

## **Abstract**

The author deals with the underlife of the sisters of De Notre Dame, in the two selected communities in Prague and in Horažďovice. The whole concept of this work is based on the theory of the total institution as Erving Goffman presents in his book *Asylums*. In the theoretical part, the audience is acquainted both Goffman's theory and with its parts, such as primary and secondary adaptation, and with underlife theory. Next topic is critique of Goffman's theory and how is order maintained in religious institutions.

The practical part then touches selected parts of the underlife, such as the personification of clothes, the sisters' finances and the observance of the official rules of the community. After that, the author answers her research questions and compares the two communities. This knowledge is then connected with Goffman's theory. The author's work coincides with Goffman's theory, but her results are less obvious than those presented by Goffman. In this part, she also associates with his critics. In conclusion, the author provides a possible continuation of her work and its usage regarding issues concerning the introduction of uniforms at Czech schools.