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SCHOOL RETREATS AS A YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

SUMMARY

The article is focused on school retreats as a place of the new evangelization. The considerations are mainly based on opinion polls which were conducted among young people after Lent retreats held at the seminary in Lomza (in 2009) and at the veterinary and general education secondary school in Lomza (in 2012). The author's attention was paid to three aspects of the new evangelization, namely zeal, method, and expression. The analyses suggest that (1) young people are careful observers and can distinguish reliable religious testimony from mere preaching supported by social engineering and persuasion training, (2) towards audiovisual means one should keep moderate attitude and resist a temptation of making them an end in itself, (3) young people love to sing, listen to the good music, watch the pantomime, and be exposed to positive examples of life, which makes an opportunity to face them with the new evangelization. In the conclusion the author claims that school retreats are liked by young people and in a certain way they do evangelize them.

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