

Reflection of priest celibacy in contemporary theology and culture

Abstract

The Bachelor's thesis describes the reflection of priest celibacy in contemporary theology and culture. This topic is part of a wider discussion about human sexuality in theology and history. A part of the thesis includes a historical review which is connected to the current systematic reflection. The identity of priests and the way of speaking about celibacy and priesthood in present theology is very different, the text examines the experience of sexual abuse in the church. The thesis takes notice of the different approaches and possible consequences of them, e.g. the image of women in texts that discuss the celibate way of life. It also observes the possibility of a better connection to the present culture and social sciences.

Keywords

celibacy, priesthood identity, theological reflection of celibacy in history and today, celibacy and relationship to women