

## English annotation

### The Process of a Parish Reform of the Prague Archdiocese

A Parish stayed still the base cell of the Church after the Second Vatican Council. There are quite lots of alternatives of movements in the Church, which are out of the Church structure but they co-operate with parishes and create new opportunities of an intensive experience of the faith in there. But after all, the Parish stays the only place for the majority of the Catholics, where they can live their faith through their life. Since 2002 the process of the Parish reform has begun in the Prague Archdiocese. The aim of the process is to establish parish communities, which will match the principal characteristics of the Church: *leiturgia* – worship and communion (sacraments), *martyria* – to bear testimony, *diakonia* – service a *koinonia* – active community relationships. The principle is *missio* – mission. Many parishes in the Prague Archdiocese had not been meeting the requirements for a long time. The reason was a small number of parishioners in retiring age and an absence of some age-groups in a parish or limitation of the parish's life to celebration and communion (*leiturgia*). The other reason was also a priest, who used to be in charge of several small groups of the faithful and an unsatisfactory parish structure, which has been persisting for 200 years since the reform of Joseph II. There are described steps in the thesis, which have been realized so far. It is divided into three chapters – the spiritual regeneration, the organizational steps and the communication. According the assessment the organizational changes can be seen as the most successful – the parish restructuring. The spiritual level is less marked although it is presented as the basis of the whole process. The communication from the leadership of diocese to the priesthood is quite intensive but the communication towards the parishioners is not systematic.

It is not possible to evaluate the whole process yet as it is still in progress and it will be proceeding till 2015. The purpose of the thesis was to summarize, organize and assess the records of the process history up to now and to offer a reflection for further continuation by this way.

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