

The Summary

Topic: The life and the pastoral activity of the priest Adam Szczepan Łańcucki in parish of the Immaculate Conception in Chojnów in the years 1945-1961. Historical-pastoral study.

The topic of this thesis is life and the social-pastoral activity of the priest Adam Szczepan Łańcucki (1880-1961). The author of the present thesis based on biography of the priest strives for manifestation of the significant role which played the Roman-Catholic clergy from so-called Eastern borderlands of the Second Republic of Poland in developing and retaining Polish national identity within the context of the events of the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. On the basis of the possessed historical material the author tries to present the service of the Catholic church with Latin ritual, which by his priest against circumstances which changed rapidly. The church stood by his nation trying to be its only support against the fact of inexistence and later temporal cessation of functioning Polish national agendas. Archival sources located in the Archives of Priest's Family, the Archives of Zbigniew Rusiński Rola, the Archives of the Virgin Mary Parish in Chojnów and the Archives of IPN in Wrocław above all were used as the source material which haven't been analysed in the scientific work yet.

In particular chapters based on source materials such issues were presented and analysed as:

- priest's family environment (religious and patriotic education, activity in independence movements, seminary studies).
- priestly ministry in the area of the Lvov Archdiocese of Latin ritual (pastoral activity) as a vicar priest and then as a parish priest, social activity in movements and social- educational organizations, chaplain's service in the Polish Army and ZWZ/AK 1939-1945 structures).
- priestly ministry in the area of the Wrocław Archdiocese (creating parish agendas, social-adaptive activity, organizing social and religious life, participating in anticommunist resistance WiN 1945-1946).

It was stated that concern about retaining Polish culture and national identity amongst entrusted care of people by priest Łańcucki was possible only due to his social and pastoral activity coming out far beyond ordinary priestly ministry. Studies have shown that this feature was present with him through all his life. Presenting the history of his activity does not serve only to solidify and to pass down historical truth about one of many Eastern borderland's priests but also it is thought -provoking for today's priests looking for contemporary solutions of different pastoral problems.

It was established set that the subject matter connected with the service of pioneer priests had not been depleted yet. For specific elaborations wait other biographic entries of secular and conventual priests standing gallantly with people entrusted to their care in spite of insecurity and turbulences of time on the turn of 19th and 20th century. Hence, this thesis contains not only a lot of information in the form of rich biography but also appendix which may simplify forthcoming researchers carrying on work in this regard.