

the Red Heart in Bohemia and summarises the results of investigation executed up to now. According to preserved written sources, this small order, also known in Bohemia under the name of Cyriacs, was established in the 13th century and belonged to the society of regular capitulars obeying St. Augustine's regulations. Convent in Rome, founded before 1256, was the oldest centre of the order; from the second half of the 13th century the capitulars were active in Bohemia and Poland and, at the end of the 14th century, the monastic houses were founded also in Lithuania. Most written sources unfortunately did not survive, therefore especially the beginning of the order history is quite obscure. Monasteries in Bohemia functioned up to the Hussite Wars - when all of them were destroyed and, with the exception of the Prague Convent, have never been renewed.