

SUMMARY

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Title of Diploma Thesis: Jachym Bohumil Prochazka OFM (1902-1985) and his Missionary Activity

The aim of the diploma thesis was to introduce Fr. Jachym Bohumil Prochazka OFM and his missionary activity.

Chapter One: *The personality of Fr. Jachym Bohumil Prochazka OFM* combines biographical data, basic personality traits and overview of the current status quo of Fr. Jachym's work. Personal documents of Fr. Jachym, his family and his religious family were used, as well as further articles and information about him, which were published and his written work, which it at disposal in the provincial archives of the convent of Our Lady of the Snows at Jungmann Square in Prague.

Chapter Two: *The end and the consequences of World War I, The contemporary context of 20 –30^{ies} of the past century in the Czech lands in the political, social, ecclesial, and Franciscan viewpoints.* This chapter briefly describes different aspects of the period, which Jachym experienced in adulthood in his native country until his departure to South America. The chapter begins with the end of World War I, because the war itself, and its consequences were important for further development. For elaboration of this chapter historiographical and historical literature was mostly used.

Chapter Three: *Missionary activity* discusses themes related to Jachym's missionary activity and Jachym's missionary activity itself. There is diverse information on the Society of St. Rafael, Argentina, the Czech and Slovak emigrants in Argentina, Sanatorium Sommer, leprosy. All these facts are important for understanding Jachym's missionary work. Personal documents of Fr. Jachym, his family and his religious family were used. Further articles and books focused historiographically and medically were used as well as information that could not be obtained otherwise than on the Internet.

Chapter Four: *Jachym's work* contains information on the philosophical dissertation, a published book about Czech Franciscans in Abyssinia, and available and published articles by Jachym. Chapter contains also a statement on the issue of theological and spiritual aspects in his work.

Chapter Five: *Assessment of Jachym's significance* emphasizes the importance of Jachym's service to our countrymen in South America and the leprous in the Sanatorium Sommer in Argentina, which had a positive impact on them and influenced their neighbours.

The diploma thesis offers a view, based on the available information, at the life of the personality of Fr. Jachym and his service to people, on the background of the period and local context.

The diploma thesis will then be used as archival document for the Archives of St. Vaclav Franciscan Province in the Czech Republic.

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