

Abstract

Some of the Pastoral Activities of the Nuns in the Totalitarianism Period

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This work focuses on the pastoral activities of the Czech-Moravian Province of the Roman Union of Ursulines during the totalitarianism period. The epoch of the communist regime 1948–1989 is being considered as the most agitated within the history of the ursulines community. It may be split into three eras: The era of the most severe persecution in 1950–1966, the era of the political liberalization during 1966–1970 and the normalization era in 1970–1989.

The focal point of the work is the period 1966–1989, during which the nuns worked in the Social Care Institute in Horni Poustevna and in the Mental Home for Children in Rocov. There the nuns developed rich catechetical and pastoral activities among the wards, locals and the children of their relatives and friends for whom they would organize summer camps.

The work also touches the activities of the secret groups of the nuns living civilian life and describes the pastoral-catechetical activities of two of those sisters closely – of S. Placida Trefilova and S. Consilia Novakova.