Abstract: Duke Albert VI of Austria and the Bishopric of Zagreb. Intrigues, treason, and sacrilege in the 1440s
The involvement of Albert VI of Habsburg in the Diocese of Zagreb has so far not been the subject of exclusive research. It is intrinsically connected with two great conflicts that took place in the 1440s: the Hungarian succession war, and the schism between the Council of Basle and the Roman papacy. Albert VI was heavily involved in the succession war on the side of Queen Elizabeth, which enabled him to nominate a candidate for the then-vacant Bishopric of Zagreb. This candidate was his chancellor Peter Kottrer. He was confirmed as bishop of Zagreb by the Basle pope Felix V whom Albert supported. Albert’s involvement in the diocese ended when he cast down and imprisoned Peter due to some unknown treason, but this episode demonstrates that the Habsburg engagement in medieval Slavonia and the Diocese of Zagreb was deep and complex as early as the mid-15th century.
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