

THE PASTORATION OF MENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE

The Bachelor's thesis offers a comprehensive look at one of the areas in which the Church is active in pastoration, with a focus on the target group of mentally handicapped people. It characterizes the stance of the Church and its pastoration approach towards the mentally disabled, particularly with regard to categorial pastoration, pastoration in less common situations, and the pastoration of the sick (handicapped), approaches that mutually blend together. The thesis includes a look at the issue of being mentally handicapped, with a breakdown of the most frequent types and a classification of the degrees of the intensity of mental retardation with regard to the possibilities of their education and socialization. Also specified are the areas of pastoration that mainly concern the mentally disabled. The thesis also includes a description of the possibilities of the pastoration of the mentally disabled and a specification of the conditions of this work, in which are also listed the specific requirements placed on the pastorizing person and on the Church community.

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