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#### Abstract:

In time, the church has demonstrated its active presence in all the segments of our political, social and cultural life, providing help, support, impulse and moral guidance and bringing its contribution, with its characteristic means, to the perpetuation of a stable spiritual and moral climate for the Romanian people. Counselling is described in the Bible as the action of making those in need aware of their wrong deeds, drawing attention upon their mistakes, warning and presenting them with a viable alternative. The religious attendance is a means whereby the detainees are helped to find a way out of their sinful life. Besides conversations of a pastoral nature, the chaplain priest should explain the detainees the implication of sins such as: murder, raping, theft, burglary, lying, etc. The sins that made most of them become prisoners, isolated from their families or communities should be counteracted by the Christian values: Belief, Hope and Love, together with their turning towards good deeds, whose value should be properly understood.

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