Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the Christian organization Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde, which was created as an independent institution in Prague in December 1998. It followed the tradition of the Sudeten German Ackermann-Gemeinde and began to work in the field of Czech-German relations. The chosen topic is particularly important because no expert attention was paid to this organization and for that reason Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde is not mentioned in the secondary literature. Mostly primary sources were used during the writing of this thesis.

The historical development of Czech-German relations from the perspective of the Catholic Church in the 20th century is outlined in the first part of the thesis. Subsequently the work focuses on the formation and the workings of Ackermann-Gemeinde in Germany, founded by expelled Germans in 1946, including its two branches in Rome and Prague. In the second part of the thesis there is the existence of Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde in Prague studied from various perspectives ranging from the preparations preceding the establishing of the organization, through the analysis of the articles of the association, to the important personalities who engaged in activities of this organization. The specific position and importance of this association in bringing Czechs and Germans closer together is documented in organized events and projects that aimed at different age groups, people interested in the topic and last but not least Christians.

The whole work is chronological and answers the questions what kind of events predominates in the activities of Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde, in which regions and with what frequency it organizes its projects. Furthermore, Spirála Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde, an organisation which focuses on young people in the Czech Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, is mentioned.

The result of this bachelor thesis is a comprehensive analysis of the activity of Sdružení Ackermann-Gemeinde in Prague between 1999–2016 and its irreplaceable role in the Czech-German dialogue.