
Polityka – etyka – Kościół. Wzajemność relacji w świetle tekstów Josepha Ratzingera – Benedykta XVI

Autor: ks. Piotr Przesmycki

Artykuł opublikowany w „Annales. Etyka w życiu gospodarczym” 2012, vol. 15, s. 297-311

Archidiecezjalne Wydawnictwo Łódzkie

Stable URL: http://www.annaesonline.uni.lodz.pl/archiwum/2012/2012_przesmycki_297_311.pdf

Politics – Ethics – the Church. Mutuality of Relations in the Light of the Writings of Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI

Author: ks. Piotr Przesmycki

Source: ‘Annales. Ethics in Economic Life’ 2012, vol. 15, pp. 297-311

Published by Lodz Archdiocesan Press

Stable URL: http://www.annaesonline.uni.lodz.pl/archiwum/2012/2012_przesmycki_297_311.pdf

© Copyright by Uniwersytet Łódzki, Łódź 2012

© Copyright by rev. Piotr Przesmycki

ks. Piotr Przesmycki SDB

Salezjańska Wyższa Szkoła Ekonomii i Zarządzania w Łodzi

e-mail: przesmyk@onet.pl

**Politics – Ethics – the Church.
Mutuality of Relations in the Light of the Writings
of Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI**

This article consisting of four points, shows the subject of multiple relationships between the realities of politics, ethics and the Catholic Church. The issue was presented on the basis of the writings and speeches of Joseph Ratzinger, the current Pope Benedict XVI. Article begins with a presentation of the relationship between politics and ethics as seen in historical perspective. The second section presents the so-called „political ethics” of the first Christian communities in the light of the indications contained in some of the New Testament writings (cf. 1 Thess; 1 Peter) being the basis for the Christian way of acting in the area of policy. The third section indicates some realities like: progress, science and freedom – considered sometimes as an unquestioned idols and that’s why named once by Ratzinger „myth of modernity” – as a threat to connectivity between politics and ethics. The fourth section discusses the teaching of the Catholic Church on politics and the need for its ethical practice. In addition it contains some concrete proposals of Ratzinger that can be used in contemporary debates on the fundamental values of a democratic state in contemporary pluralistic societies. It also refers to Pope Benedict XVI appeals for more ethics of politics.