

SUMMARY

THE STATUS OF FOUR PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL COEXISTENCE IN FAMILY PASTORAL CARE. A PASTORAL STUDY IN THE LIGHT OF TEACHINGS OF POPE FRANCIS

The aim of this scientific dissertation is to present the status of four principles of social coexistence in family pastoral care. The theoretical knowledge contained herein attempts to provide a pastoral report on the pastoral teachings of Pope Francis regarding families. The pastoral aspect of the doctoral thesis takes into account four principles of social development. The papal principles explain the processes and phenomena occurring in family life. The four principles of Pope Francis constitute a valuable contribution to the Church. The Church presents a vision of Christian life in relation to marriages and families.

In the methodological structure of this work, each chapter follows the same pattern and consists of three steps. The first step is the introductory premise, which has a philosophical-humanistic character. The second step is the main assumption, which has a theological character. The third step is the conclusion, which has a pastoral-strategic incentive character.

The four principles serve as a reminder of the enduring and unchanging principles of family functioning. This theoretical study not only systematizes knowledge but also brings us closer to the pastoral insights of Pope Francis, which should be known by bishops, priests, catechists, family life advisors, as well as husbands and wives. Pope Francis' teachings on the family align with his call to embrace the "The Joy of the Gospel." In his apostolic exhortation "*Evangelii Gaudium*," the Pope addresses the issue of the common good and social peace in the context of the Church's social teachings. The Pope presents four principles that guide the development of social coexistence.

The family is a space for the Church's pastoral ministry, shaping familial relationships. Pope Francis introduces four principles: prioritizing time over space, emphasizing unity over conflict, valuing reality over ideas, and recognizing the importance of the whole over the part. The hypothesis regarding the effectiveness of these four principles in the context of the family, which is the fundamental social unit, becomes evident. Firstly, the four principles are presented as a theoretical framework that informs specific and constructive areas of pastoral activity. Secondly, these principles contribute to substantiating the scientific and theological nature of

the sacrament of marriage. Thirdly, the four principles meet and exemplify the criterion of truth in pastoral theology.

Pope Francis emerges as a conscientious instigator of pastoral initiatives aimed at families, and his teachings serve as the wellspring for such pastoral care. Nurturing families through pastoral care necessitates courage and creativity during the phase of theoretical deliberations on the objectives and approach of pastoral and evangelistic endeavors towards families.

The pastoral care of families encompasses a range of activities aimed at implementing a redemptive plan for one of humanity's most valuable treasures—the family. To fulfill this mission, constant learning, unwavering transmission, and the interpretation of the truth about the family in the light of God's Revelation are essential. In practical terms, pastoral care for families attends to the necessary conditions for the realization of the truth about the family and offers tangible assistance in fulfilling this vocation.

Pastoral and strategic conclusions of this dissertation turn out to be a practical help in pastoral care, i.e. in introducing permanent formation of marriages and families: human, spiritual and intellectual. Also in nurturing marital unity by: resolving conflicts, conducting dialogue, living in truth. All this for the continuous healing of relationships. The conclusions presented in this work may prove to be an inspiration to undertake further research - diagnosis in terms of confirming the effectiveness of the four principles on a group of selected families. The intention of the author of this work is to create a pastoral model for marriage and family.

The practical application of the four principles is carried out through effective pastoral activities directed towards families. This study emphasizes the significance of interpersonal relationships within the family, which holds a crucial role in social life. Much relies on the strength and well-being of families. Spouses bring forth the gift of life and contribute to the formation of a family, which serves as the fundamental unit of society.

The four principles exemplify a pastoral approach intricately connected to the lives of the faithful and the faith they embrace. Consequently, the status, encompassing the role and position of these four principles, has become an integral component of the scholarly contemplation within pastoral theology, bridging the gap between theory and practice. This dissertation serves as a reminder that every practice is underpinned by a theory. While the four principles outlined serve as fundamental and overarching principles, they necessitate additional theoretical and practical exploration to further validate their relevance in marital and family life.

The pontificate of Pope Francis places the pastoral care of families at the center of the life of the Church. It is an appeal for support and defense of marriages and families. The teaching of Francis meets the requirement of the purpose and essence of family pastoral care, which is the realization of the saving plan for the family. Through four principles you can get to know the reality of the family better. And in designing a family pastoral model, structural and content errors can be avoided.