

## **Abstract**

The Crown Prince Rudolf's Hospital in Nová Ríša na Moravě (later the Crown Prince Rudolf's Charitable Institute in Nová Ríša) was established by the efforts of the municipality and the local Premonstratensian monastery during 1863, when a one-storey house number 40 was built by the efforts of the committee. The building was blessed on 21 August 1863 and the first sisters from the Prague convent took over the house on 9 January 1864. Already during 1867, an adjoining house number 41 was purchased and furnished, which was converted into a chapel and other premises of the Institute in 1878 and structurally connected to the old building.

The small community of three to five nuns was involved in nursing the sick and caring for the poor, but from the beginning it also ran a retreat for pre-school children and provided manual labor classes. While the care of the sick took a back seat to disinterest, during World War I the sisters took in several orphans. The last nuns left on December 14, 1945, due to a shortage of sisters caused by post-war displacement.

## **Keywords**

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