

Abstract

The Diploma thesis “The teaching of the purgatory in the diocese of Hradec Králové” first shows identity of purgatory. It outlines the Biblical teaching by presenting an exegesis of Scriptural texts. The thesis offers an integral view of the Catholic doctrine of purgatory in the way it is defined by the Church’s Magisterium through historical development and in today’s time. In general the Magisterium teaches that those who couldn’t purify themselves from their sins are in need of after life purification. This is needed in order for them to be brought into a full community of God. It also teaches that the dead can be helped by pleading for them (Chapter 1). Next this work reveals the research of the teaching of the purgatory in the lessons of religious education and during regular Catecheses which take place in parish houses in the diocese of Hradec Králové. The aim of the research was to find out whether this doctrine of the Church in pastoral care about children is taught and the way it is taught. The research wasn’t successful because there weren’t enough questionnaires filled in (Chapter 2). The theology of the 20th century refers to the purgation as an existential transformation of the human. The purgatory is a gift from God, not His punishment. The suffering that the person has to undertake during this process comes from the realization of his or her own imperfection and the impossibility to face God (Chapter 3). This work, using constitutional and interpretative theological resources, tries to find roots and make clear the right meaning of teachings about posthumous purgation.