

Abstract

The Story of Josef Toufar: Possibilities of its Use for Attitude Formation of High School Youth

This bachelor thesis focuses on the topic of a catholic secondary school education programme for social and moral attitudes, based on the life story of Father Josef Toufar. Theoretical part of the thesis accentuates between the approach of the church documents to the education of the young generation and between the requirements and possibilities of the frame educational program for secondary schools and the school educational programme of the selected ecclesiastical schools in Prague. I also focus on the characteristic features of contemporary culture and its influence on the young generation. In the next part, I describe the attitudes and the didactic possibilities of presenting the story of Father Toufar to the students. The practical part of the thesis discusses the preparation, presentation and evaluation of the education programme for adolescents concerning the life story of Josef Toufar. The programme was based on a profound study of documentary, literary and film sources. The target group of the programme are students of The Ecclesiastical High School where I worked as a teacher. The programme is meant to be a optional free time activity in the form of a historical-civic excursion. Using available and accurate materials, the programme mediates a reflection of the fate of one of the Catholic Church persecution victims during the totalitarian regime, to think about human, civil and Christian virtues, and to find the starting point for education and self-education today. This particular example of recent history should demonstrate the danger of class, religious or racial hatred and the need of tolerance and reasonable multicultural approach.

Keywords

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