

Abstract

Theology of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in *Časopis pro katolické duhovenstvo*/*Časopis katolického duchovenstva*

The theme of this thesis is a theological reflection of the sacrament of reconciliation, as it recorded in *Časopis katolického duchovenstva* [Journal of the Catholic Clergy] throughout the whole period of its publication in the years 1828-1949. In the first part a short history of the journal is presented. The second part examines, in the chronological order, individual articles and shows how selected authors deal with the studied issue, which aspects they stress and on what conception of the sacrament of reconciliation they build their argument. In the exposition of these articles their authors are also briefly introduced. Author of this thesis has chosen several fundamental perspectives for his analysis and for his structuring of his treatment of individual articles. These approaches to texts were: author's own basic stance, the establishment of the sacrament, its historical development, parts assigned to the penitent and to the priest, the effects of the sacrament of reconciliation and author's conception of this sacrament. The third part of the thesis brings the evaluation of the development of approaches to the topic throughout the history of publication of ČKD. It also compares these approaches with the post-conciliar theology. Author demonstrates the shifts: in the choice of partial themes, in the diversion from the previous apologetic style, in the differently understood analogy between the sacrament of reconciliation and the secular lawsuit and in the changing approach to the Scripture. In the conclusion the author meditates on the importance of the reading of such dated texts of our theological precursors in our time and he also suggests possible areas of further study of the topic.