

The aim of the bachelor thesis „Churches and Charta 77“ is to cover the early years of existence of Charter 77 and its reflection in churches. After a short introduction of the historical and social contexts, the main topic of the thesis focuses on the analysis of the press issued during January and February 1977, including both the papers controlled by the Czech government (Rudé právo) and the press issued by churches (Kostnické jiskry, Český zápas, Katolické noviny). The work also focuses on the analysis of the Synod Council records from the archive files of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren from the whole year 1977, on published interviews and private dialogues conducted for the purpose of a research related to the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, the Czechoslovakian Hussite Church and the Roman Catholic Church. This work should show the historical and social contexts the Charter 77 entered into and the attitudes that the churches had towards Charter 77 and its authors and collaborators. It also aims to find out if there were any differences between the public manifestation of churches – towards the public administration – and the internal manifestation within a church itself. Finally yet importantly, the work should introduce the Christians who were not afraid to go against the stream and who opposed the totalitarian regime.