

*Paweł Glugła: Missionaries of St. Vincent de Paul in Tarnów and their works in the years 1904-1989*

This dissertation is an attempt to present and analyse the history of the Missionaries from the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul, with particular emphasis on their material and spiritual activities in Tarnów, the Tarnów diocese, and beyond in the Catholic Church in Poland and the world, based on the synthesis and analysis of the history of the congregation in 1904-1989.

Volume 1 includes a table of contents, list of abbreviations, and introduction. Its main part consists of six substantive chapters with the conclusion.

Volume 2 is auxiliary and integral to the first, containing a bibliography, list of tables, and 56 appendices.

The first chapter, *Tarnów, its Church in the Twentieth Century*, briefly introduces the history of Tarnów and the Church of Tarnów from the 14th century, with particular emphasis on its history in the 20th century.

In the second chapter, *The Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul in the Twentieth Century*, the history of the congregation of the Mission has been presented chronologically, starting with the biography of its founder, its ideas, its expansion in France, Europe and the world, to coming to Polish soil, and ending with settling in Tarnów.

The third chapter, *Material Works of the Missionary Priests in Tarnów*, encompasses the efforts of the Missionary priests in the construction and furnishing of buildings and sacred rooms, including the Church of the Holy Family, missionary home and auxiliary buildings. A separate, great work was the construction and operation of the House of St. Ludwika "na Huta," as well as plans not realised, including the construction of the Catholic Action House.

The next, fourth chapter, *Formative and Social Works of the Missionary Priests in Tarnów*, contains a discussion of typically Vincentian, non-material works that arose within the parish (II Holy Family Conference; Association of the Ladies of Mercy, Association of the Children of Mary).

In the fifth chapter, *The Pastoral Activity of Missionaries in the Holy Family Parish in Tarnów*, priestly service in the liturgical, homiletic, catechetical and sacramental fields is presented, showing the importance of running fraternities, groups and other organisations in the parish. It also shows the communist repressions against the Missionary Priests in Tarnów.

The sixth chapter, *External Pastoral Activity and Cooperation of the Missionaries of Tarnów*, illustrates the involvement of Tarnów Missionaries in the service provided on many levels of religious and social life, openness to cooperation with other congregations and the clergy of Tarnów, and with individual parishes of the diocese, the country and the world.

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