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The Archives of the former Deanery of Hostau
(Now stored at the State District Archives of Taus in its extension in Bischofteinitz)
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By the division of the Deanery of Bischofteinitzer in the year 1784 the new Deanery of Hostau was created in connection of the reorganization of the Archdiocese of Prague and the foundation of the Diocese of Budweis.

It was a component of the Archdeanery of Taus and it administered 14 parishes: Parish offices in Weissensulz and Berg, deanery in Hostau, parish offices in Maclov, in Melnitz, deanery in Muttersdorf, Stockau, Plöß, deanery Ronsperg, parish offices in Waier, Štibor, Schüttarschen, Heiligenkreuz and Eisendorf. The vicars were in charge of the supervision and control activity in the area of the spiritual, official and economic administration of each single parish offices and the deanery itself.



Photo at left: Old cabinet in the State District Archives of Taus in its extension in Bischofteinitz.

Due to these activities there are a large number of documents mainly of pastoral care. The records of the Deanery of Hostauer were found in the year 1973 in the decayed parish office building of Muttersdorf. In regards of the physical conditions of these records it can be assumed that a part of the stored documents had been destroyed. According by a scheme of J. Sochr an inventory list was created and all documents were rearranged again.

Hostau has an old parish office (plebania), which was belonging to the Archdeaconate of Bischofteinitz, and was mentioned for the first time in the year 1359. The current Saint-James'-Church can be traced back in written records to the year 1384. In the year 1404 on behalf of Knight Racek of Hostau a chapel for the Virgin Mary was erected next to the church. During the period of the Reformation a Protestant parish office was installed in Hostau. After the Battle on the White Mountain of Prague in 1620 the Catholic parish office was restored, which was raised into a deanery in the year 1805. The Saint-James'-Church was established in the 14th century, then was renovated in 1751 and rebuilt in the baroque style. In the vicinity on the grounds of the current

parish garden a Corpus-Christi-Chapel was located there until 1802. Due to a foundation made by Susanne Kleinschmidt a chapel, Mary's Assumption, was built on the cemetery in 1663.

The patronage of the church in Hostauer was ruled by the Lords of Guttenstein who keep in their property the Dominion Hostau till the Battle on the White Mountain in Prague (1620). In 1656 the whole dominion was sold by Count Johann Ludwig Starhemberg to Count Adam Mathias of Trauttmansdorff. The Hostau Dominion was inserted into the Dominion of Bischofteinitz where also the patronage administration was situated. The territory of the Hostau

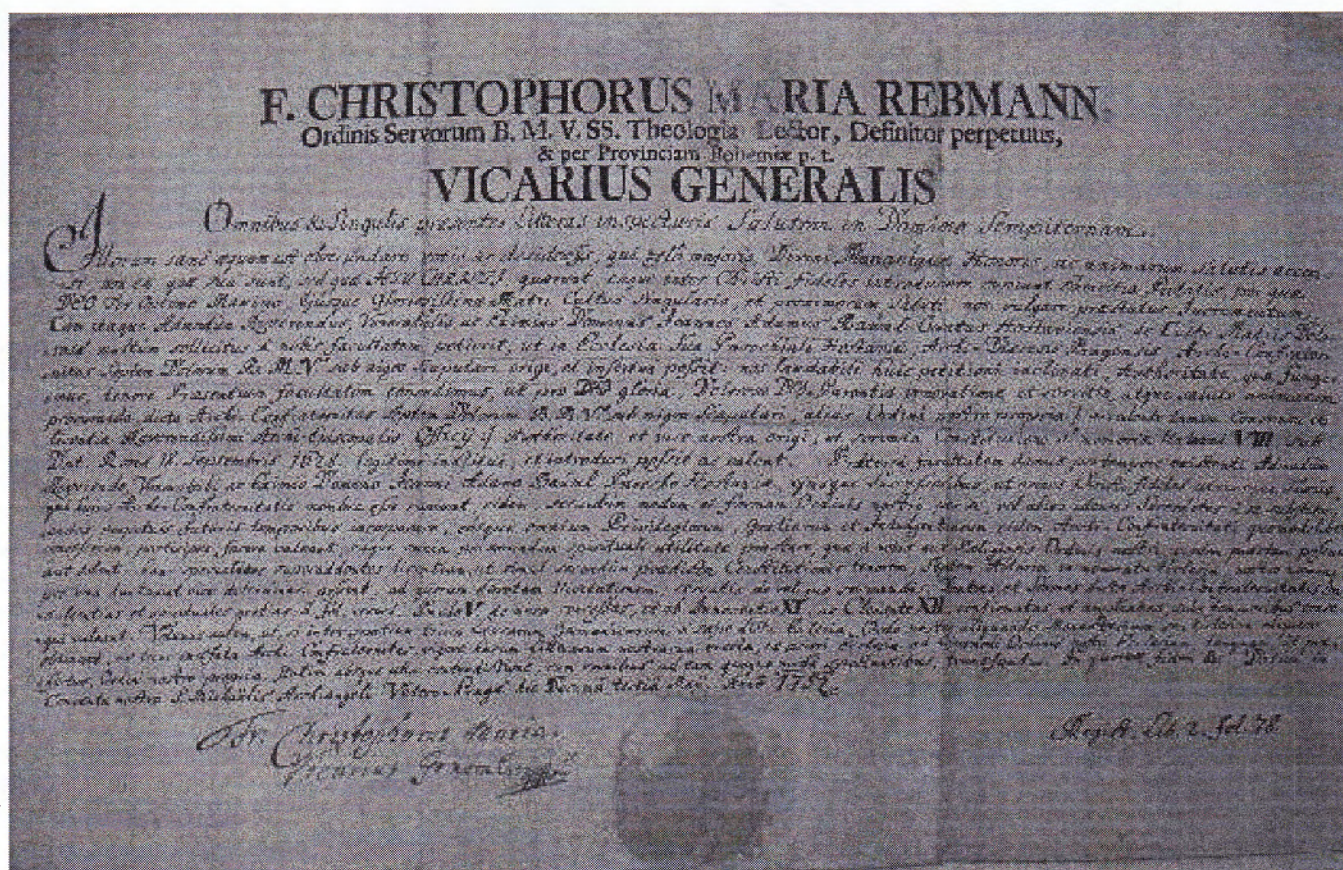
parish, identically with the schooling zone, included also the communities Horauschen, Hostau, Mirkowitz and Zwirschen.

The oldest documents in the parish archives are the registers that are stored and open to the public at present in the states archives in Pilsen. The new ones are at the registry office at the town hall of Hostau.

The parish registers of baptisms start in the year 1653, the wedding ones begin from 1655 and the ones for the deceased start by the year 1669. All the other written material was put into the district archives in 1973. Before that it was accommodated in the parish office in Hostau in a very pitiful condition. The documents were damaged heavily by moisture and mold.

This written material did not show any original index system. Its inventory was structured then by an artificially formed system. In the parish archives fractions of documents of religious confraternities were left, who were active once in the Hostau parish. The commemorative books, which go back into the first half of the 17th century, are the most valuable documents in the parish archives. Information can be found here about chronological significant events in the life of the parish from 1634 to 1937. In 53 boxes office books, economy books and calculation books, filing protocols, person acts of the ministers, reports about canonical visitations, a register index, inventories over statues and bells, churches constructions and foundations can be found. In Latin written documents sent by the Archdiocese of Prague in the 17th and 18th century to the Hostau parish rank among the most precious documents in the Hostau archives' material.

On three entire days the Ortsbetreuer of Hostau, Stefan Stippler, was doing research in the archives this summer so far. All results will be published in his thesis about "The History of the Parish of Hostau" in his majored subject of "Ecclesiastical History" with Professor Dr. Dietmar W. Winkler at the Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg (Austria).



Christophorus Maria Rebmann, the general vicar of the Archdiocese of Prague, provides in 1752 the pastor of Hostau, Johannes Adam Bäuml, with privileges in regards of adoration to the shrine of the "Mater Dolorosa" in the Hostau church.

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The first entry of the commemorative books is dated on 1634. It is a copy of the contract concerning the Corpus-Christi-Chapel in Hostau, which was completely newly re-erected in 1634 on behalf of the Countess Kordula of Lobkowitz, born Countess Czernin of Chudenitz .

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