

„Pastoral Theology” Specialisation

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Thematic Areas/Constellation of Doctoral Research Themes

Research Subdomains:

Pastoral Psychology, Pastoral Psychoterapy (Pastoral Psychoanalysis), Pastoral Counseling, Pastoral Pedagogy, Pastoral Sociology, Pastoral Anthropology)

1. Paradigm Shifts in the Pastoral (and Pastoral) of the Information Era. The Mass Man, the Crisis of the Axiologic Firmness in Culture and the Pastoral-restorative Potential of the Orthodoxy.
 - a. The Pastoral Orthodox Thanatology. The Relevance of Desomatization in the Orthodox Phenomenology;
 - b. The Mystical “Ecstasy”, Between Spiritual “Performance” and Psychopatology;
 - c. Regenerating Pastoral Landmarks from the Recent Past: Contextual Pastoral Models (Aspazia Oțel Petrescu, Pr. Liviu Galaction Munteanu, Pr. Florea Mureșan etc.);
 - d. The Pastoral Relevance of Transylvanian Monachism in the Totalitarian Period;
 - e. The Pastor Priest in Front of “Chronic Adolescence” and “Digital Captivity”. Intervention Techniques;
 - f. The Priest in the Contemporary Romanian Collective Imagination: Fiction, Filmography, Dominant Culture;
2. The Pastoral Counseling, the Pastoral Psychoterapy and the Psychospiritual Approaches in the Pastoral Action – Complex and Mandatory Instruments for the Success of Pastoral Activity in a Postmodern Context.
 - a. American-inspired Premarital Pastoral Counseling;
 - b. The Anti-pastoral Impact of the Negativist Oratorical Discourse;
 - c. The Psycho-emotional Counseling of the People with Disabilities;
 - d. Giacomo Dacquino: Forerunner in the Catholic Pastoral Psychoanalysis in the Italian Perimeter;
 - e. The Unconscious in the Pastoral Action;
 - f. „Mindfulness” versus “Spiritual Formation”; Psychological Parallelisms of the Religious Action;

3. The Pastoral as “Applied Theology”, in a Cultural Context Assaulted by Nihilism and Marked by Axiological Confusion. Pastoral Intervention Techniques Originated from Sociology, Pedagogy and Anthropology and Contextualized in the Mainstream Culture.
 - a. The Priest’s Family – Typological “Hostess” in the Parish;
 - b. The Family: “Repressive Core” or “Affective Epicenter”?
 - c. The Pastoral Management of the Psycho-emotional Interactions in the Family Perimeter;
 - d. The Role of Religion in the Psycho-emotional Development of the Preadolescent Child;
 - e. Detachment from Parents as a Condition of Growing Up. The Pastoral “Treatment” of Childhood’s Traumas;
 - f. “Pathologies of Excess” in the Pastoral Approach;
 - g. Daimonology in the Local Folklore;
4. The Orthodox Diaspora, the “Other” Romania; The Orthodoxy Contextualized in the Western Atmosphere (or non-Eastern);
 - a. The Second Generation Romanianism in the Italian Diaspora. Specific Validated Lanes of Pastoral Intervention;
 - b. The Pastoral of the Converts to Orthodoxy. Approach, Contents, Distinction;
 - c. “The Becoming” of the Orthodoxy in the Euro-Atlantic Area;
 - d. Pilgrimage and Exodus. Integration and Evacuation. Maramureş – A “Country” of the Romanian Pilgrimage: „The Pilgrimage from Nicula” – Psychotyphology, Impact, National Relevance;
5. The Orthodox Pastoral Prophylaxis. Tendencies of the Postmodern Society. The Pastoral Management of the Future; The Intelligent Preventive Approach of the Risks and Anti-Christian Sideslips;
 - a. Redefinition of the Masculine and Feminine in the Era of Identity Confusion. Gender Identity Disorder in the Pastoral Reading;
 - b. The Emotional Etiology of Homosexuality in the Latest American Bibliography. Orthodox Analysis;
 - c. Counseling Paradigms in the Euro-Atlantic Area. Vision, Contents, Emphasis;
 - d. Specific Methodologies of the Pastoral Action in the Roma Communities;
 - e. Meeting the Tendencies of Desecration in the Theological Area. The Relevance of the “Oath” in the Ecclesial Space.