

Review Paper

CARDINAL KOLLONITSCH'S RECOMMENDATION LETTER REGARDING
THE APPOINTMENT
OF MARKO ZORČIĆ AS THE NEW UNIATE BISHOP OF MARČA

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ABSTRACT:

The paper is the translation, analysis and transcription of the recommendation letter Cardinal Kollonitsch wrote in favour of the appointment of Marko Zorčić as the new Greek-Catholic Bishop of Marča in July 1687. The text brings a short historical overview of the Greek-Catholic Union in Croatia, from the very beginning to 1687. The letter also brings details about the election of Marko Zorčić, the religious situation in the Croatian Borderlands and relations between the Habsburg Court and the Holy See in Rome. It is the first complete published translation and analysis of the letter and, therefore, a contribution to the study of the Greek-Catholic Union in the Croatian Frontier.

KEY WORDS: Cardinal Kollonitsch, Greek-Catholic Union, Marko Zorčić, Propaganda Fide.

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SAŽETAK:

Rad predstavlja prijevod s analizom i stručnim komentarom pisma preporuke kardinala Leopolda Kollonitscha Marku Zorčiću, povodom njegovog imenovanja za novog unijatskog biskupa Marčanske biskupije. Kollonitsch piše Propagandi za proširenje vjere u Rimu iz Beča u srpnju 1687, predlaže i preporučuje Zorčića kao prikladnog kandidata, pri čemu donosi i povijesni opis nastanka i razvoja grkokatoličke unije na području Vojne Krajine u Hrvatskoj. Od posebnog su znanstvenog interesa viđenja i opisi odnosa habsburškog dvora i Svete Stolice u Rimu, njihovi međusobni odnosi u pogledu rješavanja vjerskog pitanja u Vojnoj Krajini. Prijevod je rezultat arhivskog istraživanja u arhivu Propagande u Rimu za potrebe znanstvenog projekta „Vjerske manjine kao problem sigurnosti u ranom novom vijeku”. Ovo je prvi cjeloviti objavljeni prijevod i analiza ovoga teksta, te ga stoga nudimo znanstvenoj zajednici kao prilog istraživanju povijesti grkokatoličke unije u Vojnoj Krajini.

KLJUČNE RIJEČI: Kardinal Kollonitsch, Grkokatolička unija, Marko Zorčić, Propaganda vjere.