

The Priesthood in the writings of Saint Archbishop Józef Bilczewski

Summary

The author of the article tries to present the concept of the priesthood of the presbyters based on the writings of Saint Józef Bilczewski, especially his pastoral letters and diary. He discusses the care of Archbishop for priests of his archdiocese in the spiritual and material dimension. The need to maintain the priestly identity through an adequate spiritual life and fulfilling the duties of service is indicated here. The article also shows the concrete problems which Józef Bilczewski had to face in the context of his responsibility for the clergy. Also the opinion of the Saint on the relation of the priests to social and political issues is presented here.