

DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The history of diplomacy is one of the subjects and instruments of foreign policy of the state, which reflects the political system and explains it, and on the other is the history of its people: the rulers, their deputies, agents, or permanent ambassadors. The figures of the royal messengers sent to Rome and the papal nuncios delegated to Poland are well known. From the beginning of the 16th century, the Jagiellonian kings also had the additional possibility of influencing the decisions of the popes by cardinals-protectors of Poland who represented and defended their political and church interests.

However, the office of protectorate in European and Polish historiography has not reached the exhaustive study. Also, there are very few work on Cardinal-Protectorates in Poland

The purpose of the work is not only to order the diffuse knowledge about the Polish protectorate, but also to try to characterize the mechanisms of functioning of this office in its earliest period of existence. One of the tasks is also the evaluation of Cardinals-Protectors in both the political and diplomatic field and their activities as guardians of the Poles in Rome. It also seems that in-depth knowledge of the most important body of Polish diplomacy in Rome is crucial for understanding the entire papal policy of Polish rulers in the sixteenth century. The work also has to shed new light in context of History of Polish Diplomacy tools used in dealing with the Apostolic See and experience gained through it.