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## Fair coverage

I WELCOME your balanced editorial "Reframing the message" (May 23), dealing in part with the Church's attitude to gay Catholics and to same-sex marriage.

Now I wonder if you would continue to deal with (both in editorial and in news stories) other controversial topics, such as the crackdown on nuns in the United States ( see Roseman· Gravenor's letter in the same issue) and on the Vatican's move to take over the direction of Caritas, the Catholic international development agency.

In his "Letter from Rome" in The Tablet of April 28, 2012, Robert Mickens noted: "Many so-called 'Vatican II Catholics' are becoming increasingly disheartened with what they perceive to be a crackdown on reform-minded theologians, priests, and now religious sisters."

Many of my friends and I, are becoming increasingly disheartened and The Southern Cross would be performing a service in providing fair coverage of such topics.

I am not suggesting that the paper be all "gloom and doom", but in these troubled times it would be refreshing to read more pieces like your recent forthright editorial.

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