

## Résumé

### HISTORY OF THE PARISH KONSKÁ UNTIL ITS DIVISION IN 2003

This thesis presents an overview of the history of the parish from its assumed foundation in 1228 until its division in 2003.

The beginnings of the parish go back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, when it was part of the parish called Rajec. After its independence, it maintained its position for not more than a century because it disappeared for a short period due to the power-political and property disputes of that time. In spite of various obstructions the parish was restored in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It lasted without major problems until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when the owners of the lordship Lietava, which the parish was subject to, became Protestants. Two protestant parishes were founded: in the villages Kanska and Kamenna Poruba. Due to the rule „Cuius regio, eius religio“ the parish became subject to the catholic lordship Frantisek Révayov, from 1628 churches and property were catholic. During the uprising called Rakoci the protestant parish Kamenna Poruba was not renewed. However the parish Kanska was restored in 1707. The latter lasted only several months, due to the period of so-called “recatholization”, which was implemented in this area by Jesuits from the city of Zilina.

Catholicism prevails in contemporary history of the parish Kanská. It may be noted that the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was marked by new evangelization. Several Christian associations were founded and a catholic center was built. The communist regime tried to limit the activities of the Catholic Church. Also due to the diplomatic efforts of the parish priest made it possible, that the parish was able to build a new parish house in the seventies. The period after 1989 revived active religious life. In this period three affiliated parishes built churches and a parish center.

This thesis also includes a short overview of the individual villages which were part of the parish and lists the development of religious buildings, i.e. churches, chapels, crosses and parish houses, built on parish territory. Based on archival research this thesis presents a detailed chronological sorted overview of the separate administrators and parish priests until 2003, when the parish was again divided and a new parish called Rajecké Teplice was created.

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