

VOLUME SUMMARY

This volume of “Studia Pelplinskie” (“Pelplin Studies”) is dedicated to the topics related to the Pomeranian Region and it also promotes the studies carried out by representatives of the Pelplin academic circle of Theologians and Philosophers.

The Church constantly fulfils her universal mission of bringing the Good News to all the people. In order to achieve the eternal happiness one must follow the Gospel teachings which encapsulate the Divine commandment of love of God and of one’s neighbour. The notion of Divine Mercy inspires piety but also helps to shape the social structures in such a way that the principles of solidarity and common good could be implemented. The history of the Pomeranian Church serves as a display of many forms of advancing the ecclesial redemptive mission which entails collaboration towards achieving the higher goods. The partnership between the State and the Church can bring good fruits in the fields of child protection, education, and elimination of the social exclusion due to poverty, social divisions or traumatic experiences. The complexity of the social background affects not only the Church but also such basic communities as family or nation. Needless to say, these communities serve as the human environment where their members can achieve their full maturity as individuals who are conscious of their origins and the need to cooperate towards bringing about the future that would be truly humane (i.e. full of hope).

It is determined by the tradition and the laws currently in force how the public institutions function - whatever their nature might be. According to the Christian teaching, the Holy Scripture is the source of the Tradition. Then, enriched by the legacy of the Theologians who were striving to deepen the understanding of the Divine message, the Tradition was undergoing numerous adaptations in various contexts. One example of this process is the Second Vatican Council. When it

comes to the laws, a fundamental legal question of our days is protection of the personal dignity and promotion of the human rights. Furthermore, we should not overlook some vital contemporary problems such as the Personal Data Protection Act or the impact of the judiciary system on promoting a safer environment (in a broad sense).

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