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## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The moment I am writing these words, the world once again faces shocking news: a few hours ago a terrorist attack was mounted on the Moscow Domodedovo airport. Dozens of innocent people were killed and hundreds are injured. In the atmosphere of apparent calmness, potential risk awaits man, which breeds fear and uncertainty. One may now pose questions about man's cruelty, terror and savagery. One may condemn bombers, their bestiality. However, these emotions will change nothing since the reason should be searched for somewhere else.

We are presenting the Reader with the next issue of "The Horizons of Education" devoted to the fears of the present time, which also create the events from the Moscow airport. We aimed to describe this phenomenon in various existential aspects, not dealing with its psychological understanding and etiology. The question which runs through the reading, primarily concerns the current way of educating, forming minds and conscience. Therefore, pedagogues are alarmed by schools escaping from the humanistic process of education and formation; they perceive serious threats in cultural pluralism, which does not always enrich man. Among the articles referring to education, a pedagogue, dealing with resocialization, analyzes anxieties experienced in the face of crime and social aberration. A sociologist searches for anxiety determinants in various aspects of social life. Finally, the phenomenon of fear is described with reference to art, which often appears as the personification of evil in the form of the devil. The whole presentation closes with articles devoted to the smuggling of evil in the media, which breeds anxiety and may create blind followers as well as educational communication and attitudes, which should create a better world, though it happens that they shut themselves away in their own egotism.

These several analytical thoughts referring to the phenomenon of fear aim at the reflection upon the search for the origins, which give rise to the threat destroying human freedom and internal peace. Undoubtedly, the mind needs to be cultivated appropriately, education needs to be delivered in a legitimate and competent way, but is that sufficient...?

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At the beginning we placed the lecture delivered by Abp Luis Ladaria, the Secretary of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith during the inauguration ceremony of the academic year 2010-2011 at "Ignatianum". Its content diverges from the main subject of this issue, though at the age of turbulence, uncertainty and hidden fear perhaps we should sometimes rise towards Transcendence...

Wishing You pleasant and peaceful reading.

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