The Principal of Human Dignity in the Czech Prison

Summary

The thesis concentrates on a set of findings concerning the matter of human rights and their abidance in prisons in the Czech Republic. These findings are based on evaluation reports of The Czech Prison Direction and The Czech Humane Committee. It also includes the evaluation of findings obtained in a sociological research among the prisoners who were confronted with the results of above mentioned organizations.

The purpose of this thesis was to learn the historical background of the creation of The Declaration of Basic Human Rights, their abidance and fulfillment, as results from the title of this thesis. Another purpose is to evaluate a historical development not only in the light of the world as such - so secular, but also in the light of faith; of the approach of Catholic Church and Christianity. It is possible to say that the modern approach of thoughts stressed the ability and demand of human intelligence on a moral autonomy concerning social institutions and the social form.

Especially the originality, form elaboration, bibliographical citations, analytical-systematical preparation of data etc. are the benefits.

Impulses included in this thesis are designated mainly to those who are interested in fulfilling the human rights. The idea of human rights constantly gains more and more on its respect, whence results human rights are and must be protected. There, where the system protection is not enough and it fails, the supranational protection has to enter.

The thesis offers quite integrated view of human rights fulfillment in the Czech prisons. The situation in our prisons after the political revolution was not good at all. However, after a while the top management of Prison Direction achieved a progressive improvement of this condition. Many faults were corrected, but some outlast and their removal will not be in a near future real. Changes are visible and our prison system incorporates into the European prison system step by step.