

Possibility and Sense of the Existence of Public Opinion within the Catholic Church

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Abstract:

The present paper analyses the social and ideological structures which simultaneously accommodate and limit the manifestation and acknowledgement of public opinion within the Catholic Church. Consequently, the study primarily follows a sociological perspective, although it also takes into account theological contributions and discussions generated during the past five decades on the topic of freedom of opinion and expression in the Church.

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