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**THE ROLE OF DIALOGUE IN STRENGTHENING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF MARRIED LIFE. SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH IN THE *BIELSKO-ŻYWIECKA* DIOCESE**

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**SUMMARY**

The work focuses on the role of dialogue in strengthening the durability of married life. The study utilizes the Domestic Church community in the Bielsko-Żywiecka diocese as a case study. Theoretical analysis and synthesis of the source texts and subject literature are presented in the first two chapters. The third chapter is devoted to presenting the methodological assumptions of the research, while the fourth and fifth chapters present the results of the conducted research and analyses.

The first chapter explains the essence of marriage and family, then attention is given to theory needed to define the situation of the Polish family, as well as to examining the problems that may influence its disintegration. In the next stage, the concept of interpersonal communication was thoroughly described, followed by dialogue, which is considered its most perfect form.

The next theoretical chapter is entirely devoted to learning about Domestic Church group of Light-Life Movement, which brings together sacramental marriages and operates in the Catholic Church. An outline of the history related to the founder of the community, Fr. Franciszek Blachnicki and the circumstances of its creation. Additionally, the activities and governing rules of the Domestic Church are outlined. Statements from community members shed light on their participation in its life and functioning. *Domestic Church. Letter to Family*

*Communities* magazine provided much of information that contributed to establishing the theoretical background. The final paragraph of the theoretical section discusses marital dialogue, which is formalized within the aforementioned community and represents an integral element of its spirituality. A detailed description of this issue allowed not only to get to know and understand it better, but also to develop research strategies.

The third chapter presents the methodological assumptions of the author's own research. Individual stages of research process are described. Subject and purpose of the research are defined and research problems and hypotheses are presented. The variables and indicators needed to conduct the research were characterized. Then, the methods, tools and research techniques selected by the author, as well as their characteristics, were discussed. The methodology chapter describes the research area and the sample, while also explaining the criteria for selecting respondents. This part of the work also includes a detailed description of the research process and all the circumstances in which it was carried out. The research was divided into two parts - the initial phase, which included the development of research problems and questions, as well as detailed identification of the research group through observations and two interviews, and the proper phase, which consisted of a survey using a questionnaire and the analysis of texts of published testimonies in Domestic Church magazine.

Fourth and fifth chapters were fully devoted to results of statistical analysis and frequency of occurrence of studied social phenomena. The analysed answers to the questions from the survey questionnaire were supplemented with quotations from the testimonies of members of Domestic Church. These findings allow for interesting conclusions regarding the importance of dialogue and formation within Domestic Church for the durability of married and family life.

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