

## Abstract

### Transfers of Churches to Non-Ecclesiastical Subjects

The thesis deals with the issue of unused Roman Catholic churches, specifically with the reasons and circumstances which result in transferring the churches' ownership to non-ecclesiastical subjects.

The author presents a brief outline of historical and social context of this phenomenon, she submits comparison of this term's legislation under a canonical and secular law. At the same time she states requirements for a valid church transfer; she elucidates the approval process of the transfer, she gives her opinion of the transfer agreement's requirements.

The author also pronounces upon a number of aspects influencing the transfers; she gives particular recommendations to improve the contracting process as well as to the Church's approach to this phenomenon.

The considerations of the church buildings are not taken in as an expression of the Church's resignation to fulfil its mission. The author perceives this as an opportunity not only for the buildings but also for the Church itself.

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