

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the concept of the Eucharist sacrament in selected writings of Joseph Ratzinger, which deal directly with the Eucharist, or in which the sacrament plays an important role. The aim of this work is to describe and evaluate how Ratzinger approaches the Eucharist, its essence, history and way of celebration. First, the use of biblical sources and citations of ancient, medieval and modern authors is analyzed in this work. In the next section, attention is paid to how Ratzinger uses the terms of the Eucharist, especially the following: sacrifice, communion, Lord's Supper. The last chapter deals with the form of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist and the connection between its external and internal aspects, between form and content. Ratzinger views the Eucharist primarily as a sacrifice and accentuates its Christological-soteriological dimension. It is also very important for him to keep the triunity of events - the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection - which led to the establishment of the Eucharist and which only together make sense to this sacrament, in the understanding of the Eucharist.