

Summary

The thesis' main objective is to describe the development of the Czech Old Catholic Church in the first eight years after the Velvet revolution. It presents the historical context which led to significant changes in the church life after the fall of the Communist regime. The history from the Synod of Renewal till the election of Bishop Dušan Hejbal in 1991 is described from both national and international perspective. After that the thesis describes the relation between the Church and the bishops of the Union of Utrecht. The thesis uses mainly unpublished archival sources and present an analysis of this recent period of the Old Catholic history and its relation with state organs, the International Bishops' Conference, as well as the portraits of the main actors.