

ABSTRACT

The medieval study *Litomyšl of Albert from Šternberk* is a fusion of two historiographical methods. Regionally-historical and biographical. These methods lead to the unusual view of this issue, which had already been established in literature. This paper focuses mainly on the history of bishopric in Litomyšl and its center (town and domain). The author tries to look at this topic through Albert from Šternberk, who was an important imperial prelate-diplomat and also a bishop of Litomyšl during years 1364-1368 and 1371-1380. In order to maintain a complexity of this topic, it is essential to focus on both Albert's life and genesis of young Litomyšl diocese. For this reason the first part of the study is an analysis of emergence and formation of bishopric in Litomyšl, which is followed by a comprehensive study of Albert's political life. Then, the author gets to the very issue of the relationship between the monitored prelate and his Litomyšl dioceses and he tries to look at this relationship from several different perspectives. The reason for using this approach is an effort to speak out against the persistent view, that Litomyšl bishops in the era of Karl IV. (mostly high-ranking politicians and officials) were just „titular“ prelates without self-interest in the management of the bishopric. Through Albert from Šternberk and his episcopate in Litomyšl, the author wants to point out the imperfection of these conclusions. The secondary contribution of this study is a wide probe to the history of town Litomyšl and its neighborhood in the second half of the 14th century.

Key words: Albert from Šternberk, bishopric, augustiniens, monastery, corporation, Litomyšl, fourteenth century, town, the middle ages