

## Summary

Diakonie as one of the most important services combines helping the needy and spiritual support. This service was already established in the early church and it focused on both material and spiritual area.

The diploma thesis “The Work of Diaconia” with the subtitle “A Short Overview of the History of Diaconia, Czech Diaconia and Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren” describes diaconia from the point of view of the New Testament where it becomes helping a fellow man with the motivation of faith, i.e. following Jesus Christ. In next parts, diaconia is described from the period of early church until the Reformation. It is followed by the early days of diaconia in the Czech lands, the role of Kaiserswerth institute in Germany where Czech girls studied and some of them then used their knowledge about taking care of the ill and educating in their diaconic activities in the Czech lands. However, many of them continued living abroad. Priest Václav Šubert significantly contributed to the foundation of a first diaconic institution, girls’ school or an orphanage in Krabčice, the birthplace of diaconia in the Czech lands. He and our first two deaconesses, Marie Karafiátová and Eleanora Kašparová, occupy more space in this work.

In the next part, a historical development of Czech Diaconia since its establishment in 1903 until the autumn of 1952 is described.

The final part of this diploma thesis focuses on Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren which was renewed in June 1989 and followed up the work of the Czech Diaconia.