

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis „Agnes of Bohemia – Life and Work“ deals with the life and work of St. Agnes of Bohemia. She is one of the most important Czech saints. Although she came from a royal family, she did not hesitate to give up all her wealth and enter a monastery where she lived in poverty according to strict rules. She loved her fellowman deeply and she cared for the needy.

The first chapter describes the time in which Agnes was born, in which she lived and in which she died. It is the government of the last Přemyslid dynasty on the Czech throne, namely the reign of Ottokar I., Wenceslaus I., Ottokar II. and the beginnings of the reign of Wenceslaus II.

The second chapter is already devoted to Agnes herself. Agnes did not stay much at home as a child, she was spending most of her time in monasteries and in the Austrian court, where she was sent for a planned marriage. She was engaged several times for political reasons, but no marriage ever happened. The chapter continues with Agnes' relationship with Franciscanism, her effort to reform holy orders and a brief description of the privilege of poverty.

The third chapter is the most extensive. It is dedicated to people who influenced Agnes, namely St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clara, St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Hedwig of Silesia. The chapter is also devoted to Agnes' construction activities. The gothic style is briefly described at first, it is followed by the establishment of the hospital, where the Military Order of the Crusaders of the Red Star, founded by Agnes, is also mentioned, and the founding of the monastery and its brief history. Another subchapter deals with the many miracles and healings associated with this saint. The end of this chapter deals with the relationship of Agnes and her family.

The fourth chapter deals with the death of Agnes and her sepulture. Her remains were lost, searched for many years, until finally a part of them was found in the 20th century.

The fifth chapter is devoted to the beatification and canonisation of Agnes of Bohemia. This process has been attempted in vain by many people. It was several centuries before Agnes was finally canonised on November 12, 1989.

The personality of St. Agnes of Bohemia is beneficial for each of us, we can inspire by her deeds, virtue and wisdom. Her love for her fellowman and for God was astonishing. Thanks to Agnes we have in the Czech Republic an order of Franciscans, clarinets and the Military Order of the Crusaders of the Red Star, which she founded herself.