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**A word from the Editor .....**



This fourth issue of *Guest House Review* brings several important issues to light. Dr. John Gonsiorek's article, revised from a talk to the 2007 GHI Summer Leadership Conference, highlights the importance and challenges of aftercare in the process of recovery management. He speaks with the authority of experience regarding the complexities of religious and clergy recovery post-treatment, and the emergence of issues (medical, psychological, behavioral, systemic) following abstinence.

Dr. Mark Laaser reviews important issues and myths involved in sexual misconduct among pastors and clergy. He provides important insights into what is known about the psychological make-up of offenders. His admonitions to be cautious of the limits of psychological testing and wary about claims of effectiveness in screening for possible offenders are much needed today. Dr. Laaser and his wife are co-founders of Faithful and True Ministries, Inc. in Minnesota.

Fr. Arthur Espelage, OFM is a regular presenter at Guest House Institute events, including the most recent 2009 Summer Leadership Conference. A canon lawyer, Fr. Espelage's paper, *Canon Law & Impaired Professionals in the Catholic Church*, is a well-researched presentation of the state of play in this area.

Guest House Institute is particularly pleased to include in this issue one of the first reviews of *Let the oppressed go free: Breaking the bonds of addiction* (2009) by Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia. This book is hot off the presses from Basilica Press and, as the reader will see, our review is both an appreciation and critique of the work.

We hope that you enjoy this 4<sup>th</sup> issue of *Guest House Review*. It has been two years since we began this venture, and we have found it informative, stimulating, and helpful to a number of our alumni.

Let us know what you think. Please don't hesitate to contact me ([morganol@scranton.edu](mailto:morganol@scranton.edu)) if others are Guest House Institute using this website. God bless!

