

Abstract

The thesis is based on the experience of the author with various approaches of today's Christians to popular piety and superstitions in the context of their life and faith. At the beginning of the text questions are raised concerning maturity of these Christians' faith. In order to facilitate answers materials were gathered and processed for reflection such as: examples of accepted superstitions and practiced manifestations of popular piety; similar behaviours recorded in the Holy Writ; statements of the teaching authority of the Church regarding superstitions and popular piety manifestations; results of the theological field of catechetics concerning maturing in faith and its support in catechesis. The main method of solving the questions is a qualitative research using a questionnaire. The core of the thesis is the analysis of answers that are put into context of understanding maturity in faith and impulses for catechesis – catechesis being the instrument of the Church for promoting religious education aiming at maturity in faith.