The timeliness of John Paul II’s message concerning civilization of love.

Abstract

The present paper is an attempt at analytical presentation of selected elements of an evangelical foundation that John Paul II shapes to be the basis of revival activities of “the countenance of earth” towards civilization of love. In his teaching and activities, John Paul II refers to universal brotherhood of all people and to love for every single human being. People should earnestly strive for fourfold primacy in the orientation of the human spirit, that is for the primacy of a person over a thing, ethics over technology, “be more” over “have more”, and mercifulness over justice. Such primacy determines the directions for the building of civilisation of love, which protects the fundamental good, which is human life. Elementary respect for life thus constitutes the most essential condition for building civilisation of love. The paper aims to uncover again and revitalize the timeliness of the message.

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