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LANGUAGE OF RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS IN BIH (KALENDAR DOBRI PASTIR AND KRŠNI ZAVIČAJ)

Abstract

The paper analyzes language of texts in *Kalendar Dobri Pastir* and *Kršni zavičaj*, publications of the Catholic Church, in the period from 1950 to 2005. The aim of the research is to define position of Croatian language in BiH in one segment of public communication. Although constitutionally and legally Croatian has been one of official languages in the former state and in post-Dayton BiH, it is gradually displaced from the public use. That is why Catholic Church publications, published in that period, have a special role in preserving Croatian language at the level of both private and public communication.

Key words: Croatian language, public communication, language politics, lexis, phonological level, morphosyntactic level, norm, BiH, religious publications