Abstract

This thesis deals with description of four functions of the catholic church and their implementation in the parish of Teplice. This parish is situated in the region of so-called „Sudeten“ border area and had rich and painful history influenced by national, political and religious changes. From the nineties of the twentieth century there has been systematic work of the Salesian community who accepted the invitation from the bishop of Litoměřice to help there with the pastoral work. At the same time with the pastoral care, the Salesians keep the sense for their original charisma which is „care of the youth, especially of the poorest one.“ The first part of the thesis is focused on the definition of the concept of the parish and describes four functions of the church: diakonia, koinonia, liturgia, martyria. Beside the aspects of the Scripture and church documents, the pastoral aspect and the tasks of present pastoral care in the parish are underlined there. The second part of the thesis outlines the history of the parish of Teplice and its current staff. It is followed by concretization of the particular functions of the church projected in the specific activities held in this parish. The most important source of this part of the thesis are interviews with the members of the Salesian community in Teplice with whom I work closely as a pastoral assistant.

Keywords

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