

## **Abstract**

The thesis reflects on the theory and practice of the deacon's ministry from the perspective of the patristic epoch, which provides a basis for reflection on this ministry in the contemporary conditions of the Catholic Church in Czechia. The first part of the thesis deals with the perception of the deacon's ministry in the first centuries of the Church, especially concerning the variety of forms of this ministry in different times and regions. In the second part, examples of deaconess ministry from the first centuries of the Church are presented as specific cases of deaconess ministry. In the last part, the theology of the deacon's ministry is examined in the light of the dialogue between the patristic era and today, and the thesis seeks to grasp the role of the deacon in our time and to establish the possibilities for the development of this ministry in the future.

## **Keywords**

Deacon, Deacon Ministry, New Testament, Patristic, Second Vatican Council, Church Structure