

Abstract

Contribution of the Sociology to the Pastoral Work with Married Couples and Families

Subject of this thesis is the question of pastoral work in the area of present marriage and family in the Czech Republic. The concrete aim of this thesis was to find out if the results of sociological researches dealing with the problematics of marriage and family can contribute to improving of the pastoral work in the area of marriage and family. The key problems were chosen: refusing of the institution of marriage, causes and consequences of this phenomenon, non-married cohabitation, divorce rate, natality, problematics of unmarried mothers, crisis of parental roles, same-sex cohabitation. The results and evaluation of the sociological researches related to the given problems are presented in the individual chapters. In each chapter, there is also the attitude of the Church to each given problem and the short recommendation how to take advantage of the presented material in the pastoral work.

Keywords

Marriage, family, sociology, pastoral theology