

Swoista inkulturacja – jezuici i polski sarmatyzm

Jesuits and Polish sarmatism – a specific case of inculturation

SUMMARY

It is possible to describe the presence of the Society of Jesus in the Polish culture as a specific case of inculturation. The dynamic growth of the members and high number of colleges and Academy of Vilnius, founded in 1579, were all a sign of an adequate answer to the needs of the society at that time. At the beginning their main task was transferring the Roman models to Poland particularly concerning education. That was possible thanks to the great help of the foreign Jesuits; several Polish Jesuits of rather humble social background got their education in Rome.

After 1610, an opposite process of “sarmatisation” could be observed: in other words the members of the order (now coming from higher social classes) had introduced their way of life; all that was strongly criticised by the Superior in Rome.

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