

ANGLICKÝ ABSTRAKT

Title:

Letters of Saint Columbanus – translation and interpretation

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Personalities of Irish saints and Irish spirituality seem to be almost unknown in our country and they are pushed to the very edge of our attention. However there was a time when they played a dominant part of the process of Western Europe christianization.

This diploma work consists of four main chapters and its goal is to introduce a personality of St. Columban and his activity in Western Europe to our reader. For this purpose the Columban's correspondence is chosen. The letters can describe this saint in the best fashion. This diploma shouldn't be the pure monography however. It should rather draw him and his activities in historical background and contexture.

We can find a treatise about the head themes from his letters in the main part. It includes the great Eastern controversy and circumstances, based on the collision of two paschal cycles. Furthermore there is described the saint's involvement in the Three Chapters controversy too. The last main theme is focused on the relationship of Columban – abbot and founder – to his foundations and to the monasticism generally.

The goal was to testimony about this holy man in stright way – with his possitive and even negative sides. Also to excite the reader to get more involved to the questions of specific Irish christianity.