

Summary

The evolution of the parish of Malšice in the years 1948 – 1969

The thesis led by PhDr. Tomáš Petráček, Ph.D., Th.D. consists of 264 584 signs (spaces and remarks included). The thesis deals with the evolution through which the parish of Malšice had gone in the years 1948 – 1969 and with the fact how the leverage of different administrators influenced it.

Malšice is a quite atheistic village nowadays. This has an impact on the life of the parish

itself meaning for example the low attendance of the church service. Moreover the attendance is by large part provided by the parishioners from neighbouring parishes. Besides the Sunday church services the religious life is almost none. This state does not

change during the time very much. On the contrary, it is almost a constant even owing to

the history. This task is then trying to find and answer to the question of what or who is in

the background of this long-standing negative evolution.

The thesis is concerning the period from the start of the communist era in 1948 till the so-called

Prague spring (1968). To clarify the relations the situation after the world war II is already outlined and also some information transcend to the year 1970 so that the evolution

after 21th August 1968 could be observed.

The main source of the information about the certain period of history had in the first place

been the trilogy „Dům na skále“ written by Václav Vašek and a few Karel Kaplans' publications. Due to the fact that the religious history is concerned, the materials like archival documents from the State district archive in Tábor, the bishopric archive and parish archive had been important. Last but not least the testimonies of a few living eyewitnesses had to be heard.

The first three chapters of my thesis defines the atmosphere that prevailed in the state policy and also in the church. The following chapter describes the situation of the bishopric

of České Budějovice at that time. Chapter number 7 talks about the parish of Malšice, its

bygone history, the overview of clerical administrators, the equipment of the parish church of Saint Trinity or the former patron Karel Vodňanský. Four following chapters belong to the most important because they deal with local clerical administrators and one new priest. Especially father Lála and father Soukup spent many years in Malešice and so they had the possibility to influence distinctly the parish. The twelfth chapter is about the politic situation in Malšice and it shows how the formation of agricultural co-operatives had been made. Afterwards, we can see how the clerical policy had reflected the district and parish level. We can find out about the dimension of the religious life in the parish in the fourteenth chapter. The whole chapter is devoted to the Czechoslovakian Church of Hussite and another chapter is devoted to other conflicts which had been led between the parish and the village. The teaching of religion is the subject of the seventeenth chapter and different statistical readings are included in the last chapter.

After going through all the chapters of my thesis that originated from many factors, sources, datas and „remarks under line“, we can see that fathers Lála and Soukup had a significant influence on their parishioners. Nevertheless, the answer to the causes of today's conditions does not cease at their era but goes further. Malšice were already keen on the communist trend in the elections of 1946 and after the year 1948 they were even supposed to become an exemplary socialist village. There were bigger industrial factories here whose workmen were mainly the members of the Communist party of Czechoslovakia. However, there were also the reasons coming from the former period of history. For example the departures of the catholic church were already common during the first republic and many years before 1946 a few clerical administrators who were operating in Malšice were not very honourable. It seems that the problem that is appearing now is not short-term and does not stem from one clear reason. Unfortunately, the more reasons concerned, the more difficult is to find the solution.

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