

My dissertation *Alternatives of Home Violence Settling* deals with various alternatives of how the home violence problems can be settled. The introductory chapter goes through the professional interpretation of the home violence term as well as causes, forms and specific signs of this violence type, being followed by description of its consequences and the myths which have gained a foothold in the general public. The home violence is characterized as a long-term, repeated and escalating physical, mental, or sexual cruelty to persons living in the common household; it takes place between close persons, adult family members, or also life partners. The victims, being exposed to long-term violence, lost their self-confidence, however, their fear and confusion increase; they also suffer from a good many various symptoms as depression, shame, decline of general state of health, or increased suicidal behavior.

Chapter two focuses on the characterization of the home violence victims and delinquents as well. As to the victims, these can be everybody, irrespective of their education, age, social position or economic situation – women, seniors and handicapped persons as well as men. The home violence occurs between adult partners, spouses, parents and their children, but also between young and aged persons.

Chapter three deals with the home violence enactment. The effectiveness of the recurrent family violence prevention is considerably influenced by the legislative power as well as by the possible protection of victims, and the same applies to the assistance to and protection of persons exposed to home violence. As to the Czech system of law, the violence victims' protection is generally included in the civil, family, trespass and police laws, and in the penal law as well. In the Church, the offences against human life, health and freedom are treated by the canon and code laws, comprising eg the murder, kidnapping, violent or unlawful detention of a man, mutilating or severe injury to health. The essential part of my dissertation concentrates in possible alternatives of how the home violence problems can be settled by the Roman Catholic Church. Christians witness the joyous evangelical news preaching the equality of all mankind. It is necessary to pay interest and provide assistance to those who suffer and are exposed to violence. I am putting stress on the necessity to clearly stand up for the home violence removal, without any justification and ignorance; to give a thought to our own habits, attitudes and approaches to given questions; and, finally, to offer a spiritual refuge to all.