

## *Marija među nama* – Provincial newsletter as an attempt at literary expression of Franciscan school sisters in Bosna

The paper primarily indicates a history of formation of the congregation of the Franciscan School Sisters of Christ the King and the Bosnian-Croatian province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Sarajevo, founded in 1942. The Second World War and the post-war period affected worst the congregation, where all the provinces suffered relatively heavy losses. The sisters of the Bosnian-Croatian province as a result of the repression of the communist authorities were not able to devote the proper charism: education, especially of the young and the poor. However, higher democratization of political regime in the 70<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> they increase their pastoral work. Very important role in the process of returning to the main charisma and its preservation had *Marija među nama* – a newsletter in the community. In some copies of that paper, among other things, are also numerous literary attempts sent by sisters from all over the province. These texts testifying in support of community awareness of the importance of the written word. Sisters in the circumstances did not have contact with the literary currents of the time, and not earlier ones. Therefore, this paper will not judge artistic value on record, nor will it be compared to literary achievements of that period, but it will make a formal and thematic analysis of texts.

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