

Abstract

This thesis deals with the objectives and tasks of catechesis in the current documents of the Magisterium. The author works primarily with the Apostolic Exhortations *Evangelii nuntiandi*, *Catechesi tradendae* and with the document *Directorium generale pro catechesi*. After a critical review of literature the thesis seeks identity of catechesis in the Church's evangelising activity, then tries to analyse features of the Christian, Church Community and Church, to be achieved by means of catechesis. The objectives of catechesis are achieved through tasks of catechesis. The thesis seeks to look up tasks of catechesis of the analysed documents of Magisterium and tries to accord these tasks to three pillars of the identity of catechesis: education of faith, service to God's word, the activity of the Church. The thesis analyses the tasks of catechesis as education of faith in three levels. First, tasks of catechesis according to degree of maturity of faith – to wake up, to develop, to lead towards maturity, to strengthen the faith. Second, the essence of tasks of catechesis as education of faith represent tasks to promote the knowledge of the Christian message, education to prayer, to participation on the liturgy, to moral formation, to responsibility for the Community and to mission. The third level are the „helping“ tasks which concern criteria for the submission of the Christian message and other methodical features. Tasks of catechesis as a service to God's word are connected to the inculturation of faith. Tasks of catechesis as the activity of the Church are in connexion with the organisation of catechesis in the local Church, with the special tasks of some catechists and with the supervision of catechists.