

12. ANGLICKÁ ANOTACE

Bachelor's Study: History of Libechov Parish within the years 1890 – 1935

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On the turn of 19th and 20th century also in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy anticlerical activities are stirred following the results of the 1st Vatican Council and consequently the Old Catholic Movement. The 1st World War breaks out, and its sufferings terminates by the disintegration of the centuries-old Monarchy. The foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic brings demand to subdue entire pro-habsburgian and thus, in opinion of many, also Catholic Church. The Church in this newly formed society has to find and defend its place but for this religious struggle is not prepared. Social and church disquiet leads to foundation of the Czechoslovakian Church. This brings with it new wave of resignations which takes along laymen and priests. In the society again the nationalistic discord between German and Czech population grows, in the neighboring Germany Adolf Hitler takes the power, and finally comes near to another war horror. Many of these evens forced permanent changes in behavior and thinking of individuals and entire society.

The life of Libechov Parish necessarily reflects general religious and political course of events of that time. This bachelor's study reconstructs the course of liturgical year in this parish, the divine service and building life around local churches and parish, the life of the parish within the 1st World War, and also changing customs after the formation of the Republic. Compiled is also view on local Czech-German nationalistic conflicts and dissenting movement. The priest Václav Šorejs accompanies his parishioners on the way to God, acts here like Czech patriot, continues in the spiritual activities on good work of his predecessors. After the initial failure he succeeds to moderate nationalistic discords. Gradually he becomes respectful leading personality and faces even here the expansive dissenting movement. Through his behavior he elevated religious life of the community and thinking of local parishioners.