Summary

The Pope’s primacy is one of the most important issues of the Catholic theology and canon law. It is the foundation of the hierarchical structure of the Church. The author of the paper presents the complexity of the problem in the light of the two codes of the Church: CIC 1983 and CCEC 1988, and other normative sources.

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