

Abstract

In its first part, the present thesis deals with the history and development of the deacon service in Church. It consists of distinguishing of terms such as marriage, priesthood, celibacy and diaconate. Furthermore, it deals with the role and the importance of clergymen celibacy and the development of the ecclesiastical attitude towards women.

The second part focuses on the impact of the deacon service on the family life of the permanent deacons and it examines the way it is perceived by their wives. The findings are based on the results of questionnaires and they are subsequently arranged into individual sections. The sections consist of the parts called “I (deacon’s wife)” – “Children” – “Parish” – “Clergy”. The aim of the thesis was gained with the assessment and the classification of the research results based on questionnaires and their subsequent presentation. The presentation conducts a survey of the situation in such families from the perspective of the permanent deacons’ wives, in other words, it charts the situation of the families whose father is a permanent deacon.