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Liturgy of Engagement

Abstract

The thesis focuses on the phenomenon of blessing during engagement in liturgical ceremony of blessing the engaged couple. The aim of the diploma thesis entitled Liturgy of Engagement was to collect data of lay blessing ritual development in history up to present time with the focus on liturgical ceremony of blessing of the engaged couple using compilatory-analytical method. Using synthetic method the collected data were evaluated in their possible development.

The thesis is divided in three chapters. The first chapter is based on compilation of secondary literature with subsequent elaboration together with secondary documents related to lay blessing ceremonies in the history of liturgy. The second chapter deals with the analysis of primary literature about historical development of lay blessing in the engagement ceremony with the primary focus on historical development in the Order of Celebrating Matrimony and the Order of Blessings. The third chapter introduces the synthesis showing the importance of current ritual of engagement ceremony and the purpose of blessing the engaged couple for their preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

The diploma thesis shows permanent development of liturgical ceremony of blessing the engaged couple and the importance of connection the ceremony with the time of preparation for the sacrament of marriage. The time from the engagement ceremony till the receiving of the sacrament of matrimony should be for the engaged couple time of personal growth, sanctification and development of their mutual relationship, other social relationships as well as relationship to God.

Keywords

Blessings, Engagement, Ceremony, Ritual

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