

HISTORICAL REVIEW



The book does not only provides chronological sequence of events from the Congregation history but also offers an interesting and authentic historical account of the social life, in the City of Zagreb in particular, in the second half of the 19th century and first half of the 20th century. The book contains very interesting descriptions of the living in Zagreb and Croatia during and after World War I. In addition, there are precious and unique accounts of the enrolment and studies of the first women-Sisters enrolled as students at the University of Zagreb in 1919.

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The first book on the history of St. Vincent de Paul Sister of Charity Congregation in Zagreb appeared in 1935¹. Sisters of Charity arrived in Zagreb in 1845, advocated and supported by bishop Juraj Haulik. A year later, they founded a hospital in their convent in Frankopanska, from which our University Hospital has developed over time.

In their book, Sisters of Charity have described in detail the history of their Congregation up to 1935, i.e. the first ninety years. They were very proud of their Hospital, especially when it was opened in 1894, at its current site in Vinogradska.

In one of their records from 1895, the Sisters describe the visit of Francis Joseph I, emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, to the Hospital. They say: "The Emperor made a round of the Hospital, explored the building, and admired its modern arrangement and nice furniture"².



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