

Abstract

The thesis „**Luis de la Puente, Guía espiritual and the importance of the Jesuits in Prag to the diffusion of La Puente’s work**“ is dedicated to the person of Luis de la Puente (1554-1624), especially to his work *Guía espiritual (Dux Spiritualis)*, and to the diffusion of La Puente’s work by the activities of the Jesuits of Prague’s Klementinum. This is a work of the history of spiritual theology. Luis de la Puente was a Spanish Jesuit, theolog, he has also been sought as confessor and spiritual leader. Toward the end of his life he wrote works dedicated to the spiritual life, their meaning was considerable. One of his works is **“Guía espiritual”**, as the author’s preface says, handbook of spiritual life. The work *Guía espiritual* is significant also because it interferes La Puente in the debate that the first generation of Jesuits address: on one side there was a great emphasis on the contemplative life, and on the other hand there were requirements of the apostolic ministry. La Puente combines both these aspects, with particular focus on the uniting with God in love, not in the outward signs of life. The thesis maps also in brief the role of the Jesuits Klementinum in Prague spreading La Puente’s work.