Children and Death
Educational, Spiritual, Theological, Philosophical, Psychological and Medical Perspectives and their Meaning for Theologizing, Philosophizing or just Being with Children

October 1 – 3, 2018

Monday, October 1, 2018
Day of arrival at the conference for out of town guests

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Speech by the Dean of Hussite Theological Faculty
doc. Kamila Veverková

Keynote speakers: Contribution of Major Science Disciplines

9:15 – 10:00 Children and Death - A Systematic Overview of Development of Death Concepts. How children cope with the death of relatives and other subjects
prof. Anton Bucher – Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Salzburg

10:00 – 10:45 Development of Czech Thanatology
prof. Helena Haškovcová – Faculty of Humanities, Charles University
(Interpreting from Czech)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

I. Group of Lectures: Contribution of History and Fundamental Theology

11:00 – 11:45 Changes in the Understanding of Children's Death in the Modern Period
doc. Kamila Veverková – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University
(Interpreting from Czech)

11:45 – 12:30 Children's Hospice Klíček
Markéta Královcová – Nadační fond Klíček

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
II. Group of Lectures: Perspectives of Different Countries

14:00 – 14:45  *Child - Illness - Religion*
  prof. Gerhard Büttner – University of Dortmund
  (Interpreting from German)

14:45 – 15:30  *The Concept of Death in Children: Fact or Fiction?*
  dr. Carl-Mario Sultana – Faculty of Theology, University of Malta

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 16:00  *Interviews about Death with Children Aged 6-10 Years during Catechesis*
  dr. Zuzana Svobodová – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University

Good practice:

16:00 – 16:45  *Children’s Ideas about Death from a Buddhist Monastery in Nepal*
  dr. Filip Burget – First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University

16:45 – 17:15  *“The Life Jacket” A Project about Children and Death in Children’s Theological Perspective. Good practice from the Netherlands*
  dr. Henk Kuindersma – Religions Education, Training of RE Teachers
  Liesbeth Winters-Jonas – Religions Education, Children’s Pastor

17:15 – 17:45  *Primary School Education related to death issues*
  Mgr. Veronika Plachá, dr. Marta Franclová – Faculty of Education, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice

17:45 - 19:30  Workshop: *Philosophizing and Theologizing with Children about Life and Death*
  Dipl.-Päd. Karin Kubec, Dipl.-Päd. Irene Pack – Odilien-Institut, Graz and KPH Graz, Catholic University College for Education Graz
  Gesa Menzel – CJD Christophorusschool Königswinter, Bonn

20:00  Dinner

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Keynote speakers: Possible Ways for Education in Changing Europe

9:15 – 10:00  *The Transformation of the Czech Education Paradigm after the Velvet Revolution - Turning to Child Education and its Importance for the Existential Themes of the Child*
  prof. Vladimíra Spilková – Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice
  (Interpreting from Czech)

10:00 – 10:45  *The Desire to Stay “Forever Young” in Confrontation with Reality of Death. Theological-pedagogical approach*
  doc. Katarína Valčová – Faculty of Humanities, University of Žilina

10:45 – 11:00  Coffee break
III. Group of Lectures: Perspectives of Different Countries

11:00 – 11:45  *Children Facing Death: Polish Perspective*
prof. Elżbieta Osewska – State Higher Vocational School in Tarnów

11:45 – 12:30  *Without Friends, without Love, Absolutely Alone... The Perception of Dying and Death in Children of Younger School Ages*
doc. Ludmila Muchová – Faculty of Theology, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 14:45  *How Do Children Think about Death? Listening to Children in Classroom Situations in Slovakia*
prof. Dana Hanesová – Faculty of Education, Matej Bel University Banská Bystrica

14:45 – 15:30  *Opening Children's Imagination for the Paschal Mystery via The Chronicles of Narnia*
dr. Barbora Šmejdová – Catholic Theological Faculty, Charles University

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 16:00  *How Do Czech Preschool Children Speak about Death and Dying?*
dr. Noemi Bravená – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University

16:00 – 16:45  *How Do Children with Asperger Syndrome Speak about Death?*
dr. Adriána Maďarová – Kindergarten Macko Macík and Jan Bakoš Elementary School, special education counseling

16:45  End of the conference