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Summary

Regarding the right to defence in the process of annulling marriage, the article points out that “Dignitas connubii” represents clear position, and indicates specific guarantees for observing that right. The undertaken considerations characterize some contemporary discussions related to the topic which in the light of “Dignitas connubii” in principle are clear. This means that there are authors who may differ from each other in different matters. It is important that in the process of annulling marriage the principle of contention is observed, which requires that two parties have equal rights for defending themselves. For the obvious reasons, it seems that these guarantees concern specifically the act of citation, the information of the subject in dispute, the possibility of presenting various evidence, the publication of the case-file, and the publication of the sentence. The observation of the rights to defence stems not only from the fundamental rights of human person, but is necessary for performing the process justly, which is achieved by pronouncing just sentence.