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Summary

The article aims to untangle some problems concern the situation of a clergy who is a biological father. First of all, the issue of celibacy in presented in terms of canon law. Next the punishable deeds against celibacy are listed and that leads to related Church penalties and way of their application. A procedure of proceedings in such a case is proposed. The following part includes a presentation of civil legal effects of the situation in question: an establishment of paternity and alimony.

The final conclusion is that appliance of canons must be done with equitas canonica, and the respect for the rights and duties of all parts involved in such a dramatic case: a child, a woman, a clergy and the Church.