

The need of “Homiletic Directorium”

Summary

In the apostol exhortation “Verbum Domini” issued in 2010 the Pope Benedict XVI turned to the pertinent authorities to work out a homiletic directorium. The article attempts to answer the question of what a directorium is, what documents of such a type have already been functioning in the Catholic Church and in Poland and what issues – according to the author – should be included in the future homiletic directorium. In the Catholic Church there are the following ones which have been functioning, such as: ecumenic directorium, *Directorium on Masses with the participation of children* of 1973 and two, relatively the closest to homiletics, catechetical directoria of 1971 and 1997. The general pattern of the documents amounts mainly to two important parts. After an introduction which shows the assumptions of such studies, there the fundamental assumptions presented in the first part. Then, in the second part, there are the practical conclusions. It can be hoped for that the homiletic directorium postulated by Benedict XVI will – as all the directoria so far – emphasise the theocentric and christocentric character of Christianity.