

This bachelor thesis deals with the history of the Capuchin order in the Czech-Austrian territory during 1599–1618 on the basis of a image, which was created by the narrative order sources and the correspondence of the order supporters.

The first part of the bachelor thesis introduces the characterization of sources and the review of existing literature that deals with this theme. We then characterize the Capuchin order and its integration within the context of other monastic communities, because this information explains the behaviour of the Capuchins in the Czech-Austrian territory. We could not omit the Franciscan order and its history in this passage, because these also influenced the orientation and spirituality of the Capuchin order.

The core of the bachelor thesis deals with the description of the Capuchin history in the Czech and Austrian countries. We follow two levels: provincial and conventual. We describe processes, which led to the establishment of the Czech-Austrian Capuchin province in the first part. The second level deals with the foundation of particular convents, their cults of saints and last but not least with their effect on the society at that time. We complete the information of the older historiography with plenty of sources, which were not yet studied. From comparison and analysis of detected facts we come to conclusions above all about the progress of the settlement of the Capuchins in the lands of Bohemian Crown in the time of beginning Re-catholisation before the Battle on White Mountain (1620).