

## **Abstract in English**

The following work is about Matěj Procházka (1811–1889), an important figure of national and ecclesiastical life in Moravia in 19<sup>th</sup> century and a member of the circle around Professor František Sušil, the-so-called Sušilova družina. The detailed biography presented here is the result of historical research into resource materials from several different archives in Moravia. This work examines three main periods of Procházka's life. He spent his childhood and student years, firstly, in his native town of Brtnice, then in Jihlava and Brno. After ordination, he served as a priest for sixteen years in different parishes of Brno diocese. Then he lived in Brno for nearly forty years while working as a secondary grammar school teacher and catechist and being involved in different activities, such as the Czech national revival, Catholic associations, education, and especially, publishing. This work maps the importance of the personage of Matěj Procházka as seen by his contemporaries and by following generations up to the present. It also brings out the overall characteristics of this priest. A part of this study is a new and enlarged bibliography of Procházka's works, as writer, journalist, translator, reviewer, poet, and author of scientific and scholarly treatises. In his works, he covered a wide range of subjects including Church history and hagiography, linguistics, natural sciences and philosophy, apologetics, Christian ethics, social teaching and other fields. All these above mentioned themes are analysed and critically researched, evaluated and examined. An interesting point that was found is the deeper intellectual affinity between Matěj Procházka, the teacher, and Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, his former student.