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Diákrisis and the Theological Principle of oikonomía

ABSTRACT

The life of the Church is marked by the manifestation of the divine economy in concrete ecclesial attitudes and actions. The Church Fathers show the link between divine and ecclesial economy, and they give us the key for the interpretation of this principle.

Since the eighteenth century, in the theological and canonical literature, the principle of the economy has been mentioned as an attitude of mercy concretely manifested by punctual exceptions to the norm. Can we talk about "economy" by referring only to the derogation in the sense of indulgence?

Relying upon canonical texts, we can understand that the principle of the economy expresses the good management of the totality of the means at the disposal of the Church, in the service of communion, pastoral care and mission. Ecclesial discernment helps us to manage the canonical economy in all its manifestations.

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