

A word from the Editor



Welcome to the first issue of *Guest House Review*!

Early in 2007 the newly constituted board of the Guest House Institute met to begin some initial planning. The Institute evolved as a way to pursue the educational and research aspects of the overall Guest House mission. *Guest House Review* has been developed to make available for a wide audience the best research and information that supports recovery. As the official e-journal of the Institute, *Guest House Review* aspires to encourage recovery for religious and priests as well as providing timely information in support of recovery for Church leadership.

As the reader will see, *GH Review* will have a number of sections devoted to recovery topics. We plan to publish twice a year in February and September. Each issue will have a **Cover** section with messages from the Institute's Executive Director, Michael Morton, and the journal editors. A **Features** section will contain two or three articles that present important topics in addiction and recovery with some detail. These articles may be solicited by the journal, submitted by addiction scholars, provided by those in recovery, or presented as manuscripts at one of our Guest House-sponsored conferences. All Feature articles will be peer-reviewed by the editorial board. A style sheet will accompany each Feature section in order to assist contributing authors. Interested women and men religious as well as priests and addiction scholars are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Sections entitled **Leadership Corner** and **Recovery Corner** will contain messages of encouragement from a variety of Church leaders around the globe and from recovering religious and priests. A section of **Updates** will provide information on a variety of recovery-oriented materials available to journal readers, or will review recently released publications or movies available to the public. Finally, a section called **CEUs** will contain a set of questions drawn from the content of that issue of *GH Review*. Readers can print a copy of the questions sheet, complete the answers, and then submit their responses to Guest House Institute (along with a \$10 fee) in order to receive a certificate for 1.5 units of continuing education (NAADAC), dependent on 70% correct answers.

The Associate Editors, Editorial Board, and I hope that you find this first issue of *Guest House Review* informative, encouraging, and stimulating. The listing of current editors is attached to this **Cover**. We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions. Please contact us through Guest House Institute or contact me directly at morganol@scranton.edu.

May the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of St. Raphael, patron of Guest House, bless this endeavor. May we be given the grace to be a blessing to the Church.

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