

Abstract

The thesis “Medial muck-raking of sexual affairs in the Church in Czech press in spring 2010“ through the use of medial ruts, stereotypes and logic, inquires into medial texts from the springtime 2010, which have referenced to sexual affairs in Catholic Church. Based on medial theories (gatekeeping, social construction of reality, agenda setting etc.) the thesis follows up the reflection of the theme and specifics of media discourse. This view is complemented with interviews with members of the Church, which give the thesis out-of-media extent.

Qualitative part of the thesis takes sexual affairs in Church as illustrative theme, which is meant in connection with the Roman Catholic Church reflected by Czech media. The thesis also attempts to generalize the actual medial reflection of the Church on the background of current medial trends. It tries to offer a way how to improve the relationship between two part of culture – media and the Roman Catholic Church.

To put the thesis into context it will be provided with information about history of the Roman Catholic Church and relationship of Czech society to matters of the church, because it determinates perception of medial news about this theme.