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THE ARCHBISHOP ČULE IN THE JAWS OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME

Abstract

The archbishop Petar Čule is definitely one of those people who marked the church history in Herzegovina during communist Yugoslavia with their life and work. He became a bishop during the existence of Independent state of Croatia (NDH) and continued to fill the same position for more than three and a half decades in the second Yugoslavia. The paper deals with bishop's work in two totally different state systems, with a special reference to his relations to the communist regime, what resulted, as emphasised in some chapters, with the bishop's arrest and long incarceration, but also his perseverance to get permission from the authorities to build a cathedral in Mostar.

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