecrated life. The new center was launched in February 2015 with Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ (whose work on prophetic encounter is included in this issue), as director. “The goal of the center is to engage in global dialogue and research on contemporary issues in consecrated life today,” according to the press release announcing the launch. “CSCL was created in part as a response to the designation of 2015 as the ‘Year of Consecrated Life’ by Pope Francis.” (See the press release at <http://www.ctu.edu/center-study-consecrated-life-launch> for more information about the center.)

The cover image celebrates the recent gift to CTU of five paintings of Janet McKenzie. McKenzie is the prize-winning artist whose *Jesus of the People* was the winner of a 1999 *National Catholic Reporter’s* quest to find a vision of a Jesus for the new millennium. The donor, Barbara Marian (with her husband, Jerry Powers), commissioned the triptych *The Succession of Mary Magdalene*, the center image of which appears on our cover. That image, *The One Sent: Mary Magdalene with Jesus, the Christ*, is flanked in the triptych by *Companion: Mary Magdalene with Joanna and Susanna* (left) and *Apostle of the Apostles: Mary Magdalene with the Beloved Disciple and Peter* (right). CTU will celebrate the gift of these paintings on September 27 with a lecture by Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP, and Vespers. For more information, please see <http://www.ctu.edu/mckenzie> (the full triptych is available at this website). To see more of Janet McKenzie’s work, including *Jesus of the People*, please visit <http://www.janetmckenzie.com/joppage1.html>.