The pilgrimage church of Holy Trinity in Trhové Sviny

**Abstract** 

This thesis presents a monograph of the pilgrimage church of Holy Trinity near Trhové

Sviny. It focuses on its origin, historical background and the benefactors of the building

and finally on the artistic value of the church.

The work deals not only with a description of the church's architecture, but also looks

into patterns and analogies with the Bavarian pilgrimage churches such as the one in

Kappel near Waldsassen.

Interestingly, the unifying element is the iconography of the Holy Trinity, which is

reflected in the architecture and decoration of the church, in frescoes and the mobiliar.

This iconographic concept is cleverly thought out, especially in the Trinitarian

symbolism of the number three and the triangle motif that is repeated several times here.

A valuable contribution is the main altar from Matěj Václav Jäckel, who probably

created the church pulpit as well. The frescoes celebrating the Holy Trinity were made

by Carlo Bonanelli who worked in the nearby České Budějovice.

The church is an interesting result of the unifying principles of Baroque theology with

the ultimate art design work. And we must not forget the question of the baroque feeling

demonstrated through an impressive setting of the church in the landscape.

Pilgrimage church

Trhové Sviny

**Holy Trinity** 

Baroque

Baroque pilgrimage