

Streszczenie pracy doktorskiej, Adam Zapała, The contacts between the subjects of the Jagiellonian monarchy and the Holy See in the time of the pontificate of pope Nicholas V (1447-1455), supervisor: Marek Daniel Kowalski prof. IH PAN, 2018.03.08.

The main aim of my PhD dissertation is to provide a better understanding of the contacts between the subjects of the Jagiellonian monarchy and the papacy in the middle of 15th century. The topic is undoubtedly worth consideration, as in the late middle ages, the Holy See was one of the most important political, cultural and religious centres of Europe, so every year hundreds of people from the Jagiellonian monarchy travelled to Rome to ask the pope to grant them his favour in certain matters. My research project connected to the dissertation was based on the manuscript sources preserved in the Vatican Secret Archives. One of the main objectives of my project was to use all types of documents which were related to Poland and Lithuania produced by the administration of the Holy See.

As far as the structure of the work is concerned, my dissertation is divided in three parts. In the first chapter I examine the practical aspects of the contacts through the analysis of the temporal and financial features of presenting a case in the Roman Curia: I intend to show how long it took and how much it cost to obtain a decision from the pope in certain matters. The second chapter considers the different categories of the cases and their proportions. Furthermore, it tries to identify the factors which influenced the dynamics of the contacts; e.g. how political events (the end of the schism, the holy year in 1450, or the war between Poland and the Teutonic order) affected the Polish presence in the Roman Curia. The third part examines the individuals behind the cases: it looks for answers for questions like what type of people asked papal graces, which part of the Polish and Lithuanian society had the strongest contacts with the Holy See, what was the number of the travellers from Jagiellonian monarchy to Rome, and especially how the obtained papal graces influenced the individuals' careers. In this way, the dissertation does not only reconstruct the Polish community in Rome, but it helps to understand the influence of the Holy See on the society of the Jagiellonian monarchy during the period.

The dissertation is completed by two supplements: a list of Jagiellonian subjects present in Holy See and the list of clerical ordinations which took place in the Roman Curia during the examined time.

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