

The abstract of the dissertation "Pastoral and Cultural Activities of Polish-speaking Parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. A Missionary and Pastoral Study (1946-2021)"

This work is a comprehensive analysis of the evolution and significance of Polish-speaking parishes in the context of the Chicago Archdiocese over nearly seventy years. The work focuses on understanding the role of these parishes in the religious, social and cultural life of the Polish community in the United States.

The research conducted in this dissertation is based on a missionary-pastoral methodology, which incorporates both religious and socio-cultural aspects into its framework. The author uses an interdisciplinary method of analysis, incorporating both historical studies, social research and analysis of archival documents and literature.

The first part of the paper provides a detailed retrospective analysis of the origins and development of Polish-speaking parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, contextualizing them in the process of Polish migration to the United States after the end of World War II. The author then explores the goals and methods of the pastoral activities of these parishes, as well as their impact on the religious, social and cultural life of the Polish community.

Subsequent chapters of the dissertation focus on the analysis of socio-cultural changes in Polish communities and their impact on the functioning of Polish-speaking parishes. Factors determining transformations in parish life are identified, such as demographic changes, acculturation processes and the development of the role and function of the Church in society.

In the conclusion of the dissertation, the author assesses the current situation and prospects for the development of Polish-speaking parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He points out the existing challenges and opportunities facing these parishes in the context of the changing socio-cultural reality and the new spiritual needs of the community.

The dissertation is a comprehensive study of the topic, which can be a valuable resource for researchers dealing with the history of migration, the socio-religious life of the Polish American community, as well as for pastors and church leaders working in Polish-speaking parishes in the diaspora.