

As a theme of my diploma thesis I have chosen The spiritual and social development of emigrants to Bieszczady. I am engaged in a group of four hundred people approximately, who, at the turn of 60s and 70s of the 20th century, left the Czechoslovakia and settled in a Polish town Bieszczady. They established three villages there. All the emigrants belonged to the branch of Jednota Bratrská, earlier Svaz rozhodných křesťanů. I am trying to describe reasons of the departure, reasons of their decision, but also hard conditions that they had in Bieszczady. In the last chapter I am also mentioning the contemporary situation in villages. Testimonies which I got during my personal visit to Bieszczady make the indispensable part of my thesis. The aim of my diploma thesis is to show, that even in the 20th century there were groups of people able to leave an existing way of living for the faith and for the vision of the better future. In an appendix I am adding the photographs from the beginnings of the settlement, but also from the present. I am also adding the statistics of one of the villages, which completes the reality expressed in my thesis.