

The Orthodox Church's mission in the current context of migrations. The statute of the minor refugee from a religious, moral and legal point of view.

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Abstract

The geo-political situation of the 21st century in Europe brought in the attention of the civil and religious society a new challenge - migration, viewed by the emigrant, as a necessary factor of economic development and in some situations of survival. The migration phenomenon developed in Europe, was to be completed by millions of Syrian refugees, part of them minors under the guardianship of parents or tutors. The laws of the Member States of the European Union allow, from a legal point of view, the integration of the immigrants and develop social programs for orphans, or for those under guardianship, but beyond the legislative regulation lies the will and capacity of the European citizen, to receive, assimilate and then to remove from the vocabulary the term of „immigrant” and to look at him as to his neighbor. From a religious and moral point of view, caring for one's neighbor represents the fulfillment of the Christian commandment „Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22, 39) and develops the missionary trait of each man. The present paper aims to present in a systematic and objective way the legal, moral and religious status of the minor refugee, of the child who is unable to choose and to believe, than what is told, and to receive, only what what is offered to him. Given the interdisciplinarity of the subject, the paper will try to capture the convergent and the divergent points of the European governmental actions and those of the Romanian Orthodox Church, in relation to the need of the immigrant minor. It is desired by the action of the church to develop a co-responsible thinking and missionary work, as an action taken by each Christian.

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