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The Council of Trent (1545–1563) willed church administration and religious life to be restored in the Kingdom of Bohemia, which had been disrupted during the later Middle Ages by the Hussite wars, Utraquism, and then the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). Motions for the foundation of the new dioceses in Bohemia, i.e., Litoměřice (Leitmeritz), Hradec Králové (Königgrätz), Plzeň (Pilsen), and České Budějovice (Budweis), originating from the second half of the sixteenth century. However, the Hradec Králové Diocese was founded in 1664 by the investiture of the first local bishop, Matthaeus Ferdinand Sobek of Bilenberg, OSB (1618–1675), and came to life during the eighteenth century with the establishment of its vicariates and parishes. Finally, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Hradec Králové Diocese was shaped by political and social shifts in Bohemia and Europe.

The 360th anniversary of the Hradec Králové Diocese provides a unique opportunity for an international meeting of scholars pursuing research in various fields of disciplines, including church history, history of religious institutions, spirituality, archaeology, art history, and auxiliary sciences of history. We aim to discuss and search for answers – not only – to questions like: How did the process of reform proceed after the Council of Trent in Hradec Králové, as well as in other Central European areas? Who were the key figures in founding the diocesan network since the late-sixteenth century? What sources or monuments provide evidence about the crucial phases, development, and transformations? Do available sources limit our interpretations and knowledge considered within the broader Central European context? How did Eastern European religious societies influence church life in the modern period? How was the relationship between the Catholic Church and the state in the modern period and with municipalities?

We welcome presentation proposals with topics addressing questions like these between the early modern period and the present. We especially encourage diverse methodological approaches and interdisciplinary research.

Conference languages: in Czech, Slovak, English, German

Duration of presentations: 20 minutes



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Please send us the preliminary title of your presentation and a short abstract (max. up to 500 words) in Czech, Slovak, English or German (depending on your language) by **31 March 2024** to Jakub Zouhar (jakub.zouhar@uhk.cz). After submitting your proposal, you will be informed about acceptance by **the end of April 2024** and receive further information then.

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