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SUMMARY OF THE DOCTORAL THESIS

Title of the thesis: *Jan Grotowic (ca. 1280–1347), Bishop of Kraków*

The thesis consists a biography of the 26th bishop of Kraków, Jan Grotowic. The author's goal was to present, in the form of a biography, life of a particularly intriguing, or even controversial representative of Polish episcopacy of the 14th century.

The thesis was divided into five chapters, each of them further divided into three subsections. They are preceded by *Introduction*.

Chapter one discusses the descent of the clergyman and includes analysis of his biography until the moment of taking up the position of the bishop of Kraków. Here his early political career was described, as well as circumstances of his promotion to the Kraków bishopric in 1326.

Chapter two includes analysis of how he fulfilled his most important episcopal duties. It depicts how he managed material goods under his supervision, as well as how he nurtured religious life in the Kraków diocese within the framework of his foundation activity but not only. In this part of the thesis also the hierarch's law-making activity was discussed, which in his case took the form of issuing capitulary and synodal statutes. This chapter includes also some remarks on the episcopal chancery.

Chapter three focuses on showing the hierarch's relations with other clergymen. They were divided into three groups: Polish episcopate, diocesan clergy and religious orders. The section shows mutual influence between Jan Grotowic and his surroundings.

Chapter four is dedicated to the bishop's relations with the Holy See. Firstly, the author analysed his bonds with the three consecutive Avignon popes: John XXII, Benedict XII and Clement VI. Secondly, it was showed how the clergyman built his relations with papal collectors in Poland. This part of the thesis also includes reflexions on the beginnings of papal inquisition in Poland, with particular reference to Lesser Poland.

The last chapter of the thesis is devoted to presenting Jan Grotowic's figure as a politician and a diplomat. The author described, what role he played in royal politics already as a bishop, as well as what his approach to the Teutonic Order was. The author also presented the role, which the hierarch played as royal diplomat in Avignon, as well as his faltering political activity in the last years of his life.

Rich source material concerning circumstances of Jan Grotowic's death and development of his posthumous cult demanded a separate section, entitled *Death and Posthumous Cult*.

Conclusions are in this thesis followed by *Personal Profile of Jan Grotowic* – an extra part of the thesis, whose goal is to sketch a psychological profile of the clergyman.

The thesis ends with *Appendix* (which includes, among others, chronology of the bishop's life, as well as iconographical material) and *Bibliography*.

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