

Pre-merital catechesis on the basis of the first years of marriage's life.
Pastoral and social study based on the research of participants of pre-marital
courses organized in the Order Capuchins - the Krakow Province

The main purpose of this work is to attempt to capture the quality of Christian life in the first years of a married couple's life together. The author of the work tries to determine whether the relationship they are building is lived in the dimension of Christian faith. The study undertaken allows looking at married people from the perspective of their Christian life more or less built on faith declared, sanctified, lived and prayed.

There are various ways in the Catholic Church to implement premarital catechesis, which introduces future spouses to the basic issues of sacramental and marital life. This study concerns the work formula with fiancées, which is run in the Order of Capuchin Friars Minor - the Province of Krakow. This pre-marriage course includes working with brides before marriage and various paths to accompany graduates in their married life.

The work consists of six chapters. The first two are of a theoretical nature, and the next four concern the research process. The first chapter presents issues related to marriage and the family. Due to the pastoral character of the work, the presented topic focuses on the biblical basis of theology of marriage and the family. In the further part of the work, a reflection on the sacramental dimension of marriage was made. In this chapter, a lot of space is devoted to socio-moral changes that, due to cultural inclinations, disturb the understanding of the Christian vision of marriage and the family.

The second chapter of this study introduced the problem and structure of work methodology. He approximated the characteristics of his own research, including previously adopted research assumptions. Based on the author's questionnaire, an interviewer survey was conducted among graduates of pre-marital catecheses.

Chapters four to six form the study of research results. The retrospective nature of the conducted research was focused on capturing the dynamics of religious life, in the first years of the joint married life, graduates of courses. Research topics have been grouped in four areas: the declarative and objective dimension of faith, the sacramental consciousness and practice of the Church in marital-family life, the quality of moral life of marriages and families, and the presence of faith prayed in the marital-family community.

Based on the results obtained in the research project and a thorough analysis of the data, the assumptions made previously were made. Each hypothesis required a separate command process, which was reflected in the study contained in the last four chapters of the dissertation, each of which is devoted to one of the hypotheses. Taking into account all the dependencies that took place during the research process, their validity was demonstrated and all the hypotheses were verified and confirmed.

Studies conducted among pre-marital course graduates show that the dynamics of building a sacramental marriage is a complex and demanding process. On the one hand, it requires a lot of activity of the spouses themselves, who are to become witnesses of faith towards each other and help them live it; on the other hand, it is necessary to emphasize the role and importance of other Christians who, by living faithfully in their families, can inspire and strengthen young families in their quest to build a sacramental marriage community.

It is a fact that the attention of pastoral activities focuses primarily on preparation for the nupturients to receive the sacrament of marriage, but the process of accompanying young marriages in the first years of their life is an extremely important issue for the Church. The analysis of this issue conducted here may be important for pastoral practice of accompanying spouses in the first years of marriage. From a pastoral point of view, it is assumed that this process is an opportunity for the spouses to deepen the truths of faith and religious experience. This assumption seems justified all the more because joint religious practices help in building the sacrament of marriage.

It remains to be hoped that the study will become a source of further inspiration for more effective work with young married couples in the framework of pastoral care for families.