

EDITORIAL

For the entire team of the Biblical Journal *Sacra Scripta* of the Center for Biblical Studies that belongs to the University "Babeş-Bolyai", for all its collaborators and readers, the publication of a special issue in the honor of the remarkable biblical scholar Erik Eynikel is more than an academic honor: it is a gesture of gratitude for all his professional support granted to our journal in his role as a member of its Editorial Board.

This is the reason why this honoring volume was published in Cluj-Napoca, summing up articles from prestigious biblical scholars, who through their work have written history in the international biblical research.

I must say, however, that the initiative of writing this volume belongs to Professor Tobias Nicklas who wanted to highlight in this way the remarkable personality and theological activity of his colleague and friend, Erik Eynikel.

By means of this Festschrift, the biblical scholar Erik Eynikel has also entered the gallery of great scholars who shape the history of the "Babeş-Bolyai" University in Cluj-Napoca and the theological direction of its professional structure. And this is because the Center for Biblical Studies and its Journal "Sacra Scripta" are important landmarks of the academic research in Cluj-Napoca and of promoting the image of the University in the world as an institution that supports theological research and non-denominational ecumenical activity within it.

We thus recall theologians who were awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa at the initiative of the Faculties of Orthodox, Roman-Catholic, Greek-Catholic and Reformed Theology and who together form the "theological academic family" of our University, or to whom honoring volumes were dedicated as a sign of appreciation for their scientific contribution in the field of Theology. Here are some of them: Ulrich Luz, Card. Joseph Ratzinger, Card. Schönborn Christoph, Card. Walter Kasper, Arturo Sosa Abascal SJ, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, and recently Joseph Verheyden and others. Professor Erik Eynikel is now added to all of these.

So, with this honoring volume, the biblical researcher Erik Eynikel also entered the history of the Romanian academic theological family and crowns brilliant the reputation of "Babeş-Bolyai" University!

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