

This work about the Utraquistic priests during the reign of Ferdinand I (1526-1564) is an attempt to describe the basic elements and problems the Utraquistic Church had to face at that time. These characteristic problems comprised more or less the content of pastoral work as well as the everyday work of individual clergymen.

The first part clarifies some chosen aspects of Ferdinand's reign and is supposed to explain the reader some specific features about that time, about the personality of Ferdinand I as a ruler and last but not least about the conflict between political conception of the King and the Czech corporative representation. It is not all about description of Ferdinand's reign but it also shortly explains the problems that used to have crucial meaning at that time.

The second part deals with history of the Utraquistic Church not only during the reign of Ferdinand I but in previous years as well. The year 1526 does not represent substantial landmark, although thanks to political development it is traditionally considered as very important. The beginning of the second chapter that deals with religious development of past Hussite and Yagellogian era is concentrated on the political questions of that time because the politics and religion used to be inseparably wedded. This is followed by the interpretation of development of religion groups in Czech Lands between years 1526-1564. The aim of these 20 pages is a plastic description of those phenomena and facts which played a big role in forming the Czech Utraquism. The third chapter represents the results emerging from analyzing the source which is Klement Borovy's publication called "The Dossiers of Utraquist Consistory" from the year 1868. The information coming out from analysis is included in partial sections dealing with individual topics: ordination, priest's conversion, the possessions of clergymen, moral life of clergy, etc.