

Summary

The issue of adolescent mental health is currently one of the major topics of societal discussion. In recent years, it has particularly come to the forefront due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts, which have significantly affected the generation of today's adolescents. This thesis called *The Pastoral Care of Adolescents with Mental Illness* attempts to diversify the psychological, psychiatric, and sociological discussion with a theological perspective. Through the main research question on the task of pastoral care of adolescents with mental illness, the thesis examines the role of pastoral care in the context of complex treatment of mental illnesses while also defining its specific functions, possibilities, challenges, and limitations. The first chapter embeds, delineates, and defines the problem using three different perspectives – from the fields of sociology, psychology, and practical theology. The second chapter addresses several pastoral themes and questions closely connected with the actors of pastoral care – the accompanying and the accompanied. The third chapter subsequently presents specific pastoral care approaches regarding adolescents with mental illness in the areas of mental illness prevention, crisis intervention in cases of suicidal behavior, and long-term support for adolescents with mental illness. This bachelor's thesis aims to draw attention to the topic of pastoral care of young people with mental illness in the Czech environment, both in the context of the discipline of practical theology and in the field of care for the mentally ill in general. The work can serve as a valuable contribution to the discussion on quality, professional, and comprehensive care of adolescents with mental illness and also as a stimulus for reflection on the roles and tasks of pastors and pastoral workers in the changing society.