

Abstract

The dissertation “St Cosmas and St Damian collegiate chapter at Stará Boleslav” deals with the history of the oldest chapter of its kind in Bohemia. The gist of the thesis is introduced by a general essay on the institution of the chapter. The core part studies the development of the chapter at Stará Boleslav from its establishment by prince Břetislav up to the present. Special emphasis is laid on the period between the two world wars 1919–1938. This period is elaborated in detail on the basis of available sources and literature. The dissertation investigates the political and religious situation in the country, namely at Stará Boleslav, of that time, deals with personal issues at the chapter, and analyses its social conditions and pastoral activity. The personalities of four significant canons are introduced in conclusion.