

The anniversary of the Olomouc Bishopric will be commemorated by a series of lectures

This year, we commemorate two important anniversaries. The first one is connected with the Cyrillo-Methodian celebrations (1150 years since the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius to Moravia). The other one commemorates the foundation or "restoration" of the Olomouc Bishopric in 1063.

Olomouc: Those interested will commemorate the other anniversary, 950 years of the Olomouc bishopric, by e.g. a new exhibition which will be installed in the exhibition hall of the Archbishop's Palace in Olomouc and in the Cathedral of Saint Wenceslas at the beginning of the summer tourist season (the official seat of the bishops of Olomouc has been open to the public since May 2011) or also a series of educational popularizing lectures focused on chosen personalities of bishops and archbishops of Olomouc, among whom we can find important diplomats, buildres, art sponsors, supporters of the life of society and industry but also supporters of charitable and charity activities.

The first contributions will be delivered by Prof. Miloslav Pojsl, who will focus on the beginnings of the Olomouc Bishopric. In February, it will be a

contribution titled "From Saint Methodius to the Olomouc Bishopric". In the following month, it will be "Beginnings of the Olomouc Bishopric and its Further Development – Bishops Robert and Bruno von Schauenburg". In April, he will talk about the personality of Bishop Jindřich Zdík. Further on, the lectures to follow will be devoted to František Dietrichstein, Charles II of Liechtenstein-Castelcorn (an important builder and art sponsor), Rudolf Jan (a student and later a sponsor of Ludwig van Beethoven), to Bedřich Fürstenberk and Theodor Kohn. The last contribution will commemorate the personality of Josef Karel Matocha, who was interned in the Olomouc residence by the communist regime.

The lectures are intended for the broadest public and they will be organized always on the **second Wednesday of the respective month** (however, in May, it will be only the third Wednesday) in the premises of the Archbishop's Palace in Olomouc. The beginning is always at **5 p.m.** and there is no set admission fee. After the lectures, those interested may also look forward to a tour of the interior of the residence of the bishops of Olomouc. You can find topical information regarding the program and its modifications on the following website arcibiskupskypalac.ado.cz or by phone: 587 405

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The tourist office at the Archbishop's Palace also plans to issue a commemorative coin and other commemorative objects. In cooperation with the Center for Schools of the Archbishopric of Olomouc it is preparing an art and literary contest for schools belonging to the Olomouc deanery. For schools we also prepare tours of the Olomouc residence with a worksheet devoted to this significant anniversary. The celebrations will finish with a concert titled "Music on the Courtyard of Bishops and Archbishops of Olomouc".

Themes of the lectures:

13th February: *From St. Methodius to the Olomouc Bishopric* (Prof. Miloslav Pojsl)

13th March: *Beginnings of the Olomouc Bishopric and its Further Development* (Prof. Miloslav Pojsl)

10th April: *The Personality of Bishop Jindřich Zdík* (Prof. Miloslav Pojsl)

15th May: *František Cardinal Dietrichstein at the Olomouc Episcopal See* (Mgr. Tomáš Parma, Ph.D.)

12th June: *Charles II of Liechtenstein-Castelcorn, Builder and Sponsor* (doc. Mgr. Radmila Pavlíčková, Ph.D.)

11th September: *Rudolf Jan, Archduke of Austria, Archbishop of Olomouc and Cardinal* (P. Jan Larisch, Th.D.)

9th October: *Cardinal Bedřich Fürstenberk* (PhDr. Jitka Johnová, Th.D.)

13th November: *Theodor Kohn, Archbishop of Olomouc* (PhDr. Jitka Johnová, Th.D.)

11th December: *Archbishop-Martyr Josef Karel Matocha* (P. PhDr. Jindřich Charouz, O.Praem., Th.D.)

Martin Kučera, manager of the tourist office

Beginning: 13th February 2013, 5 p.m.

Venue: Olomouc – Archbishop's Palace