

SECTION 2 THE SOUL OF A CHAPLAIN

Editor's Introduction

For this issue of *Reflective Practice*, the Editorial Board invited authors and readers to reflect upon their ministry from a soulful perspective. This theme prompted me to create a forum around the theme “the soul of a chaplain.” I posed two particular questions to chaplains and chaplain supervisors:

- How does your work as a chaplain shape your soul?
- How does your soul shape your work as a chaplain?

A forum is a section of the journal where readers may share short personal reflections, not scholarly essays, on a particular theme. Keeping the reflections short encourages more people to write and contribute, readers who might otherwise feel intimidated by the task of writing a longer, more scholarly essay. The format of a forum is consistent with the purposes of this journal, which is to give you, the working and serving religious professional, an opportunity to reflect upon your practice and experience of ministry.

As editor, I received a rich variety of responses from a diverse array of contributors. Twelve entries were selected for publication. I hope you are as impressed as I was by the incredible sensitivity, richness, and diversity of those of you who serve as chaplains or chaplain supervisors.

Scott Sullender
Editor