

Johannes Kritzl, Die Visitation der evangelischen Prädikanten 1580 im Viertel ober dem Manhartsberg im Vergleich mit der Visitation der katholischen Pfarrer des Dekanates Zwettl (vor dem Böhmerwald). Eine Bestandsanalyse

Abstract: The Visitation of the Protestant Preachers in 1580 in the District „above the Manhartsberg“ in Comparison with the Visitation of the Catholic Priests of the Deanery of Zwettl. An Analysis

At the end of the 16th century, both the Protestant and Catholic parishes in the Deanery of Zwettl („vor dem Böhmerwald“) were visited by their respective ecclesiastical authorities at an interval of only ten years apart. Sources from both visitations have been preserved which provide information about the matters on which the respective clergymen were admonished and corrected by their visitors, and examines the question of whether the disciplining of the clergy was accompanied by a Confessionalisation of the often indifferent clergy – particularly on the Catholic side – by the visitors. The article also offers a remarkable insight into the beliefs, lives and working methods of the rural clergy at the end of the 16th century.

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