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Can Sacred Object be Sold?

Summary

Code of the Canon Law does not forbid selling sacred objects. The only exception is the sale of relics. In case of selling or passing the sacred object to another person one should take care to avoid the risk of profanation or misuse. The best solution in case when our influence on the new owner is limited is to turn to the competent Church authority who based on canon 1212 (Code of Canon Law of 1983) will issue a decree depriving the sold object of the dedication or consecration to be used for profane use. Also in this case commentators say it should be assured that the object will be relegated to profane but not sordid use. The change of the owner should be without risk of arising astonishment or unnecessary sensation.

Słowa kluczowe: alienacja, Kodeks Prawa Kanonicznego z 1983 r., profanacja, nadużycie

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