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THE HUNDREDTH EDITION OF THE VOLUME «CHURCH ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS» PUBLISHED BY THE INSTITUTE OF CHURCH ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS OF THE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN.

At the international academic session, organized in December 2013, the Institute of Church Archives, Libraries and Museums – Faculty of Theology of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, celebrated the hundredth edition of the semiannual volume of *Church Archives, Libraries and Museums*.

The Institute of Church Archives, Libraries and Museums was founded in 1956 on the initiative of the Catholic University of Lublin (Rev. Romuald Gustav OFM, the Director of the KUL Library) and the Polish Episcopate. At first it was attached to the University Library, then from mid-January 1959 attached to the University as an interfaculty unit performing academic and service function¹. At that time, the creation of such an institute was difficult, and it was the independent initiative of the Head Office of State Archives, which saw the possibility of cooperation in the field of ecclesiastical institutions, that contributed to the foundation of this centre. The institute was founded to organize and provide methodical and research care over church archives, libraries and museums in Poland, both diocesan and monastic ones. Its purpose is to collect and process materials on the history of the Church in Poland and conduct research. Over the years, the institute was managed by: Rev. Eugeniusz Reczek – the first Director, Witold Nowodworiski – the Acting Director in 1958, Rev. Stanisław Librowski – the Acting Director in the years 1958-1959, Rev. Józef Rybczyk – Director 1959-1978, Rev. Bolesław Kumor – Director 1978-1979, Rev. Zygmunt Zieliński – Director 1979-1985, Rev. Marek Zahajkiewicz 1985-2007, Rev. Anzelm Weiss – Director 2007-2011, Rev. Waldemar Żurek – Director since 2011.

¹ See the monographs about the Institute ABMK: M. Dębowska, *The Institute of Church Archives, Libraries and Museums of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin 1956-2006*, Lublin 2006; W. W. Żurek, *The Institute of Church Archives, Libraries and Museums of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin in the past half-century*, „Archiwa Biblioteki i Muzea Kościelne”, 86 (2006) [published 2007] pp. 75-82.

It soon became apparent that the effects of work of such an institution as the Institute ABMK (Polish acronym for the Institute of Church Archives, Libraries and Museums) should be regularly published. When Rev. Stanisław Librowski obtained appropriate permits in 1957 to issue his quarterly magazine *Church Archives, Libraries and Museums* he became its first editor and in the years 1959-1991 issued 60 volumes. Since the edition of the fourth volume the magazine has been issued as semiannual one. Thanks to the efforts of the editor and editorial talents, the magazine achieved a high editorial and academic level and large circulation for that time. It is still sent to important academic institutions at home and abroad. The magazine contains sources and articles on church archives, libraries and museums, inventories, guides, reviews and bibliographic surveys. The articles published in this periodical journal contain the results of historians research based on ecclesiastical records microfilmed in the laboratory of the Institute ABMK and stored in its library. After processing and microfilming the records of selected fonds, the catalogs of microfilms of the Institute are successively published.

The next semiannual editors were Rev. Joachim Giel (volumes 61-62, in 1992-1993), Rev. Stanisław Tylus SAC (volumes 63-74, 1993-1999), Rev. Włodzimierz Bielak (volumes 75-98, in the years 2001-2012). The following people worked in the editorial section of the semiannual magazine: Ryszard Skrzyniarz (1995-2005) and Artur Hamryszczak (2005-2012), who has been the editor of the journal since 2013.

The journal has been available in online databases: The Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, and The Central and Eastern European Online Library – since 2012.

The conference „One hundred volumes of the journal *Church Archives, Libraries and Museums*. History, achievements and research prospects of church journals” was held on 9 December 2013 in the building of the University Library of the Catholic University of Lublin. The programme included two sessions: the first one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The conference was opened by the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Rev. dr hab. Marek Chmielewski. The speakers and guests were welcomed by the hosts and organizers of the conference: the Director of ABMK – Rev. Waldemar Żurek and the Director of the KUL University Library – Barbara Zezula.

The talks focused on church periodicals dealing with archive, library and museum issues. Prof. Władysław Stępiak – the General Director of State Archives in Warsaw, in his lecture: *The need for reflection on the archival science* presented the necessity and importance of archives and their records. The Director of the State Archive in Lublin – Piotr Dymmel discussed the topic of *Journals of the state archives in Poland*. The editor-in-chief of the semiannual *Church Archives, Libraries and Museums* – Arthur Hamryszczak presented the genesis of the magazine, its editorial staff over the years, bibliography of the content of hundred volumes and challenges for specialist journals: *Semiannual journal «Church Archives, Libraries and Museums». Past, present and future*. Bishop Mariusz Leszczyński from Zamość discussed one of the first Polish church magazines devoted to museums, *Bulletin of the Diocesan Museum in Zamość*. Rev. Stanisław Zim-

niak SDB – the Secretary coordinator of the Salesian Historical Institute in Rome – presented the annual journal dealing with church archival studies, issued in Rome, the organ of the international association Associazione Archivistica Ecclesiastica, founded in Rome in 1956: «*Archiva Ecclesie*», the organ of the International Association of Ecclesiastical Archivists. Jesuit Marek Inglot from Pontificia Università Gregoriana discussed the bulletin of the Pontifical Institute for Ecclesiastical Studies: «*Informationes*», the organ of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Studies Institute. The bulletin has been published since 1976 in Rome. Ms Bogumiła Warząchowska, an employee of the Theological Library of the University of Silesia in Katowice, presented briefly the history of the Ecclesiastical Libraries Federation „FIDES“ and the semiannual of that federation, which has been published since 1995: «*FIDES*». *Bulletin of Church Libraries. Documentation, information, education*. The Director of the Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań - Rev. Roman Dworacki talked about the bulletin issued by his archive: «*Archiwariusz*» – *bulletin of Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań*.

Rev. Paweł Wolnicki from Częstochowa began the afternoon session. He presented the genesis of Ecclesiastical Archivists Association in Poland and the bulletin: «*Archives Ecclesiastica*» – *the organ of Church Archivists Association*. The Editor of the Lexicographic Institute KUL – Marek Górniak talked about the collection of church and religious magazines in the KUL Library: *The Overview of the postwar church and religious magazines of Lower Silesia and Lubuska Land in the KUL Library*. Another speaker Ms Beata Skrzydlewska from Lublin in her lecture: *The state of research on Church museology in Poland* presented the current situation and prospects of ecclesiastical museums in our country. Rev. Mieczysław Różański from the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, talked about the magazine of the archive and museum of the Archdiocese of Łódź: *Works and Historical Materials of the Archive of the Archdiocese in Łódź and the Archdiocesan Museum of Łódź*. Redemptorist Marian Brudzisz presented, so far little known to historians, the records of the archive of the Polish Catholic Mission in France: *How will the archive content of PMK in France contribute to the historical knowledge?* Rev. Sławomir Zych from the Institute for the Study of Polish Community and its Ministry KUL talked about the first Polish theological and academic journal „*The first Polish theological and academic journal «A Friend of Christian Truth» (1833-1840)*”. Rev. Józef Szymański from Włocławek discussed the importance of Polish press for Polish emigrants in France: *The press serving the Polish community in the interwar period illustrated with an example of France*.

The organized symposium not only enriched the listeners with the information on collecting, processing, storing the collections of Catholic culture in Poland, but it also gave the opportunity to meet archivists, librarians, museum curators and historians who are concerned about the preservation of the historical past for future generations.

Translated by Aneta Kiper