

Abstract

The aim of this bachelor thesis 'Rerum Novarum: Main ideas in today's context' is a reflection of main ideas of Leo XIII's encyclical Rerum Novarum, covering its biblical and patristic sources – especially in area of labour, ownership and money, their actualization in selected Magisterial texts during next decades – encyclicals of Popes Pius XI., John Paul II., Benedict XVI. and Francis, and their analysis within today's context. There are fundamental topics like relation between the private ownership and freedom and responsibility of a man, labour and capital separation with its results, labour capitalization within the family and roles of family, the Church and a state in social issues. Furthermore, the work deals with some other following ecclesiological and pastoral aspects – the impact of solving social issues on evangelization and the impact of the inability of the state to solve the social issues on the actions of the Church. Encyclical Rerum Novarum is the basis for the social doctrine of the Church, this work tries to show why this is so.

Keywords

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