

Abstract

The presented thesis is a probe into the environment of young and spiritually oriented people who engaged in half-illegal and illegal extracurricular activities within the hidden church life during their adolescence in the 1980s. The research based mostly on the oral history method and exploration of archives shows what possibilities there were for living faith in a community of religious people in this period, who and for what reason showed interest in these activities, what limits restricted such an activity, and what were the benefits of participating in these activities for the personal, spiritual and professional life of the individuals. Primarily, the thesis deals with the chaloupky of Salesians, the camp Radost, the Příchovice Parish community, and scout groups. Through the records of this activity, which was outlawed by the Communist regime, kept by the State Security, the issue has also been looked at from the viewpoint of the official power.

Key words

Hidden church life, chaloupky of Salesians, camp Radost, Prichovice, scouting, oral history, faithful youth, period of so called Normalization