

## EDITORIAL

It has become a tradition that a selection of the studies presented during the second edition of the International Conference on Education, Religion and Family in Contemporary Society, October 2018 are found in the 14th number of *Astra Salvensis* journal.<sup>1</sup> Through this volume, we aim to provide education specialists, Academic and secondary school teachers, researchers and students with opportunities to debate and share views and ideas, in such a way that the results of educational, religious and/or family research may stand as premises for other studies, reflection, analysis and synthesis points. At the same time, we consider it appropriate to publish papers that promote cultural values of the Romanian nation on the occasion of the centenary.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A selection of the ones from the 1<sup>st</sup> edition was published in the 9<sup>th</sup> number from 2017. See: Rastko Jović, "Religious Education-Challenges and Perspectives in Contemporary Society: Western Balkans/Serbia," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 11-20; Tijana Petković, "Orthodox Perspectives on the Status of the Embryo," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 21-28; Vasile Timiș, "The Dissemination of Religious Values through Catechetical-Didactic Activities," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 29-38; Teodor-Dumitru Vălcan, "Solving Two Problems Related to Determining the Date for Easter" in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 39-44; Delia Muste, "Managementul timpului școlar," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 47-50; Veronica Filipaș, "Catechesis in Kindergartens and Schools," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 51-56; Violeta Cristina Șinar, Valer Cristian Șinar, "Educația outdoor la preșcolari," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 57-64; Gladiola Mrejeru, "Aspecte metodologice ale educației religioase la vârsta școlară mică," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 65-72; Irina Petrea-Sullivan, "Rolul educației religioase în formarea caracterului copiilor," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 73-82; Lia Afrim, Raluca Banciu, "Impactul activităților extrașcolare asupra copilului," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 83-88; Alin Ionuț Pop, Manuela Oana Pop, "Dezvoltarea religiozității la preșcolari," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 99-100; Adriana Denisa Manea, Ciprian Baciu, "Interrelații familiale provocate de revoluția tehnico-științifică," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 103-110; Crina Flavia Samson, Dorina Loredana Sofian, "Educația religioasă în familia modernă," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 111-116; Luminița Badale, "Tradițional și modern în familia românească," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 117-124; Ionela Camelia Lazea, "Coordonate ale educației timpurii în cadrul familiei," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 125-129; Iuliu-Marius Morariu, "Elevi ortodocși și greco-catolici la liceul „Alexandru Odobescu” din Bistrița, între anii 1925 și 1931," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 139-154; Mihai-Octavian Groza, Iuliu-Marius Morariu, "Aspecte privitoare la educație, morală și familie în paginile revistei *Renașterea* de la Cluj din anul 1928," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 153-160; Daniel Aron Alic, "Institutul Pedagogic Diecezan din Caransebeș (1876-1920). Scurte considerații istorice," in *Astra Salvensis*, V (2017), no. 11, p. 161-172.

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We consider that the coordinates of the papers in this volume represent elements of interest for both educational and clerical specialists, as well as for decision-makers in the socio-cultural and political context, namely: the development of national pride, the consolidation of Christian spirituality within families and society, family issues in the contemporary society, the moral civic education oriented towards universal values subject to the technological revolution.

Throughout history, education was the central axis of scientific developments and innovations. From this point of view, the contribution of specialists in education, materialized in scientific papers, is opportune to be capitalized by means of publishing research and making it public, even more as contemporary society, facing profound and frequent changes, is in search of solutions for future actions. Therefore, according to noted developments and transformations, there are efforts in view of identifying solutions for an education that is consonant with universal values (truth, love, freedom, happiness, democracy, peace, justice, loyalty, responsibility), given the fact that moral, ethical, socio-cultural, religious values have been significantly altered.

There are interrogations focused on the role and purpose of educating the future generations, multiple questions that go beyond boundaries and historical epochs. The contemporary school, centered on building skills, in the sense of expanding knowledge, of bringing responsible action in a social, economic cultural, political, technological, cybernetic context, may offer solutions only by joining forces with other decision-making factors in the socio-political area, the family institution and religious institutions.

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