

Abstract

The thesis follows the history of the Roman Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia between 1948–1961. The first part includes broader theoretical context and the second part contains historical context of the issues which are discussed in the third part. On the example of Václav Boštík, the dean in Ústí nad Orlicí between the years 1934–1942 and 1945–1961, and using the micro-historical method, the thesis demonstrates the running of a parish in a district town during the first thirteen years of the communist totalitarian rule. The options and actions of dean Václav Boštík – an ecclesiastic administrator and statutory representative – in various situations and his decisions, which had a direct and significant influence on the parish, are analyzed in the thesis. At the same time, the presented local situation is compared with the steps of the state towards the Church on the national level, which shows one of possible pictures of the ecclesiastical history in Czechoslovakia in the second half of the 20th century.

Key words

20th century, the Roman Catholic Church, Czechoslovakia, communism, Ústí nad Orlicí, Václav Boštík (1897–1963)