This thesis focuses on the person and work of the Jesuit priest František Lízna SJ. Father František is known for his work with socially excluded people, homeless, prisoners and others who are on the periphery of society. The aim of this thesis is to find inspiration in Father František's activities, which will enable us further reflection and enrichment of social work. By inspiration is not meant something that implies new theory or brings new rules, but it is meant suggestion to reflect our motivations and ways of providing social work. Father František's believed that socially oriented activities are his vocation and calling in life. This thesis will first approach his life story that was marked by political persecution. It was this political persecution that paradoxically brought him closer to socially excluded people. Next two sections of this thesis will deal with his work with vulnerable people. Qualitative research makes it possible to discover Father František's activities, his attitudes and basic values. Interpretation of the collected material offers inspirational ideas for social work with clients of social services, as Father František, himself persecuted and imprisoned, had an experience as an "excluded person". Out of this reason he became a friend of the marginalized people and embraced them as a gift for his life. In his activities he shows them their dignity, and in Christian faith he accepts them with respect as Christ himself, Christ of the poor.