

Abstract

The thesis focused on the particular phases of christianization of Poland which occurred with Czech or Moravian participation, i.e. influences of mission of Cyril and Methodius in Poland, marriage of Polish prince Mieszko with Czech prince-daughter Dobroslava and his subsequent baptism and foundation of archiepiscopate in Gniezno above the tomb of St. Adalbert. Taking into account the historical and territorial development of the considered area the thesis is divided into three parts.

The first chapter is dedicated to christianization of the southern Poland. The mission of Cyril and Methodius should be heading into this area in the end of 9th century. After careful examining of written sources and results of current research one can say, that it is not possible to confirm any Great-Moravian influences on the christianization of southern Poland. Similar results were reached also in the case of Czech participation in the process accepting of Christian faith in the second half of the 10th century. In this time should be the contemporary Silesia and Lesser Poland part of Prague and Moravian diocese.

In the next part is characterised the influence of Czech princess Dobroslava on the decision of Polish prince Mieszko I to accept baptism. With this event started the process of creating of church organization of Piast principedom, which was completed by establishing of diocese in Poznań in the year 968. Due to the insufficient informations from written sources was not possible to determine which was the form of this diocese.

The last chapter deals with establishing of archiepiscopate in Gniezno. This archdiocese was established during visitation of Ota III. in the place where the corpse of sv. Vojtěch was buried. The saint become its patron. For the cardinal influence of Adalbert on the forming of new archepiscopate testify the fact that the first archbishop become his younger brother Gaudentius. Thanks to the emperor Ota III. and polish prince Bolesław I the Brave started to spread the cult of st. Votěch, which was involved in the christianization of Poland.