

## **Abstract**

Every culture encompasses funeral rites. These funeral rites are influenced by modern society, but primarily are determined by cultural elements and customs of previous generations. This also applies for Christian funerals, which builds on the rich tradition of the Church, draws from the deposit of faith all the while maintains a careful approach to the unique customs of every culture. The purpose of the thesis: *Order of Christian Funerals: liturgical texts and the practise of the priests* is to analyse the practise of the catholic priests while leading a funeral service and to compare the actual state with general instructions of the liturgical book *Order of Christian Funerals*. The reader will firstly be introduced into the history of Christian funerals till today's practise after the Second Vatican Council. The thesis will then continue with detailed presentation of the Czech editions of the liturgical book *Order of Christian Funerals*. In the following part I will present the method of conducted interviews, and then will introduce the respondents. The main part of the thesis will be dedicated to analysis of the interviews, there I will evaluate different views of experience of the priests and then will explore their opinion on *Order of Christian Funerals* with the purpose to determine if the liturgical book meets the requirements of today's society considering the need to preserve the Christian faith. The last part of thesis will be dedicated to a few important points, discovered in the conducted interviews and to their analysis.