

Anotation:

PILGRIMAGE AND HER EXPLOITATION FOR CATECHISM

The thesis offers to the participants of the catechism course insight into one of the biggest Middle Ages pilgrimages – “Saint-Jacob’s Pilgrimage”, as well as into the history of pilgrimage generally, and into related events from the history of the Church.

Pilgrimages have not only spiritual, historical, cultural or political dimension, but they are – above all – journeys of internal contemplation of God and recognition of oneself. Therefore, the goal of this thesis was to help, through the historical background, to deepen the belief of the participants, encourage their active life with God and give them a practical help in their Christian life.

The matter is divided into two parts: The theoretical part deals with what precedes the catechism – i. e. the conditions that need to be fulfilled in the interest of a correct and meaningful catechism. The second part is a resulting example of practical preparation to catechism. It is conceived so that the participants are acquainted with the historical facts, with the spirituality of places of pilgrimage. At the same time, the substance of belief and Christian life is being explained. In each lesson selected notions of catechism are introduced and explained and a space is given to the participants to present their own opinions, experiences and actual problems, in solution of whose they can be helped by a common endeavour.