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**Prof. em. Dr. Matthias Scharer**

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## **Living multiplicity courageously encouragements in a planetary and migrant world**

The well-known German-Jewish psychoanalyst and discoverer of „Theme-Centered Interaction” (TCI) Ruth C. Cohn has been on the run several times. After her late return to Europe, the long-time stateless woman saw herself as a “planetary citizen”. In times of pandemics and worldwide migration, her life and work encourage us to „planetary thinking” and to live “multiplicity” courageously, also in religious education.

Keywords: *TCI, Ruth C. Cohn, pandemic, migration, religious education.*

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## **Doprinos religijskog obrazovanja u sučeljavanju učenika s virusom COVID-19**

U tijeku je druga školska godina čiju je dinamiku bitno odredila epidemiološka situacija, ovisno o pojedinoj zemlji. Pandemija je snažno obilježila ne samo organizacijsko-strukturalni vid nastave, nego je u nekom smislu nametnula pedagoško-didaktičko vrjednovanje i smisao škole. Mogli bismo reći da je pandemija, sa svim nepredvidivim izazovima koje je donijela određena reakreditacija odgojno-obrazovnog sustava, a na osobit način kurikuluma religijskog obrazovanja. U ovom izlaganju želimo analizirati u kojoj je mjeri religijsko obrazovanje unutar odgojno-obrazovnog sustava pružilo potporu u sučeljavanju učenika s pitanjima i teškoćama koje je izazvala pandemija. Odgovorit ćemo na pitanje je li i kako je Vjeronauk pomogao učenicima metabolizirati nepredvidive i teške situacije koje je proizvela pandemija, preoblikujući ih u novo iskustvo utemeljeno na povjerenju i nadi. Naime, pandemija je intenzivirala temeljna egzistencijalna pitanja na koja je Vjeronauk pozvan pružiti odgovore.

U prvom dijelu predavanja definirat ćemo temeljne ciljeve religijskog obrazovanja te njegove doprinose u ostvarivanju temeljnih ciljeva škole. U drugom ćemo dijelu na temelju analize predmetnog kurikuluma Katoličkog vjeronauka izdvojiti teme koje su mogle pružiti značajan doprinos u sučeljavanju učenika s pandemijom. U trećem dijelu donijet ćemo rezultate istraživanja provedenog među vjeroučiteljima o tome kako su se osobno i zajedno s učenicima nosili s pitanjima, iskustvima i posljedicama pandemije. Na kraju ćemo odgovoriti na pitanje je li pandemija svojevrsna reakreditacija opravdanosti Vjeronauka u školi ili je ukazala na sadržajne aporije u vjeronaučnoj nastavi s kojima se valja suočiti.

Ključne riječi: *pandemija, religijsko obrazovanje, učenici, Katolički vjeronauk, doprinos vjeronauka*

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**Blaženka s. Valentina Mandarić** redovita je profesorica na Katoličkom bogoslovnom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu. Poslijediplomski studij na Fakultetu odgojnih znanosti Papinskog sveučilišta Salezijana u Rimu završila je 1993. te stekla diplomu magistra odgojnih znanosti sa specijalizacijom u pastoralu i katehети. Godine 2000. na Katoličkom bogoslovnom fakultetu u Zagrebu obranila je doktorsku disertaciju na temu „Religioznost adolescenata u gradu Zagrebu”. Objavila je nekoliko autorskih, suautorskih i uredničkih knjiga, zbornika i monografija, više znanstvenih i stručnih radova na području religioznosti adolescenata i mladih, religijske pedagogije i pastoralu mladih, katehetike, odgoja i obrazovanja. Predavala je na Hrvatskim studijima te Islamskom pedagoškom fakultetu Univerziteta u Zenici.

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## **The contribution of religious education in confronting students with the COVID-19 virus**

The second school year is underway, the dynamics of which have been significantly determined by the epidemiological situation, depending on the individual country. The pandemic strongly marked not only the organizational aspect of teaching but in a sense imposed pedagogical-didactic evaluation and the meaning of school. We could say that the pandemic, with all the unpredictable challenges it has brought, is a certain “re-accreditation” of the educational system, and in a special way of the curriculum of religious education.

In this paper, we want to analyse the extent to which religious education within the educational system has provided support in confronting students with the issues and difficulties caused by the pandemic. We will answer the question of whether and how religious education has helped students “metabolize” the unpredictable and difficult situations produced by the pandemic, transforming them into a new experience based on trust and hope. Namely, the pandemic intensified the fundamental existential questions to which religious education was called to provide answers.

In the first part of the paper, we define the basic goals of religious education and its contributions to achieving basic goals of the school. In the second part, based on the analysis of the subject curriculum of Catholic religious education, we single out topics that could have made a significant contribution to the confrontation of students with the pandemic. In the third part, we present the results of a survey on how religious teachers had personally and together with students dealt with the issues, experiences and consequences of the pandemic. Finally, we will try to answer the question of whether the pandemic is a kind of “re-accreditation” of the justification of religious education in school or whether it has indicated the aporia in the content of religious education that should be confronted.

Keywords: *pandemic, religious education in school, students, Catholic religious education, contribution of religious education*

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## **Nejednakost odgojno-obrazovnih (pred)uvjeta kao izazov praksi kršćanske inicijacije djece i mladih u doba pandemije**

U radu se precizira spektar odgojno-obrazovnih (pred)uvjeta u kojima se nalaze naša djeca i mladi, a koje je na još jasniji način rasvijetlila kriza pandemije uzrokovana virusom COVID-19. Ne gubeći iz vida negativne učinke, naglasak se ipak stavlja na moguće dobro koje nam, iako silom prilika, ona može donijeti. U razlučivanju istih uočava se njihov zajednički nazivnik – nejednakost. Tu činjenicu razmatra se kao višestruki izazov aktualnoj praksi kršćanske inicijacije naslovnika navedene dobi. Polazeći od činjenice da se jednakost ne postiže apstraktnim definiranjem, već svjesnim i pedagoškim njegovanjem bratstva (Papa Franjo, „Fratelli tutti”, 40), u radu se u prvom redu tematizira pitanje treba li i može li Crkva odgovoriti na taj izazov ponudom uniformirajućih odgovora.

Budući da bi povratak na praksu koja je postojala prije *lockdowna* zapravo bio jedna promašena prilika obnove kršćanske formacije mladih naraštaja (UCN, „Ripartiamo insieme”, 2020.), u radu se ukazuje na neke moguće smjerove posadašljenja crkvenog djelovanja. Oni imaju svoje ishodište u tzv. pedagogiji pozornosti (Bellingreri, 2011). U tom je smislu papa Franjo jasno potaknuo Crkvu na obnovu, ističući kako je stvarnost važnija od ideje (Papa Franjo, „Evangelii gaudium”, 231 – 233), a umijeće osobnog praćenja drugoga nužnost u koju ona mora uvesti svećenike, redovnike i vjernike laiike (Ibidem, 169). Ta se nužnost u konačnici pokazuje kao adekvatan odgovor na situaciju nejednakosti u kojoj se zbog odgojno-obrazovnih uvjeta nalaze naša djeca i mladi.

Ključne riječi: *kršćanska inicijacija, solidarnost, suodgovornost, pedagogija pozornosti, duhovno praćenje*

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## **Inequality of educational preconditions as a challenge to the practice of christian initiation of children and youth in the pandemic time**

The paper specifies the spectrum of educational (pre)conditions in which our children and young people find themselves and which have become even more evident during the pandemic crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus. Without losing sight of its negative effects, the emphasis will still be placed on the possible good that it can bring us, even though by force of circumstances. By distinguishing between the positive and negative impacts, their common denominator has been noticed - inequality. This fact is seen as the multiple challenge to the current practice of Christian initiation of the addressee of that age. Starting from the fact that equality is not achieved by an abstract definition but by the conscious and educational cultivation of fraternity (Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*, 40) the paper primarily focuses on the question of whether the Church can respond to this challenge by offering uniform answers.

Since the reverting to the practice that existed before the lockdown would mean a missed opportunity to renew the Christian formation

of young generations (UCN, *Ripartiamo insieme*, 2020), the paper points out some possible directions for the modernization of Church activities. They have their origin in the so-called “attention pedagogy” (Bellingreri, 2011). In this sense, Pope Francis has clearly encouraged the Church to renew, emphasising that “realities are more important than ideas” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 231-233), and that the art of personal accompaniment of the other is a necessity into which priests, religious and laity should be initiated by the Church (*Ibidem*, 169). This necessity ultimately proves to be an adequate response to the situation of inequality in which our children and young people find themselves, given the educational conditions.

Keywords: *Christian initiation, solidarity, co-responsibility, attention pedagogy, spiritual monitoring*

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## **Utjecaj krize uzrokovane pandemijom koronavirusa na neke aspekte kvalitete života, mentalnog zdravlja i vjere adolescenata**

Kriza uzrokovana pandemijom koronavirusa utječe na mnoge aspekte života ljudi i specifično pogađa pripadnike pojedinih dobnih skupina. Izlaganje je usredotočeno na adolescente tj. učenike u dobi od 13 do 19 godina života i prikazuje rezultate provedenog empirijskog istraživanja o utjecaju navedene krize na neke aspekte kvalitete života, mentalnog zdravlja i vjere učenika. Učenje kao okosnica života adolescenata povezano je s drugim elementima njihova individualnog, socijalnog i duhovnog života. Budući da kriza uvijek znači i ugrozu i priliku, istraživanje je propitivalo moguće negativne, ali i pozitivne aspekte utjecaja krize na život, učenje i dobrobit adolescenata, uključujući također moguće značenje i prakticiranje vjere kod ispitanih učenika te njihov odnos prema Crkvi.

Ključne riječi: *adolescenti, pandemijska kriza, kvaliteta života, mentalno zdravlje, vjera/religioznost adolescenata.*

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## **The impact of the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic on some aspects of the quality of life, mental health and faith of adolescent**

The crisis triggered by the corona-virus pandemic affects many aspects of people's lives and particularly the members of certain age groups. This paper focuses on adolescents i.e., students aged 13 to 19 years, and presents the results of the empirical research on the impact of this crisis on some aspects of the quality of life, mental health and faith of the students. Learning as the backbone of adolescents' lives is linked to other elements of their individual, social and spiritual life. Since

crisis always means both threat and opportunity, the research examined possible negative as well as positive aspects of the impact of the crisis on the adolescents' lives, learning, and well-being, including the possible meaning and practice of faith among students and their relationship to the Church.

Keywords: *adolescents, pandemic crisis, quality of life, mental health, adolescent faith/religiosity.*

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## **Vjeroučitelj pred izazovima pandemije, potresa i migracija – duhovni aspekt**

Pandemija koronavirusa, a ništa manje i potres, zajedno s migracijskom stvarnošću, uvjetovali su brojne izazove u životima mnogih ljudi koji traže odgovore kako u profesionalnom tako i u osobnom životu. Prolazimo kroz teške situacije koje pogađaju cijeli svijet, donoseći osjećaje izolacije, straha, strepnje, nesigurnosti, nedostatka povjerenja, opsesije i slično. U takvoj kompleksnoj situaciji našao se i suvremeni vjeroučitelj. Riječ je o situaciji koja na neki način provjerava njegovu vjeru i teologiju, odnosno predstavlja uvjete na koje on kao predstavnik Crkve svojim kršćanskim promišljanjima i djelovanjima treba djelotvorno reagirati, inače će izgubiti mnogo na svojoj vjerodostojnosti. Ako se njegova vjera ne podudara s okolnostima kako bi prenijela istinu, nadu, utjehu i ohrabrenje u ovim specifičnim vremenima, tada ostaje delegitimirana. Jednako tako, ako nije u stanju pružiti analizu situacije, kao i pogled koji će protumačiti i dati smisao znakovima vremena, onda i njegova stečena teološka izobrazba zapada u opasnost sterilnog i beskorisnog razmišljanja. Djeca i mladi ponovno pokreću pitanja smisla života, uplašeni su brojnim vijestima i pitanjima koja ih neprestano bombardiraju, stoga traže one osobe koje im s empatijom i istinskim zanimanjem pristupaju i pomažu da ne izgube nadu i vjeru u budućnost, razmišljaju o projektu vlastitog života te o prijedlogu novog života koji dolazi od uskrslog Gospodina. Tko je pozvaniji od vjeroučitelja da u ovom vremenu izazova i kušnji pruži odgovor na temeljno pitanje što to zapravo znači vjerovati i živjeti vjeru danas? Vjerodostojan odgovor može dati samo onaj vjeroučitelj koji je uvjerenljivo uvjereni vjernik, čovjek mira i sigurnosti, istine, milosrđa, čovjek koji priznaje, prihvaća i s poštovanjem uvažava različitosti drugoga. Ključne riječi: *pandemija, potres, migracije, izazovi, duhovne kvalitete vjeroučitelja*

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## **Religious education teacher facing the challenges of pandemic, earthquake and migration - the spiritual aspect**

The coronavirus pandemic, and no less the earthquake along with the migratory reality, have brought numerous challenges to the lives of many people seeking answers, both in their professional and private lives. We undergo difficult situations that affect the whole world, bringing feelings of isolation, fear, anxiety, insecurity, lack of trust, obsession, etc. Modern religious education teachers find themselves in such a complex situation that, in some way, tests their faith and theology, i.e., presents the conditions under which they, as the representatives of the Church, must respond effectively by means of their Christian considerations and actions, otherwise they lose much of their credibility. If their faith is inconsistent with the circumstances and cannot convey truth, hope, comfort, and encouragement in these specific times, it remains delegitimized. Equally, if they are unable to provide an analysis of the situation, as well as a view that will interpret and give meaning to the “signs of the times”, the theological training they

have acquired runs the risk of becoming sterile and useless thinking. Children and young people raise questions about the meaning of life, they are frightened and constantly bombarded by numerous news and questions. Thus, they look for people who approach them with empathy and genuine interest and help them not to lose hope and belief in the future, people who help them think about their own life projects and about the proposal of a new life coming from the risen Lord. Who is more called than a religious education teacher to provide an answer to the fundamental question of what it really means to believe and to live the faith in this time of challenge and temptation? A credible answer can only be given by a religious education teacher who is a staunch believer, a person of peace, confidence, truth and mercy, a person who acknowledges, accepts and respects the differences of the other.

Keywords: *pandemic, earthquake, migrations, challenges, spiritual qualities of religious education teachers*

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## **Međureligijska kompetencija u vjeronaučnoj nastavi u svjetlu enciklike „Fratelli tutti”**

Posljednjih se desetljeća u svijetu umjesto uspostave kulturnog sporazuma, koji poštuje i preuzima različite svjetonazore, kulture i stilove života kao društvene fenomene, događaju progoni, isključivanja, mržnja prema strancima, nepoštivanje ljudskih prava i nasilje svih oblika. U enciklici „Fratelli tutti” papa Franjo apelira kako su prijeko potrebni strpljiv dijalog i uspostava svjetske etike solidarnosti i suradnje, tako da se mogu prenositi vrijednosti vlastite kulture i prihvaćati sve ono dobro u tuđim iskustvima (FT 134). Na taj se način gradi etika međuovisnosti i suodgovornosti koja čuva mir u svijetu i vodi do uspostave ljudskog bratstva. Stoga je međureligijska kompetencija potreba i nužnost ne samo za vjernike, nego i za one koji ne vjeruju. U prvom dijelu rada autorice iz religijsko-didaktičke perspektive obrađuju kriterije i elemente međureligijske kompetencije. U drugom dijelu rada ističu važnost međureligijske kompetencije u Vjeronauku i analiziraju zastupljenost njezinih elemenata u kurikulumu Katoličkog vjeronauka u Hrvatskoj. U trećem dijelu rada promišljaju o (među)religijskoj kompetenciji u svjetlu enciklike „Fratelli tutti” u kojoj papa Franjo poziva na odgovorno suočavanje sa svime što sprječava razvoj bratstva, dijaloga i socijalnog prijateljstva među svim ljudima. Ključne riječi: *međureligijska kompetencija, kurikulum Katoličkog vjeronauka, bratstvo, dijalog, socijalno prijateljstvo*

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## **Interreligious competence in religious education in the light of the encyclical *Fratelli tutti***

Instead of establishing a cultural agreement that respects and accepts different worldviews, cultures and lifestyles as social phenomena, persecution, exclusion, xenophobia, disregard for human rights and violence in all forms have occurred around the world in recent decades. In the encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis appeals for the indispensable need for a patient dialogue and the establishment of global ethics of solidarity and cooperation so that the values of one's own culture can be handed on and all the good that comes from others' experiences accepted (FT 134). In this way, the ethics of interdependence and co-responsibility that preserve peace in the world are created, leading to the establishment of human fraternity. Therefore, interfaith competence is essential and a necessity not only for believers but also for those who do not believe. In the first part of the paper, the authors deal with the criteria and elements of interfaith competence from a religious-didactic perspective. In the second part of the paper, they emphasize the importance of interfaith competence in religious education and analyse the presence of its elements in the Catholic Religious Education Curriculum in Croatia. In the third part of the paper, they reflect on (inter)faith competence in the light of the encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, in which Pope Francis calls for a responsible approach to everything that prevents the development of brotherhood, dialogue and social friendship among all people.

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## **Advantages and disadvantages of using the internet as a medium for education and learning**

Information and communication technology (ICT) was the only way to implement distance learning during the coronavirus period. On the one hand it introduces the possibility of active acquisition of knowledge, multimedia dimension, feedback, etc. into the learning process. On the other hand, we noticed disadvantages like provision of computer equipment to all students, the absence of non-verbal communication, the greater workload of teachers, the neglect of socialization and the lack of concentration and motivation among students.

Responsibility of teachers and educators is to understand the impact ICT has on the learning process, to protect their students from digital forms of exploitation and to strive for quality interpersonal communication, coordination of learning goals with students and more appropriate assessment methods. The experience with ICT will change education after the pandemic period, but we will have to keep searching for the balance between a sufficient degree of criticism of the ICT weak points and an evaluation of good practices.

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## **Kriza, osjećaji i reakcije**

Povijest čovječanstva poznaje dosta kriznih situacija te takvih i sličnih pandemijskih strahova. Već na početku Biblije možemo naći opis krize pandemijskih razmjera i to kad čitamo pripovijest o općem potopu. Dakle, kad nam zbog različitih nesavladivih uzroka „teče voda u grlo”, govorimo o krizi. U takvim situacijama čovjek na početku često reagira negacijom. Ponekad se čak i duže vremena pretvara da krize nema. Tada nam je ponajviše potrebna povjerljiva osoba, koja je ujedno dovoljno stabilna i osjećajna da se pred njom usudimo „slo-  
miti”. Ponekad nas tek „slomljenost” probudi i postanemo spremni napraviti određene promjene u životu. Tek kad je čovjek spreman prihvatiti bolnu realnost krize, bit će otvoren za sljedeći korak, koji se sastoji od traženja i primanja pomoći. Proces prihvaćanja teške situacije može čovjeka u krizi potaknuti da pokuša u njoj pronaći neku dublju poruku, a možda čak i smisao. U takvoj unutarnjoj transformaciji osjetit će kako svojim osmišljanjem krize obogaćuje i krijepi svoje bližnje.

Brojni biblijski likovi koji ni u jednoj krizi ne posrnu te svaku kriznu situaciju rješavaju u otvorenoj komunikaciji s Bogom, mogu nas čvrsto potaknuti, ne samo teološkim, već i psihološkim gledanjem na krizu. Ključne riječi: *Nevolja, Mojsije, Isus, križ, vjera, odnosi*

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## **Crisis, feelings and reactions**

The history of mankind is acquainted with numerous crises, including equal or similar pandemic fears. At the beginning of the Bible, we can find a description of a crisis of pandemic proportions when we read the story of the “universal” flood. So, when “water flows down our throats” for various insurmountable reasons, we speak of a crisis. In such situations, one often reacts with denial at first. Sometimes we even pretend for a long time that there is no crisis. In such moments, we mostly need a confidential person, someone who is stable and sensitive enough so that we can allow ourselves to “break” in front of them. Sometimes it is just this “brokenness” that wakes us up and enables us to become ready to make certain changes in life. Only when a person is ready to accept the painful reality of the crisis, he/she will be open to the next step, which consists of seeking and receiving help. The process of accepting a difficult situation can encourage a person in crisis to try to find a deeper message and maybe even a meaning in it. In such an inner transformation, the person will feel how he/she enriches and strengthens his neighbours by his own shaping of the crisis.

Not only with a theological, but also with a psychological view of the crisis, we can be highly motivated by numerous biblical characters who do not stumble in any crisis and resolve every crisis in open communication with God.

Keywords: *Trouble, Moses, Jesus, cross, faith, relationships*

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## **Comparative theology as a possible response for the religious education in the context of global migrations**

Many migrations are causing increasing religious pluralism. This can quickly become a cause of religious intolerance. That is why we urgently need education for interfaith dialogue. Interfaith dialogue, as understood by its founders, is supposed to transcend mere tolerance. It is supposed to lead to cooperation and mutual enrichment and should not be based on mere coexistence with others who are different from us. Ricoeur's hermeneutics, which claims that all understanding happens through translation, gives an anthropological foundation for interfaith dialogue, which is based on strengthening one's faith. The comparative theology of F. X. Clooney is based on a similar idea. It will help us demonstrate a didactic plan for religious education in high schools, which will promote the strengthening of students' faith and their enrichment through people of other faiths, which is the goal of

such courses anyway. A course with such a didactic plan can overcome the superficiality of modern believers faced with a variety of frivolous new age spiritualities, as well as the conflicts that arise when various fundamentalist believers meet.

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## **The Family - Church in small and its Challenges in the Grip of the Covid-19 Epidemic**

At the time of the COVID-19 epidemic, when churches were closed overnight and religious classrooms emptied, the role of the family, as the basic cell of the Church came to the fore again and was called to carry out a threefold mission during the epidemic: in the field of the liturgy, preaching and diakonia.

In the field of liturgy, mass broadcasts were welcome in the media, but most of them did not address families with children. Because families

did not want to attend worship services only as “silent spectators”, they were forced to seek additional materials to keep the “little fellowship” in touch with God in their own way.

In the field of preaching, the challenge was how to catechize children. Parents were expected to catechize their children themselves, and many could not cope with this task. Although the Slovenian Catechetical Office prepared the material, it did not reach all parents for various reasons. Priests and catechists acknowledged their helplessness and expressed a desire for a renewed catechesis and pastoral care that will evangelize in the languages of modern multimedia both children and adults.

In the field of diakonia, the family was put to the test of how to live the love of neighbour not only in words but especially in deeds. Many municipalities and parishes organized various forms of charitable activity, which enabled the family to keep the parish and family Church alive to the best of its ability.

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## Good news among bad news the pandemic and the proclamation of the kerygma

The covid-19 pandemic has revealed a great vulnerability of society and individuals who had been caught by it. The fear caused by this crisis is often augmented by the mass media spreading negative reports. However, even in such situations both individuals and communities can find faith-related psychological support and resilience. The paper explores the modern trends of catechesis in the Catholic Church, with a special emphasis on the kerygmatic catechesis. This aims at deepening personal faith as a relationship, which gives the believer stability even in times of uncertainty or distress. During the time of trial such as the covid-19 pandemic, the kerygmatic catechesis appears as an essential aspect of the Church's preaching. The announcement of God's love and mercy helps individuals overcome fear and meaninglessness while entering a new relationship dimension that does not end with death. Amid the seemingly endless flow of negative events, the proclamation of Kerygma shines as the only good news. The kerygmatic dimension of catechesis is also emphasized in the new Directory for Catechesis which sets out the main directions of catechesis in the coming years. At the same time, although not giving a direct response to the covid-19 pandemic, it provides a stable orientation to the catechesis.

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## **The role and mission of the slovenian catechesis office (sku) in the time of the coronavirus pan-demic**

The coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) has brought about numerous changes in the life of the Church. The doors of churches, parish offices, and catechesis rooms were closed, while the Church started searching for new ways to spread the Word of God: preaching, catechesis, and testimonies. In the Church in Slovenia, an important role was played by the Slovenski katehetski urad (Slovenian Catechesis Office or SKU), which is a working body of the Slovenian Bishops' Conference (SŠK) in the field of catechesis. Its main tasks include overseeing synchronised and in-depth catechesis in the Church in Slovenia. In the time of the pandemic, when in-person meetings of the religious community were thwarted, the SKU encouraged catechists to search for new ways to reach individual catechesis groups. Thus, the first attempts at digital preaching and distance catechesis were born. The new circumstances have revealed many untapped possibilities for digital catechising and the use of various apps. The coronavirus has encouraged the formation of the home Church within families and revealed how important the digital literacy of catechists is.

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## **Kako govoriti o Bogu i svjedočiti njegovu prisutnost u svijetu u vremenu koronakrize**

U prvom dijelu rada autor promišlja o posljedicama pandemije koronavirusa (COVID-19) na društvenom i crkvenom području. Pandemija je poput svojevrsnog megafona jasnije iznijela na vidjelo neke probleme s kojima se suvremeno društvo i Crkva u svom poslanju suočavaju. Nesumnjivo je, primjerice, produbila kod čovjeka strah za sebe, za svoje bližnje, osobito starije i bolesne, zatim za prijatelje, posao i otvorila mnoga druga pitanja. Ponajprije ona o slobodi, smislu politike, odnosu znanosti i vjere, opasnostima virtualnog svijeta, manipulaciji medijima itd. Naravno, i pitanja o Bogu, njegovu mjestu u ovoj krizi, ulozi Crkve, smislu patnje i života, odgovornosti za druge izronila su novom snagom i traže odgovore. U okolnostima ugroze zdravlja i straha za budućnost pitanja o Bogu i smislu života nisu nimalo irelevantna. Naprotiv, još su aktualnija. Upravo o tomu što je Bog učinio (i čini) za nas te što Crkva može kroz svoje poslanje učiniti da bi bila još bliskija ljudima koji pate autor govori u drugom i trećem dijelu članka. Ključne riječi: *pandemija koronavirusa (COVID-19), Bog, strah, vjera, odgoj*

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## **How should we talk about God and witness his presence in times of coronavirus crisis?**

In the first part of the paper, the author reflects on the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) in the social and ecclesiastical field. Like a kind of “a megaphone”, the pandemic has clearly revealed some of the problems that modern society and the Church face in their mission. It has undoubtedly deepened, for example, people’s fear for themselves, for their loved ones, especially for the elderly and the sick, then for friends and their workplace, and has aroused many other questions. First and foremost, the ones about freedom, the meaning of politics, the relationship between science and religion, the dangers of the virtual world, the manipulation of the media, etc. Of course, the questions about God, his place in this crisis, about the role of the Church, the meaning of suffering and life, responsibility for others have also emerged with new strength and are requiring answers. Under the circumstances of endangered health and fear for the future, the questions about God and the meaning of life are by no means irrelevant. On the contrary, they are even more pertinent. In the second and third part of this paper the author speaks exactly about that what God has done (and is doing) for us and what the Church can do through its mission to be closer to the people who are suffering. Keywords: *Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19), God, fear, faith, education*

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## Bogoslužje i karantena

Zatvaranje crkava za javno bogoslužje zbog pandemije koronavirusa potaklo je izvanredne oblike pastoralne i bogoslužne. Probudio se i novi interes za aktualizirano čitanje zanemarenih starozavjetnih tekstova koji se odnose na nemogućnost ili zabranu ulaska u hram, odnosno sudjelovanja u javnom bogoslužju osobama koje se nalaze u stanju obredne nečistoće ili u nekim drugim životnim okolnostima.

Obično se radi o privremenim, dužim ili kraćim periodima nakon kojih dotična osoba ponovno može doći u hram (primjerice žena nakon isteka dana čišćenja poslije poroda ili osoba koja se izliječila od gube). No, ponekad je riječ o stanjima koja traju čitav život (kao što je gubavac koji se nije izliječio ili kastrirana osoba).

Postavlja se pitanje na koji su način takve osobe mogle slaviti bogoslužje u svojoj svakodnevici, a polazimo od toga da se u starozavjetnom kontekstu odgovor na to pitanje ne može tražiti izvan obveze obdržavanja Zakona.

U ovom izlaganju predstaviti ćemo dotične propise i pokušati ih aktualizirati u okolnostima pandemije COVID-19.

Ključne riječi: *bogoslužje, karantena, obredna (ne)čistoća, Biblija, Covid-19*

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## **Worship and quarantine**

The closure of churches for public worship due to the coronavirus pandemic has encouraged extraordinary forms of pastoral care and service. A new interest in the updated readings of the neglected Old Testament texts related to the impossibility or prohibition of entering the temple, i.e., participation in public worship to persons who are in a state of ritual impurity or in some other life circumstances, has awakened.

These are usually temporary, longer or shorter periods of time after which the person concerned can enter the temple again (e.g., a woman after the day of postpartum cleansing or a person recovered from leprosy). However, sometimes these can be lifelong conditions (e.g., an untreated leper or a castrated person).

The question arises as to how such persons could have celebrated Mass in their daily lives, starting from the fact that the answer to this question in the Old Testament context cannot be looked for beyond the obligation to keep the Law.

In this paper, we will present the relevant regulations and try to reconsider them in the current circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Keywords: *church service, quarantine, ritual (im)purity, Bible, Covid-19*

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### ***Homo eucharisticus bez euharistije?***

Članak se bavi hominizacijom čovjeka utemeljenoj na savezničkom identitetu, koja je ključ čovječnosti. Kroz povijest spasenja Bog je ljudima više puta ponudio Savez, vraćajući ih iskonskom Savezu konstituiranom u trenutku stvaranja. No, tek Savez koji je sklopljen u Krvi Kristovoj otvara čovjeku mogućnost potpune iskonske i eshatološke hominizacije koja se događa u čovjekovu srcu te je trajno prisutna i djelatna u euharistijskom slavlju. Stoga se čovjek s pravom naziva *homo eucharisticus*. Vrijeme pandemije COVID-19 naložilo je fizičko distanciranje i izoliranost te je zapriječeno sudjelovanje u euharistijskom slavlju postalo zapreka njegovoj hominizaciji. Stoga je, uz pomoć medijskih prijenosa euharistijskih slavlja, potrebno razmotriti nove modele euharistijske hominizacije. K tome, Crkva već od prvih stoljeća poznaje praksu nošenja pričesti bolesnicima, koju bi u novim okolnostima trebalo kvalitetnije primijeniti, kako bi čovjek bio i ostao *homo eucharisticus*.

Ključne riječi: *čovjek, savez, hominizacija, identitet, euharistija, COVID-19*

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## **“Homo eucharisticus” without the eucharist?**

The paper deals with the hominization process based on an allied identity, which is the key to humanity. Throughout salvation history, God has repeatedly offered covenants to people, bringing them back to the primeval Covenant made at the time of creation. Nevertheless, it is only the Covenant made in the Blood of Christ that opens the possibility of the complete primeval and eschatological hominization which takes place in the human heart and is permanently present and alive in

the celebration of the Eucharist. Hence, human is rightly referred to as homo eucharisticus. Since in the COVID-19 pandemic period physical distance and isolation were required, the suspended participation in the Eucharistic celebration became an obstacle to the hominization process. It is therefore necessary to reconsider new models of Eucharistic hominization, with the help of media coverage of Eucharistic celebrations. In addition, since the first centuries, the Church has known the practice of bringing Communion to the sick, which in these new circumstances should be better applied in order for an individual to be and remain homo eucharisticus.

Keywords: *man, covenant, hominization, identity, Eucharist, COVID-19*

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## **Odraz migracija i pandemije na pastoral**

U posljednje su vrijeme u fokusu teološko-pastoralne misli i crkvenog rada sve više migracije i pandemija, koji se bitno odražavaju na društvene i crkvene pothvate, pa ih treba pomno proučavati. Migracije kao takve nisu novost, ali je nov njihov način migriranja. Postaju sve zamršeniji fenomen koji treba interdisciplinarno razmatrati, jer se bitno odražavaju na društvo, pastoral, ljudsku svijest i ponašanje. Stoga je nužno u suvremenim okolnostima propitkivati koji su razlozi tolikih suvremenih migracija, kako se migracije manifestiraju na društvo i Crkvu te kako utječu na pastoral. Istodobno treba tražiti prikladan pastoralni način za evangelizaciju migranata i suradnju mjesne Crkve. Potrebno je, uzimajući u obzir crkveni nauk i konkretne okolnosti, cjelovito prosuditi kako se Crkva odnosi prema migracijama i na koji su način naše župne zajednice spremne svjedočiti i naviještati vjeru u doba suvremenih migracija. Ne radi se samo o karitativnom pristupu prema migrantima, nego mnogo širem kontekstu: sociološkom, antropološkom, političkom i gospodarstvenom te društveno-kulturnom odrazu i suživotu. Isto tako, pojava pandemije koronavirusa, osim društvenih i zdravstvenih posljedica, bitno zahvaća i utječe na cjeloviti život i rad kršćanske zajednice. Postavlja se pitanje posljedica koje su već se nametnule i koje će se još dugoročno pokazati u pastoralu. Stoga je neodgodivo raščlaniti na koji način mjesna Crkva i župne zajednice odgovaraju na te aktualne izazove i koliko se pandemija odražava na pastoralnu svijest crkvenog vodstva, odnosno svih vjernika, je li pandemija kairos koji širi vidike zajedništva i sinodalnog pastorala ili produbljuje sumornost individualizma i suzdržanost tradicionalnog pastorala. U tomu je vidu bitno s teološko-pastoralnog aspekta tražiti odgovor na pitanje kako oplemeniti pastoral u evangelizacijskom i misionarskom ključu u doba prijetnje pastoralne izolacije i privatizacije vjere.

Ključne riječi: *pastoral, migracije, koronavirus, pandemija, župna zajednica, vjera*

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## **Impact of migrations and pandemic on the pastoral**

Theological and pastoral thought as well as church work have been recently increasingly focused on migrations and pandemic, which have a significant impact on social and church work and should therefore be carefully examined. Migrations as such are not a novelty, but the way of migration is new. They are becoming an increasingly complex phenomenon that needs to be considered interdisciplinary, as they have a significant influence on society and pastoral care, human consciousness and behaviour. Therefore, under contemporary circumstances it is necessary to question what the reasons for so many modern migrations are, how migrations manifest themselves in society and in the Church, how they affect pastoral care. At the same time, an appropriate pastoral way should be sought for the evangelization of migrants and the cooperation of the local Church. Considering the teachings of the Church and the circumstances, it is necessary to fully assess how the Church is dealing with migrations and in what way our parish communities are ready to witness and proclaim the faith in the age of modern migrations. We are not dealing here merely with a charitable approach towards migrants, but with a much broader context: socio-

logical and anthropological, political and economic, as well as with the sociocultural effects and coexistence. Likewise, the occurrence of the coronavirus pandemic, in addition to social and health consequences, significantly strikes and affects the complete life and work of the Christian community. The question is which consequences have already been imposed and which will emerge in pastoral care in the long term? It is therefore urgent to analyse how the local Church and parish communities respond to these current challenges, how the pandemic affects the pastoral awareness of the Church leadership, i.e., of all believers and whether the pandemic is the *kairos* that expands the horizons of the community and synodal pastoral care or the one which intensifies the gloom of individualism and the restraint of the traditional pastoral care. In this regard, it is important from the theological-pastoral aspect to seek the answer to the question of how to enrich pastoral care in the evangelization and missionary sense in times of threatening pastoral isolation and the privatization of the faith.

Keywords: *pastoral care, migrations, coronavirus, pandemic, parish community, faith*

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## **Sakramentalni život djece i mladih s posebnim potrebama u Splitsko-makarskoj nadbiskupiji u doba pandemije**

Zbog pandemije uzrokovane virusom COVID-19 priprema i podjela sakramenta potvrde u Splitsko-makarskoj nadbiskupiji doživjela je svoj *lockdown* i ušla u krizno razdoblje koje je utjecalo i na sakramentalni život osoba s posebnim potrebama. U prvom dijelu rada autori analiziraju dosadašnje pretpandemijsko razdoblje te načine pripreme i podjele sakramenta potvrde osobama s posebnim potrebama u Centru za autizam, Centru za odgoj i obrazovanje „Juraj Bonaći”, Centru za odgoj i obrazovanje „Slava Raškaj” te župama na teritoriju Splitsko-makarske nadbiskupije. U drugom dijelu rada autori analiziraju i opisuju utjecaj pandemije tzv. *lockdowna* na (ne)mogućnosti sakramentalnog života osoba s posebnim potrebama. U trećem dijelu autori, prema novim dokumentima i smjernicama objavljenim iz Splitsko-makarske nadbiskupije, zaključuju svoje istraživanje donoseći nekoliko preporuka o mogućnostima pripreme i podjele sakramenta potvrde osobama s posebnim potrebama.

Ključne riječi: *sakrament potvrde, osobe s posebnim potrebama, Splitsko-makarska nadbiskupija, pandemija virusa COVID-19, „novo normalno”*

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## **Sacramental life of children and young with special needs in the Split-makarska archdiocese during the pandemic**

Due to the pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus, the preparation and distribution of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Split-Makarska experienced its *lockdown* and entered the critical period that affected the sacramental life of young people with special needs as well. In the first part of the paper, the authors analyse the pre-pandemic period and the ways of preparing and distributing the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people with special needs in the

Centre for Autism, in the Centre for Education “Juraj Bonaći”, in the Centre for Education “Slava Raškaj”, and in the parishes in Archdiocese of Split-Makarska. In the second part of the paper, the authors analyse and describe the impact of the pandemic, the so-called *lock-down* on the (im)possibility of the sacramental life of young people with special needs. In the third part, according to the new documents and guidelines published by the Archdiocese of Split-Makarska, the authors conclude their research with several recommendations on the possibilities of preparing and distributing the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people with special needs.

Keywords: *sacrament of confirmation, people with special needs, Archdiocese of Split-Makarska, Covid-19 virus pandemic, “new normal”*

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## **Pastoralna pratnja i duhovna skrb u domovima za stare i nemoćne u hercegovini u vrijeme pande-mije**

Starije i nemoćne osobe još uvijek su u crkvenoj pastoralnoj praksi ponekad zaboravljene ili se nalaze na rubu pastoralnog interesa, te ih se doživljava i kao pastoralni teret, premda su po posvjedočenom ljudskom životu i bogatom životnom iskustvu dragocjeni članovi kršćanske zajednice. To potvrđuje ustaljena pastoralna praksa dijeljenja sakramenata svete ispovijedi, euharistije i bolesničkog pomazanja uoči velikih svetkovina ili u trenucima lošeg zdravstvenog stanja korisnika domova za stare i nemoćne osobe. Nedovoljna funkcionalnost dosadašnjeg modela pastoralne prakse i duhovne skrbi štićenika očitovala se i u razdoblju globalne pogođenosti pandemijom koronavirusa. Globalni *lockdown* produbio je njihovu osamljenost i nemogućnost da komuniciraju uživo s članovima svojih obitelji, te da primaju interdisciplinarnu duhovno-medicinsku skrb na kakvu su navikli, napose u vremenu tjeskobe, psiho-socijalne i duhovne opterećenosti kojima su bili izloženi putem medija. Je li to uistinu tako pokazat ćemo kroz istraživanje pastoralnog djelovanja i pružanja duhovne skrbi u sedamnaest službeno registriranih domova za starije i nemoćne na području Mostarsko-duvanjske i Trebinjsko-mrkanske biskupije, koji se nalaze u trima hercegovačkim županijama. Na temelju usporedbe o ustrojstvu domova, komunikacije između vodstva domova, osoblja i obitelji štićenika, te pružanja duhovne i pastoralne skrbi korisnicima prije, za vrijeme i nakon pandemije koronavirusa, stvorit će se temelji za stvaranje novog pastoralnog modela koji će odgovoriti na temeljne kršćanske potrebe ne samo štićenika, nego i medicinskog osoblja i obitelji koji su nužno uključeni u proces njihova starenja.

Ključne riječi: *treća životna dob, domovi za stare i nemoćne, pastoralna i duhovna skrb, pandemija, Hercegovina*

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### **Pastoral accompaniment and spiritual care in nursing homes in herzegovina during the pandemic**

Elderly and frail persons are still sometimes forgotten in church pastoral practice or stand on the margins of pastoral interest, often perceived as a pastoral burden, even though they are valuable members of the Christian community, as attested by their lives and rich life experience. This confirms the established pastoral practice of sharing the sacraments of Holy Confession, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick merely on the eve of major feasts or in the moments of poor health of the nursing homes' users. The insufficient functionality of the current model of pastoral practice and spiritual care of the residents also manifested itself during the period of the global impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The global lockdown deepened their loneliness and inability to communicate in person with their family members, as well as to receive the interdisciplinary spiritual-medical care they are accustomed to, especially in times of anxiety, psychosocial and spiritual distress to which they were exposed through the media. We will show whether this is really the case, based on research on pastoral work and the provision of spiritual care in seventeen officially registered nursing



homes for the elderly and weak in the Dioceses of Mostar-Duvno and Trebinje-Mrkanj, located in three Herzegovinian counties. Based on the comparison of the organization of the nursing homes, communication between the homes' management, employees and families of the residents, as well as on the provision of spiritual and pastoral care to beneficiaries before, during and after the Coronavirus pandemic, the foundations will be laid to create a new pastoral model that responds to fundamental Christian needs, not only of the residents themselves but also of the medical staff and families who are necessarily involved in the process of their aging.

Keywords: *third age, nursery homes for elderly and weak, pastoral and spiritual care, pandemic, Herzegovina*

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## **Two opposed attitudes towards science in time of pandemic**

The contemporary cultural context is strongly influenced by the mathematical and empirical sciences. This important role has resulted in two opposed attitudes towards science. On the one hand, science is viewed as a promise of salvation because of its wide technological impact. This optimistic attitude is exemplified by the so-called transhumanist movement. On the other hand, there is distrust of science for a series of reasons, reaching from anthropological and ethical considerations to various conspiracy theories. While both attitudes have already been present in philosophical reflection and popular accounts in the media (related to topics like nuclear energy, ecology or genetic engineering), they attract a renewed attention in the current situation of the coronavirus pandemic. This paper argues that both attitudes are based on a misconception of science. Instead, the consideration of the personalistic (i.e., epistemological, ethical-anthropological and aesthetical-existential) dimensions of scientific activity opens a fruitful way to inspire the creativity of the human person, especially in times of crisis.

**Keywords:** *personalistic dimensions, scientific activity, transhumanism, distrust of science, pandemic*

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## **Conspiracy theories and fake news within (critical) religious education**

Critical thinking is a genuine educational tool for discriminating fake from true, hidden from transparent and as such it presents the necessary method for any relevant educational venture within the current in-crisis state of affairs. In this paper we intend to analyse and present methods of critical thinking about conspiracy theories regarding Covid-19 vaccination, and fake news regarding the migration crisis within religious education. The reason for this approach lies in the fact that the Church and religious education in Croatia are relevant social instances since 86% of the population declares themselves Catholics. Regarding various conspiracy theories about Covid-19 and vaccination, Vatican released a *Note on morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines*, declaring to be morally acceptable, if no alternative is available, to receive the vaccine that has been developed from cell lines derived from tissues obtained from two fetuses that were not spontaneously aborted. Regarding various fake news about the migration crisis, the Church and Pope Francis persistently emphasize the requirement for objective and professional journalism that protects and promotes human dignity. However, in spite of these efforts, conspiracy theories and fake news prevail. It is necessary to include more critical thinking methods in the educational system, and in this paper, we suggest this for (critical) religious education. In the first part of this paper, we analyze religious education in Croatia regarding the proportion of critical thinking that is included in it. In the second part we speak about critical thinking in times of crisis, and in the third part we propose models and methods for including critical thinking in religious

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Keywords: *Covid-19, religious education, critical thinking, fake news, conspiracy theories*

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## **Miteinander statt übereinander im Gespräch Interreligiöse Bildung als Radikalisierungsprophylaxe**

Der Terroranschlag am 2. November 2020 in Wien rüttelt Europa (wieder) auf: Wie kommt es dazu, dass im Namen von Religion Gewaltverbrechen verübt werden? Inwiefern spielt Religion hier tatsächlich eine Rolle? Welcher Beitrag kann von Seiten der Religionspädagogik geleistet werden, um ein friedliches Zusammenleben von Menschen mit unterschiedlichen religiösen und kulturellen Traditionen zu ermöglichen?

An der Universität Graz werden im Projekt „Integration durch interreligiöse Bildung“ seit 2017 erste Erfahrungen von christlich-islamischem Teamteaching in gemischten Lerngruppen gemacht. In diesem Setting erleben Schülerinnen und Schüler, wie Menschen unterschiedlicher Religionen über ihre jeweiligen Traditionen respektvoll ins Gespräch kommen können und üben dabei wertschätzenden Dialog. Ziel ist es, Kinder und Jugendliche auf dem Weg zu einem pluralitätsfähigen Verständnis von Religionen und Weltanschauungen zu begleiten.

Am Beispiel von einigen ausgewählten Wahrnehmungen und Analysen werden Chancen und Herausforderungen interreligiöser Bildung im schulischen Kontext – vor allem mit Blick auf das Zusammenleben der Mehrheitsgesellschaft mit Menschen mit Migrationserfahrungen – benannt.

Schlüsselwörter: *Interreligiöse Bildung, christlich-islamischer Teamunterricht, Radikalisierungsprävention, Dialog, Migration*

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## **Talking with each other instead of about each other interfaith education as a preventive measure against radicalization**

The terrorist attack in Vienna on 2 November 2020 shook Europe (again): How does it happen those violent crimes are committed in the name of religion? To what extent does religion play a role here? What contribution can be made by religious education to enable people of different religions and cultural traditions to live together peacefully? At the University of Graz, the first experiences of Christian-Islamic team teaching in mixed learning groups have been made in the project „Integration durch interreligiöse Bildung“ („Integration through interfaith education“) since 2017. In this setting, pupils experience how people of different religions could engage in a respectful dialogue about their respective traditions and practice appreciative dialogue in the process. The aim is to accompany children and young people on their way to a pluralistic understanding of religions and worldviews.

Using the example of some selected perceptions and analyses, opportunities and challenges of interfaith education in the school context are named - especially with regard to the coexistence of the majority society with people with migration experiences.

Key words: *interfaith education, Christian-Islamic team teaching, radicalization prevention, dialogue, migration*

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## **Meine engen Grenzen. religiöse Bildung als Beitrag zur kontingenzbewältigung und empathieförderung**

Die Corona-Pandemie offenbart in mehrfacher Hinsicht die Begrenztheit des Menschen und von Gesellschaften: Sie führt zu Unterbrechung, Ungewissheit und einem Gespür für die Endlichkeit des Daseins. Der Mythos eines ungebremsten Wachstums hat massive Risse bekommen. Die Erfahrungen nach einem Jahr intensiver Bemühungen um eine Digitalisierung von Bildungsprozessen zeigen: Digitale Bildung hat im Kontext religiösen Lernens ihre Grenzen. Zentrale Dimensionen des Menschseins benötigen Lernformate, die eine Auseinandersetzung mit der realen Welt, mit lebendigen Menschen und zu leibhaften Face-to-Face-Kommunikationen ermöglichen. „Nicht das Vielwissen sättigt die Seele und gibt ihr Genügen, sondern das Auskosten der Dinge von innen her“ schreibt Ignatius von Loyola. Spiritualität und Bildung sind deshalb auf intensive Formen einer Welt-, Mitmensch-, Selbst- und Gottbegegnung angewiesen. Empathie, der Umgang mit Grenzerfahrungen, Verantwortungsbewusstsein und Solidarität lassen sich vor allem in der Realität vor Ort erlernen. Das gilt ebenso für die Befähigung zur Wahrnehmung der Folgen von Migration und deren Bewältigung im Sinne einer globalen Welt- und Schöpfungsverantwortung von Christen („geht an die Grenzen ...“ Papst Franziskus). Barmherzigkeit und Compassion beruhen auf der Fähigkeit zur Wahrnehmung des leidenden Mitmenschen und der leidenden Schöpfung. Von diesen Postulaten aus lassen sich unverzichtbare Prinzipien für eine religiöse Bildung heute ermitteln: Verlangsamung und Entschleunigung, Sinnlichkeit, Körperlichkeit, Bewegung, eine wache Weltwahrnehmung und Empathie sind die Kennzeichnung einer solchen kontingenzsensiblen Religionspädagogik.

Schlüsselwörter: *Kontingenz, Empathie, Digitalisierung, Spiritualität, Religionspädagogik*



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### **My narrow limits. religious education as a contribution to overcoming contingency and promoting empathy**

The corona pandemic reveals the limitations of humans and societies in several ways: It leads to interruption, uncertainty, and a sense of the finiteness of existence. The myth of unchecked growth has developed massive cracks. Experience after a year of intensive efforts to digitize educational processes shows that digital education has its limits in the context of religious learning. Central dimensions of human existence require learning formats that enable an engagement with the real world and with face-to-face communication. “The longing of the soul cannot be appeased by much knowledge, but by the sense and relish of inward things,” writes Ignatius von Loyola. Spirituality and education are therefore dependent on intensive forms of encountering the world, fellow human beings, self and God. Empathy, dealing with limit-experiences, a sense of responsibility and solidarity can be learned first in reality, on site. This also applies to the ability to perceive the consequences of migration and to cope with them in the sense of global Christians’ responsibility for the world and creation (“Go to the borders...” Pope Francis). Mercy and compassion are based on

the ability to perceive the suffering fellow human being and the suffering creation. Based on these postulates, indispensable principles for religious education can be determined today: decelerating and maintaining a slower pace, sensibility, physicality, movement, alert world perception and empathy are the characteristics of such a contingency-sensitive religious education.

Keywords: *contingency, empathy, digitization, spirituality, religious education*

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## **Educating children and youth in meaning and spirituality**

The school function as an educational institution being subject to the control of the relevant educational authorities, and its assumptions and development depend to a large degree on the educational policy and context. Today, in a globalised, digital, postmodern and pandemic society, the importance and urgency of the school role have never been greater. Among other school subjects, religious education in any school type has significant educational purposes: to help pupils appreciate the importance of the spiritual quest and meaning, to support their full growth as human beings and to accompany pupils in the process of finding their own socio-cultural conditioning and reaching a position of being able to find a personal framework of meaning. That is why

religious education has both credentials and precedents for undertaking the contemporary human being quest for meaning. Nevertheless, at the same time, some external and internal factors must be taken into consideration for the discourse on religious education which has moved away from realistic expertise into formal presentation losing its educational credibility.

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## **Religious education in the context of growing migration into Europe**

The intensified migrations mostly of people from Africa and the Middle East to Europe have brought about changes in European countries. The growing awareness of the importance of respect for human rights

and the recognition of the equal value of all people regardless of their ethnic origin, cultural or religious tradition, forced European governments to adjust the institutional services to a new kind of cultural and religious diversity. Due to the impact of migration, many national curricula have been changed and transformed. Is this really enough? The authors of this paper ask a few important questions related to migration and religious education in Europe for further reflection.

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