

REFORMATION AND COUNTER-REFORMATION IN HUNGARY

Catholic Church in Hungary was weakened – high church dignitaries died in Battle of Mohacs. Reformation movement had received into Hungary thanks Lutherans scholars, Hungarian students, teachers, intelligence from German, Czech and Moravia. Hungarian population had taken Calvinism and the most part Lutheranism.

In September 1549 were built on the side of reformation all east –Slovak cities (Bardejov, Levoča, Sabinov, Košice, Prešov). Create association with name Confessio Pentapolitana (religion of five cities) and received reformed church unity. It was different from Catholic Church and protestant church.

At the end of 16th century Lutheranism gained predominance. In the first half of 16th century the Habsburg tried to stop the spread of reformation with reasserting of Counter-Reformation and recatolization. They had on their side the pope. The spread of reformation stoped Ferdinand I. In 1548 adopted Hungarian diet in Bratislava LAW AGAINST RELIGIOUS NOVELTIES. The answer for this law was create of Confessio Pentapolitana, Confessio Montana- religion of seven middle-Slovak mining towns in 1559 and Confessio Scepusiana – association of 24 Spiš towns- brotherhood of rectors in 1569.

Counter-Reformation started with Esztergom primate Mikuláš Oláh, when in 1561 called Jesuits into his city Trnava. They were a major part of Hungarian Counter-Reformation. But they went away in 1567. Hungarian king Rudolf I. called them back. Their base became a Monastery under Zniev. After entrance of his brother Matej II. situation turned.

Catholic renewal, recatolization outbreak again after choosing Jesuit Peter Pazmání into the office of Esztergom primate. In 1635 created University in Trnava. He gained on his side Catholics- significant Hungarian landlords. In 17th century engaged into Counter-Reformation royal organs too, which preferred violent methods of removal reformation tendencies- occupied Churches, trusted teachers and priests. Recatolization peaked in second half of 17th century, when during 20 years taken 888 Churches from reformation Churches.

In 1681 compromise diet in Šoporňa decided that about the confession of vassal decide landlords and to protestants determined 2 places in every seat on which they could built their Churches. Protestant ministers were subordinated to catholic ministers.