

Anglická anotace (English annotation)

Name of Thesis: The ecclesiological background of the permanent diaconate

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Abstract: It's not possible to say something theologically about the diaconate, if we haven't said enough about the Church (P. M. Zulehner). We must search for the model of the Church, which would be good compatible with the Diaconate. It seems, that it's certainly the *communio* model, because it designs the image of the Church according to the Holy Trinity mystery, therefore the unity in the plurality of the various charismata and ministries. Such is also the opinion of many theologians (for example Walter Kasper). But we can see, that the mystery of the Church is too rich, that it's necessary to use not only one model, but all models complementarily. Also for the good understanding of the right role of diacon in the Church we must contemplate all of the main images (or models) of the Church (Church as the institution, as the mystical communion – this includes also the Body of Christ and the people of God, the Church as the Sacrament, as the Herald and the Church as Servant).