

Primarily on regional character of the (communist) state church policy focused works you are handling, depicts also the work routine of the church secretaries (CT), who were in the Czech socialist republic (ČSR) of the normalization era (1969 - 1989) the ones responsible for every step in that sector.

Every branch of the state administration has, obviously, its hierarchical structure and in this case we are talking about the department of Ministry of the culture, whose name was The Secretariat for the church (or ecclesiastical) affairs, shortly called SPVc. This bureau had its deputies by the regional and district state administration, the regional called KNV (regional national committee), the district ones by the name were ONV (district national committee). These deputies were professionally known as referents, also referent for church affairs, but officially named as was mentioned above, in distinction level as OCT (district) or KCT (region).

CT, as we should say, can be seen like a base unit for the supervision above the churches.

For this work OCT depended on a small army of agents, whose information was so important for the "inner sight" in the actions of the common priests (the representatives - bishops, seniors and so on were still watched by agents of the secret police and the most prominent of them (before 1968) interned). CT was approved to rule by the "church laws", edited for the complete subordination in 1949, which in 1950 the priests (and 1951 some bishops) were "allowed" to swear to uphold. The churchmen could not do what they wanted, except inner liturgical matters, without the consciousness or permission from "the above".