

# Abstract

## Adolf Vykopal (1910–1975): His Life and Work

This thesis reconstructs the life of a Moravian Catholic priest, doctor of theology and emigrant Adolf Vykopal. A recent publication of one of his books in Italy (Morcelliana, 2013) gave the impulse that eventually resulted in writing this thesis. The research was particularly difficult for the simple fact that he spent the majority of his life abroad. He lived in Luxembourg, Belgium, France and most importantly in Italy. His name is almost unknown in the Czech academia although he published two books and several articles in the 30s and 40s. That is also the reason why there is almost no secondary literature about him. My work is therefore based on an archive research including personal archive materials. His main interests were the social and economical issues of his age. He tried to see them in the Christian perspective and offer a solution. However, his interests were much wider than that, ranging from Czech biblical translation and Church Fathers to systematic theology. The second part of my thesis focuses on his work and proposes a detailed overview of all the books and articles of his that I have managed to collect. The reader should get a complex perspective concerning this exceptional figure of Czech and European Catholic Church of 20th century.