

A shade too much Schadenfreude

THE APPRECIATION of Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini that appeared in the 12 September 2012 issue of *The Tablet* under the title "Never afraid" was unusually personal and heartfelt. It was written by a former student who had gone on to become a leading Vatican interpreter and a champion of Pope Francis. "It was always a thrill," he remembered, "whenever [Martini] would come visit us at the Biblicum, celebrate Mass with the students and give an afternoon lecture in the Aula Magna. He walked in wearing a simple black cassock and small pectoral cross. With no notes in hand and only a copy of the Greek New Testament ... he lectured us on the importance of textual criticism, one of the deadliest topics in Scripture studies. From that point on, he made the topic not only interesting but necessary."

The author of the tribute was Fr Thomas Rosica, a Canadian priest, bustling boss of the Salt and Light multimedia operation and president and vice-chancellor of Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario.



Sadly, we've learnt from Joshua Hochschild, a philosophy professor whose primary interest is medieval logic and metaphysics, that Fr Rosica had foolishly padded out his piece with texts pieced together from various authors with neither quotation marks nor attribution. In fact, the hunt for plagiarism in the work of Fr Rosica – which has appeared in several Canadian newspapers and in religious journals and magazines all over the English-speaking world – has been keeping a number of North American journalists and academics busy for several months.

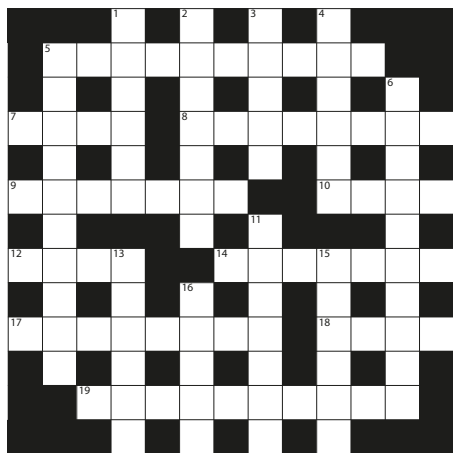
When I spoke to Fr Rosica he apologised to *Tablet* readers. "I was wrong," he told us. "I'm sorry. I wish there was something more I could say." He has stepped down from his academic posts and is on sabbatical from his role at Salt and Light. The evident glee with which Fr Rosica's enemies have reported his fall from grace is less than edifying. Editors also have to examine their consciences. How did so many of us in so many well-resourced newspapers and journals fail to notice the corner-cutting of a scribbler with a tendency to borrow?

AMONG THOSE with the fondest memories of Jean Vanier, who died last month, were those with intellectual disabilities who lived in Val Fleuri, his house in the l'Arche community in Trosly, north of Paris.

"Jean was happy when he was in the house with us," Céline Innocent told us. "He would sit in an armchair and ask the person next to him how they were. At supper, he always had soup, potatoes and an apple compote. On Sunday evenings he used to love watching the news in the living room. He would start watching on his own and then everyone would join him when we had finished the washing up. He would smile and that brought joy to people. It did us good."

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 660 | Axe



Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 1 June, The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Email: thetablet@thetablet.co.uk, with Crossword in the subject field. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Paul, Theology and Christian Ethics – from the OUP's Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 14 June. The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 22 June issue.

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Across

- 5 Of the place connected to one Joseph in the N.T. (10)
7 Post-Shrovetide fast (4)
8 Follower of a Dutch theologian who rejected Calvin's doctrine of predestination and influenced the later Methodists (8)
9 Country of central Asia Minor whose Church was written to by Paul (7)
10 Galilean town where Jesus brought a widow's son back to life (4)
12 First wife of Lamech (4)
14 Cedars from here were used in the building of Jerusalem (7)

Down

- 17 Biblical supernatural phenomena (8)
18 Roman province which included Ephesus and Colossae at the time of Paul (4)
19 Book which alludes to letters to the seven churches of 18 (10)
1 One of the seven personal attendants of King Ahasuerus sent to bring Queen Vashti before him (6)
2 Woman Paul converted in Athens (7)
3 Affirmation of Judaism and faith in one God (5)
4 Alternative, Luke, spelling of the son of Enos(h) compared with Genesis (6)

- 5 Home city of Apollos, an important early church teacher (10)
6 Welsh pre-Christian tales which influenced the Druids (10)
11 Anticipated deliverer of the Jews, from the Hebrew for "anointed one" (7)
13 Blissful afterlife (6)
15 Race of giants, hill tribes people wiped out by Joshua (6)
16 Patriarch; church leader (5)

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Solution to the 11 May puzzle

Solution to the 11 May crossword No. 657

Across: 1 Pascal; 4 Bagoas; 8 Islam; 9 Abishai; 10 Susanna; 11 Edrei; 12 Arthaveda; 17 Achan; 19 Assyria; 21 Syrians; 22 Leper; 23 Ridley; 24 Oswald. Down: 1 Priest; 2 Salt Sea; 3 Ammon; 5 Abilene; 6 Ophir; 7 Spirit; 9 Aramaeans; 13 Tyndale; 15 Caesar; 16 Sacred; 18/14 Herod Agrippa; 20 Silas. Winner: Joan Stewart, Galwally, Belfast.