

## **ANNOTATION**

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The intention of this thesis is to offer a complex insight into the relationship between a pastor and the entrusted person. This relationship and its nature, including pastors' competences and personal characteristics, is continuously compared with psychotherapeutic one – it consists in systematic, biblical and practical theological definition of the relations with respect to psychology, and also in explanation of its demonstration and realization in a local community. Pastoral work is hereby understood as a sum of special care and broader spiritual direction. The thesis is put into context of other disciplines (therapy in general, anthropology, sociology of religion). Being based on the Scripture, it focuses on spiritual growth and specialized care of soul and spirit. It also touches the question whether and in what ways the spiritual welfare of people outside Christian communities can be provided through pastoral care. Although there exists practically no literature dealing with these aspects of relations in depth, this thesis has originated from an interdisciplinary discourse of secondary texts – by Wolfhart Pannenberg, Martin Buber, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eduard Thurneysen, Paul Tillich, Zdeněk Trtík, Viktor Frankl, Carl Rogers, Howard Clinebell, Henri Nouwen, Lawrence Crabb, Wilfried Stinissen, Josef Smolík, Otto Rutrle, Milan Salajka, and many more, for example Comenius – to give at least a very short overview. The thesis discusses the paracletic nature of pastoral work, the intervention of the Word of God in a pastoral situation, communication, creative listening to narratives, self-extradition and accountability in relationships, the goal of which is concentration of the pastoral work on Christ, to celebrate the God who acts through relationships.

## **KEYWORDS**

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