

Summary of Doctoral Thesis

The sacramental office in cooperation between the laity and the clergy in the mission of the Church. Theological and canonical perspective

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The doctoral dissertation deals with the issue of cooperation of the lay faithful with clergy in the context of the mission of the Catholic Church. The aim of the dissertation is to confront the status of the laity and the clergy by bringing closer the rights and obligations that are implemented in accordance with their mission and the role of the sacramental office, which is the guarantee of their proper cooperation.

In the first chapter of his work, the author introduced the reader to the subject of genesis and nature of the Church itself. Reaching for biblical sources, he outlined the foundations of ecclesio-genesis and introduced the form of incorporation into the People of God. Then he characterized the vocation resulting from the reception of the sacrament of initiation, which is baptism, and showed the specific rights and duties contained in universal legislation covering all the faithful participating in the common priesthood. In this part of the work, the author also listed the specific rights and obligations that bind the lay faithful.

The second chapter deals with the subject of the ministerial priesthood. Starting from the Old Testament roots of the Judaic priesthood, the author noted the novelty brought by Christ, who, by establishing a new covenant, included the apostles and their successors in his unique priesthood. Further on, in order to discover the identity and vocation of priests of the new order, the author referred to the theology of the sacrament of Holy Orders, its effects and the celebration of this act. Then, the reality of the sacred power resulting from the received ordinations and the form of implementation of the vocation of ordained ministers included in the norms of canon law were described.

The last chapter presented how the various offices, services and functions are performed, being the implementation of the Church authority, guarantee a proper cooperation of the faithful of both states. This has been approximated by a historical sketch outlining the stages of development of the understanding of the church office, the presentation of the current theology and its reflection in code norms. In the final chapters the author recalled some current

manifestations of the crisis of the Church office and proposed a reception of the conclusions resulting from the conducted investigation.

When developing the subject of the work, the author used the analytical and synthetic method. First, biblical and theological sources were analyzed and the resulting measures regulating the functioning of the Church community, and then, through a synthesis, he presented the conclusions resulting from the conducted study of the hierarchical structure of the Church, which serves the mission of all the faithful.

The remaining structural elements of the thesis are the list of abbreviations, the introduction, the conclusion, the abstracts in Polish and English, and bibliography.