

Abstract of the rigorous thesis
The ritual dimension of midwives' activity:
Norms for administering baptism to infants
in danger of death in childbirth
in english

The thesis *The Ritual Dimension of Midwives' Activity* treats the tasks and functions of this profession in the history of its existence. However, it pays special attention to the spiritual, religious and ritual dimension of this activity. It examines the extent to which this dimension has been automatically associated with this activity throughout history and the extent to which it has been required by society. The civil and ecclesiastical hierarchy, especially since the Council of Trent, has issued various instructions offering a way to validly administer baptism to children in extraordinary circumstances where the death of a child is imminent. The thesis thus examines the historical significance and function of midwives, as well as the extent of the Church's concern for the formation of midwives, through an examination of the various instructions.

Keywords

Baptism in danger of infant death, history of the midwifery profession, guidelines for midwives' activities, liturgical and legal instructions for baptism in danger of death