

THE PROBLEMATIC ISSUE OF CHILD ABUSE WITHIN PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

Annotation

This Master thesis focuses on the problems of child sexual abuse and especially on a question how to deal with this problem within pastoral activities. The subject of the thesis is a description of child sexual abuse from a professional view, and an overview of help that is provided to abused children and a description of different methods of prevention, with the emphasis on a competent advance sexual education. The thesis also includes a list of hot lines and institutions which provide crisis help for children in the Czech Republic (current contacts and addresses). At the same time the thesis gives suggestions how the Church can assist in solving such an emotional and complicated problem of child abuse, within its pastoral activities.

- Child sexual abuse
- Help for abused children
- Sexual violence prevention
- Crisis help and hot lines
- Mental support for victims of abuse