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Jezuici prowincji polskiej wobec projektu *Ratio Studiorum* w 1586 r.

The Jesuits of the Polish province on the draft of *Ratio Studiorum* in 1586

SUMMARY

The article discusses the standpoint of the Jesuits of the Polish province on the draft of *Ratio Studiorum*. *Ratio Studiorum* was a law on Jesuit schooling issued by the general of the order, Claudius Aquaviva, after a trial period, in the year 1599. The fifty years from 1549 till 1599 saw a flourishing of Jesuit schools in Europe. In view of demands from all the provinces of the order to make the school law more uniform, the general of the order, Claudius Aquaviva, established a team to draft such a law. The draft of the law was sent to all the provinces for consultation. In the Polish province, a team was set up by the provincial Paulus Campana under the name of Commission. The Commission worked intensively on the draft from October 1586 till January 1587 in Wilno, and came up with a document which was critical of the draft of *Ratio Studiorum*, proposing a large number of far-reaching changes to it. These related both to the first part of the draft, which dealt with limits on the freedom of professors to select the content of what they taught to their students, especially in the field of theology, as well as with its second part, which covered organizational matters. The standpoint of the Polish province on the draft document stood out from among the other opinions sent in to Rome by its comprehensiveness and novel character. Nonetheless it was rejected as “imprudent”. It was not until many years later, in 1599, that the final document was issued. After slight modifications, the *Ratio Studiorum* law was adopted by the Seventh Congregation General in the year 1616, and it survived until 1773, when the order was disbanded.

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