

The aim of the project is to learn about the history of the Basilian congregation (OSBM) from the Lithuanian Province of 1617 to the cascade of the assembly in 1839. The process of establishing a network of institutions, the environment of founders, the monastic community, and pastoral and educational activities will be described. By getting to know the geographical range and forms and methods of Basilian activity we will gain new knowledge on the society of the eastern areas of the Polish-Lithuanian state.

Description of research. The proposed research will include searches in the archives and libraries of Poland, Belarus, Lithuania, Russia, and the Vatican. The history of the Basilian Order has not yet been the subject of this kind of historical research. The documents will then be transcribed, translated and critically analysed. The information obtained will be used to reconstruct the processes of formation of the network of monastic institutions, the foundation of the community of founders, pro-zopographic research of the religious community, describing the areas of the Order's activities. These issues will be presented in cultural, social and religious contexts. The analysis of this information will be important to interpret the reception of the EU idea between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, and to point out the factors determining the processes of its adaptation, getting acquainted with the history of the elite of the Uniate Church, and cultural transformations in the eastern areas of the Polish-Lithuanian state.

Reason for undertaking the research

The research undertaken in recent years into the history of the Basilian province of Ruthenia and the products of Basilian printing houses has shown the extremely important role of the order in the formation of cultural, social and religious processes in the eastern parts of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The research undertaken into the history of the Lithuanian province will complete the knowledge of the activities of Basilian and Orthodox Church elites and will contribute to the knowledge of the pre-partition history of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and its cultural heritage.

The project's aim is

to gain new knowledge on the eastern areas of the Polish-Lithuanian Republic during the pre-partition period. The effects of the project will be made available on the website. They will be an important voice of historiography on the multicultural heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian state. The effects of research can be used to create memorial sites.