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The origins and professional success of some representatives of the diocesan and monastic clergy are among the most important and dynamically developing areas of research into Polish clergy. An analysis of the contents of individual „ordination ledgers“ and lists of ordained priests, entered in the files on episcopal actions or other church books, has played an important role in this research. These materials, preserved in abundance for some West European countries², are much less frequent in Poland. Only one independent ‚ordination book‘ from before the reforms following the Council of Trent has so far been identified in Poland³, accompanied by some registers of clergy ordained by ordinary or suffragan bishops, entered in their acts or the consistory books of the respective dioceses. In recent years, their contents have been made available to scholars in the form of source editions or extracts from sources with information on ordained clergy⁴.

² SMITH, David, *Guide to Bishops' Registers of England and Wales. A Survey from the Middle Ages to the Abolition of Episcopacy in 1646*. London 1981; DOLEŽALOVA, Eva, *Svěcenci pražské diecéze 1395-1416*. Praha 2010, pp. 15-16; GOMES, Saul Antonio, *Ordenações sacerdotais na diocese de Coimbra pelo bispo D. Fr. Lopo, titular de Salmacia (1419-1427)*. In *Lusitania Sacra*, 2016, vol. 33, pp. 129-160; JUJECZKA, Stanisław, Introduction. In JUJECZKA, Stanisław – GERLIC, Henryk – KÖNIGHAUS, Waldemar. *Katalog duchowieństwa diecezjalnego i zakonnego na podstawie ksiąg święceń biskupów wrocławskich 1650-1810/12*, Wrocław 2014, pp. 25-31.

³ *Library of the Ossoliński National Institute in Wrocław*, rkp. 4874 I: *Matrica ordinacionis presbiterorum et clericorum per reverendum olim patrem dominum Petrum, Dei gratia episcopum Lacedemonensem, achidiaconum, suffraganeum et canonicum Plocensem ab Anno Domini 1515 usque ad M.D.XXX*.

⁴ KUJAWSKI, Witold, *Wykazy święconych z najstarszej księgi akt działalności biskupów wrocławskich (Kurozawęckiego i Przerębskiego-lata 1496-1511)*. In *Archiwa, Biblioteki i Muzea Kościelne*, 1999, vol. 72, pp. 23-112 (further referred to as ABMK); ŁOSOWSKA, Anna, *Duchowni wyświęceni w Lublinie przez biskupa przemyskiego Macieja Drzewickiego (22 II 1506)*. In *ABMK*, 2013, vol. 100, pp. 245-264; ŁOSOWSKA, Anna, *Wykazy wyświęconych w diecezji przemyskiej w pierwszej połowie XVI wieku*. In *Premisla Christiana*, 2014/2015, vol. 16, pp. 201-250; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia zakonników w diecezji płockiej w I połowie XVI wieku*. In *Roczniki Historyczne*, 2011, vol. 77, pp. 103-148 (further referred to as RH); KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa przez biskupa krakowskiego Jana Rzeszowskiego (+1488)*. In *Folia Historica Cracoviensia*, 2012, vol. 18, pp. 143-165; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa we Włocławku w 1516 r.* In *Zapiski Historyczne*, 2013, vol. 78/4, pp. 103-117; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia zakonników w diecezji kujawskiej w I połowie XVI wieku*. In *Roczniki Humanistyczne*, 2014, vol. 62/2, pp. 5-27 (further referred to as RHum); KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa przez biskupa wrocławskiego Macieja Drzewickiego w latach 1516-1529*. In *ABMK*, 2015, vol. 104, pp. 55-92; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Duchowni ordynowani przez biskupa kujawskiego Jana Karnkowskiego w 1533r.* In *RHum*, 2016, vol. 64/2, pp. 5-20; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Duchowni ordynowani w latach 1539-1544 przez biskupów kujawskich: Łukasza Górkę i Mikołaja Dzierzgowskiego*. In *Studia Gnesnensia*, 2017, vol. 31, pp. 123-143 (further referred to as SG); KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa przez biskupa Andrzeja Zebrzydowskiego w 1550 r.* In *Studia Włocławskie*, 2018, vol. 20, pp. 575-590; SUMOWSKI, Marcin, *Święcenia duchowieństwa w późnośredniowiecznych Prusach*. In *RH*, 2019, vol. 85, pp. 27-89.

The scarcity of materials that would shed light on priestly ordination in the Middle Ages is also reflected in the records on the clergy in the Gniezno Archdiocese. While the Gniezno archive holds several volumes of medieval records of the actions of the local archbishops⁵, the records of the ordained priests are available only in the book of Archbishop Zbigniew Oleśnicki⁶. Much shorter lists of priests ordained by the Archbishops of Gniezno in the 1560s have also survived, together with a list of candidates admitted to ordination at Gniezno Cathedral on Holy Saturday (29 III) 1404, included in the formula book of Mikołaj Kicki, scribe of the archbishop's consistory⁷. Studies of priestly ordination in Gniezno in the post-Tridentine period look much more promising with a whole series of ordination books that have survived to our times, kept from the second half of the 16th century by the local suffragans⁸. Unlike the medieval registers, however, the later ordination books from Gniezno have rarely been studied by historians⁹. It also seems that the large number and volume render a comprehensive identification of their content impossible for individual researchers. Moreover, the advancement of research on these materials is clearly at odds with the progress made in recent years in the study of the ordination books from other Polish dioceses, especially Krakow and Wrocław¹⁰.

⁵ ALEKSANDROWICZ, Marian, *Źródła rękopiśmienne do dziejów Archidiecezji Gnieźnieńskiej w Archiwum Archidiecezjalnym w Gnieźnie*. In STRZELCZYK, Jerzy – GÓRNY, Janusz (eds.). *1000 lat Archidiecezji Gnieźnieńskiej*, Gniezno 2000, pp. 420-426; RYBUS, Henryk, *Kilka uwag o zniszczonych aktach arcybiskupów gnieźnieńskich i o nieznanym życiorysie Piotra Gamrata*. In ABMK, 1961, vol. 2, pp. 303-316.

⁶ Gniezno Archdiocese Archive (further referred to as: AAG), A. Cap. A 3: *Acta archiepiscopalia Sbignei de Oleśnica [1482-1493]*, fol. 41-210v; materials researched by KORYTKOWSKI, Jan, Zbigniew Oleśnicki, arcybiskup gnieźnieński i prymas Polski. In *Roczniki Towarzystwa Przyjaciół Nauk Poznańskiego*, 1887, vol. 15, pp. 233-309; KORYTKOWSKI, Jan, *Arcybiskupi gnieźnieńscy, prymasowie i metropolici polscy od 1000 r. aż do dni naszych*, vol. 2. Poznań 1888, pp. 446-493; OLEK, Tadeusz, *Akta działalności arcybiskupa Zbigniewa Oleśnickiego (Studium źródłoznawcze)*. In *Studia Theologica Varsoviensia*, 1975, vol. 13/1, pp. 231-280; WIESIOŁOWSKI, Jacek, *Środowiska kościelne i kultura*. In GEREMEK, Bronisław (eds.). *Kultura Polski średniowiecznej XIV-XV wiek*. Warszawa 1997, pp. 256-307; WILK-WOŚ, Zofia, *Późnośredniowieczna kancelaria arcybiskupów gnieźnieńskich (1437-1493)*. Łódź 2013; KOWALSKA-PIETRZAK, Anna, *W kręgu średniowiecznego duchowieństwa łęczyckiego*. Łódź-Łęczyca 2012; GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Święcenia w diecezji kujawskiej na przełomie XV i XVI wieku*. In RH, 2001, vol. 67, pp. 79-105; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej w latach 1482-1493*. Poznań 2018.

⁷ For the circumstances of discovery thereof see KOZAK, Adam – ŁUKASZEWSKI, Jakub, *Późnośredniowieczne dokumenty papierowe odnalezione w katedrze gnieźnieńskiej*. In SG, 2015, vol. 29, pp. 359-361; KOZAK, Adam – ŁUKASZEWSKI, Jakub, *Dokumentacja konsystorska z XV i początku XVI wieku odkryta w katedrze gnieźnieńskiej*. In RH, 2017, vol. 83, pp. 203-227; lists published lately by KOZAK, Adam, *Piętnastowieczne listy kandydatów do święceń z archidiecezji gnieźnieńskiej*. In *Studia Źródłoznawcze*, 2021, vol. 59, pp. 145-166.

⁸ PROKOP, Krzysztof Rafał, *Episcoporum Poloniae coetus*. Szkice propozograficzne z dziejów hierarchii kościelnej na ziemiach polskich w minionych stuleciach. Kraków 2017, pp. 389-393.

⁹ PIETRZYK, Zdzisław (ed.). *Księga egzaminów do święceń w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej z lat 1563-1603*. Kraków 2009.

¹⁰ KRACIK, Jan, *Księgi święceń i konsekracji jako źródło historyczne*. In *Notificationes e curia Metropolitana Cracoviensi*, 1981, vol. 119, pp. 216-220; SZCZEPANIAK, Jan, *Księgi święceń biskupów diecezji krakowskiej jako źródło do badań nad systemem naboru duchowieństwa w okresie*

In addition to the ordination books and lists of ordained priests in the episcopal records, in research into ordination in the medieval Polish dioceses of use have also been minor works which – in contrast to the mass registers of the ordained clergy – refer to individuals. I mean dispensations issued to priests ordained under special conditions (for example, age below the requirements of canon law, illegitimate origin, physical handicap), or attempts at legalizing ordinations violating canon law¹¹, the so-called ‘dimissorial letters’ (written testimonials of diocese ordinaries that individuals have been ordained there or outside the diocese)¹², requests to bishops from their guarantors (individuals or communities, for example town councils or monasteries) for the ordination of specific individuals¹³ as well as – of particular interest to me at this point – ordination testimonies (*litterae formatae*), issued by the bishops at the request of the clergy concerned.

The study of ordination testimonies has a long tradition. The materials collected in the Vatican Archives are of special interest to historians as they include a series of a dozen or so books of testimonies of clerics who received the lower and higher *ordines* during their stay in the Holy See in the 15th and 16th centuries¹⁴. Some of the notes contained therein have been printed; based on this material, research has also been carried out into „ordination tourism“ as Ludwig Schmutge put it¹⁵. Polish historians have also been interested in the Roman books

staropolskim. In *Collectanea Historica*, 2004, vol. 1, pp. 5-13; SZCZEPANIAK, Jan, *Katalog duchowieństwa diecezjalnego zestawiony na podstawie krakowskich ksiąg święceń (1646-1789)*, vol. 1-4. Kraków 2008; JUJECZKA, Stanisław – GERLIC, Henryk – KÖNIGHAUS, Waldemar. *Katalog duchowieństwa diecezjalnego i zakonnego na podstawie ksiąg święceń biskupów wrocławskich 1650-1810/12*. Wrocław 2014; JUJECZKA, Stanisław – GERLIC, Henryk. *Katalog duchowieństwa diecezjalnego i zakonnego na podstawie ksiąg święceń biskupów wrocławskich 1811-1916*. Wrocław 2019; cf. also MARCZEWSKI, Jarosław, *Duchowni wyświęceni przez biskupa chełmskiego Jerzego Zamoyskiego w latach 1601-1620*. In *ABMK*, 2011, vol. 95, pp. 73-107.

¹¹ See MC DOUGALL, Sara, *Bastard Priests: Illegitimacy and Ordination in Medieval Europe*. In *Speculum*, 2019, vol. 94/1, pp. 138-172; RADZIMIŃSKI, Andrzej, *Dyspensy de diversis formis dla polskiego duchowieństwa. Z dziejów stosowania prawa kanonicznego i obyczajowości w późniejszym średniowieczu*. In *RH*, 2015, vol. 81, pp. 122-124; RADZIMIŃSKI, Andrzej, *Kontakty duchownych ze Stolicą Apostolską. Obrazy z życia średniowiecznego kleru w dokumentach Penitencjarii Apostolskiej*. Toruń 2020; KOWALCZYK, Łukasz, *Przeszkoda ułomności cielesnej (defectus corporis) w suplikach duchownych metropolii gnieźnieńskiej skierowanych do Penitencjarii Apostolskiej w latach 1431-1500*. In JANUSZEK-SIERADZKA, Agnieszka (eds.). *Ecclesia et homines. Instytucje i ludzie Kościoła w czasach Jagiellonów (XIV-XVI w.)*. Sandomierz 2014, pp. 31-52.

¹² PAWLINA, Leon, *Dymisorie w rozwoju historycznym*. Lublin 1936; SZAFRAŃSKI, Władysław, *Święcenia w prawie kanonicznym*. In *Prawo Kanoniczne*, 1959, vol. 2/2-4, pp. 289-299; HEMPEREK, Paweł, *Dymisorie*. In *Encyklopedia Katolicka*, vol. 4, Lublin 1983, pp. 419-420.

¹³ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Święcenia*, pp. 101-103.

¹⁴ SCHMITZ, Ludwig, *Die Libri Formatarum der Camera Apostolica*. In *Römische Quartalschrift*, 1916-1922, vol. 30, pp. 451-472; HLEDÍKOVÁ Zdeňka, *Libri formatarum – una fonte conosciuta ma non scoperta*. In *Bollettino dell' Istituto Storico Ceco di Roma*, 2006, vol. 5, pp. 35-60; HLEDÍKOVÁ Zdeňka, *Libri formatarum*. In MIKULEC, Jíří – POLIVKA, Miloslav (eds.). *Per saecula ad tempora nostra 1*. Praha 2007, pp. 69-77.

¹⁵ SCHMUGGE, Ludwig, *Zum römischen „Weihetourismus“ unter Papst Alexander VI. (1492-1503)*. In *Europa e Italia. Studi in onore di Giorgio Chittolini*, Firenze 2011, pp. 417-436; SCHMITZ, Ludwig, *Priesterweihen Kölner Kleriker an der Kurie im 15. und 16. Jahrhundert*, *Annalen des Historischen Vereins für den Niederrhein*, 1900, vol. 69, pp. 91-114; REHBERG,

of „formats“; based on their contents, Marek Kowalski has compiled a list of priests from Poland ordained in the Holy See in the 15th and early 16th centuries¹⁶. Stanisław Jujeczka used them in compiling a list of clerics from Poland, Lithuania and Prussia, ordained in Rome in the 16th-20th centuries¹⁷.

Unfortunately, no independent *libri formatarum* have survived in Polish archives. Researchers into the medieval ordination testimonies of Polish clergy have at their disposal source materials much more modest, and more scattered than the Roman documents. They form a small body of originals containing „formats“, as well as their copies entered in the files of episcopal activities or in the consistory books of individual dioceses. The first person to take interest in the issue was August Kolberg, who in 1880 published excerpts of selected documents from the so-called ‚Uppsala Formula‘, which included testimonies of ordination of clergy from the dioceses of Chełm, Warmia, Sambia and Pomezania¹⁸. In the following years, priest Jan Fijałek searched the „formats“ of the Polish clergy. However, he did not publish the results of his research in print¹⁹. Some such monuments from the diocese of Wrocław were also made available by Bishop Wincenty Urban and Stanisław Jujeczka²⁰. In recent years, individual *litterae formatae* of clergy from the dioceses of Krakow, Płock, Poznań and Włocławek have been mentioned in literature on the subject²¹.

Andreas, Deutsche Weihekandidaten in Rom am Vorabend der Reformation. In FLUG, Brigitte – MATHEUS, Michael – REHBERG, Andreas (eds.), Kurie und Region. Festschrift für Brigide Schwarz zum 65. Geburtstag. Stuttgart 2005, pp. 277-305; POŘÍZKA, Aleš, Ordinandi delle terre Boeme presso la curia pontificia negli anni 1420-1447. In Bolletino dell' Istituto Ceco di Roma, 2002, vol. 3, pp. 32-55; Z. Hledíková, Svěcení duchovenstva v církvi podjednou, pp. 27-55; lately also SALONEN, Kirsi – HANSKA, Jussi, Entering a Clerical Career at the Roman Curia, 1458-1471. London 2013; RÁBIK, Vladimír, Le ordinazioni dei chierici provenienti dal territorio della Slovacchia odierna nella Curia Romana nell' Medioevo (1425-1524). In Slovak Studies, 2015, vol. 1/2, pp. 54-72; HLAVÁČKOVÁ, Miriam, Biskup a udel'ovanie svätení v stredovekom Uhorsku. In *Studia Historica Nitriensia*, 2020, 24, pp. 308-321.

¹⁶ KOWALSKI, Marek Daniel, Duchowni z monarchii polsko-litewskiej wyświęceni w Rzymie w latach 1430-1521. In *RH*, 2021, vol. 87, pp. 19-54.

¹⁷ JUJECZKA, Stanisław, Klerycy z ziem polskich, litewskich i pruskich święceni w Rzymie (XVI-pocz. XX w). Wrocław 2018.

¹⁸ KOLBERG, August, Ein preussisches Formelbuch des 15. Jahrhunderts. In *Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Altertumskunde Ermlands*, 1888, vol. 9, pp. 273-328; the entire text published by BISKUP, Radosław (ed.). Formularz z Uppsali. Późnośredniowieczna księga formularzowa biskupów pruskich. Toruń 2016.

¹⁹ PAU/PAN Library in Kraków, rkp. 5120: Materiały ks. Jana Fijałka dotyczące posłuszeństwa kanonicznego kleru w XII-XVI w., fol. 113-154 (Notaty i odpisy ze źródeł dotyczące świadectw, „formaty”).

²⁰ URBAN, Wincenty, Wykaz regestów dokumentów Archiwum Archidiecezjalnego we Wrocławiu IV. In *Studia Historyczno-Teologiczne Śląska Opolskiego*, 1975, vol. 5, pp. 317-361; URBAN, Wincenty, Wykaz regestów dokumentów Archiwum Archidiecezjalnego we Wrocławiu V. In *Studia Historyczno-Teologiczne Śląska Opolskiego*, 1978, vol. 6, pp. 323-351; URBAN, Wincenty, Wykaz regestów dokumentów Archiwum Archidiecezjalnego we Wrocławiu VI. In *Studia Historyczno-Teologiczne Śląska Opolskiego*, 1979, vol. 7, pp. 353-388; JUJECZKA, Stanisław, Święcenia duchowieństwa w średniowiecznej diecezji wrocławskiej. In GOLIŃSKI, Mateusz, ROSIK, Stanisław (eds.). *Z badań nad dziejami elit w średniowieczu i dobie nowożytnej*. Wrocław 2021, pp. 41-75.

²¹ KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Nieznane świadectwa święceń Stanisława z Kowala w diecezji kujawskiej. In *Zapiski Historyczne* 2017, vol. 82/4, pp. 111-121; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Cztery

Researchers into the late medieval Gniezno archdiocese have come across similar accounts. In the late 19th century, testimonies of ordination were published for Mikołaj (son of Borzysław) from Starzyny, who in 1435 was ordained subdeacon and presbyter in Horodok and Lviv by Janusz of Lubień (Bishop of Przemyśl) and Jan Rzeszowski (Archbishop of Lviv)²². In the early 20th century, Franciszek Piekosiński published a document issued in 1440 by Jan, suffragan of Gniezno, containing a testimony of ordination of a certain Paweł *de Czelanym*²³. To a limited extent, the testimonies of the ordination of Gniezno clergy were also used by Rev. Jan Korytkowski in his work on the Gniezno archbishops, Rev. Józef Nowacki in „The History of the Poznań Archdiocese”, Tadeusz Olek in a source study devoted to the activity book of Archbishop Zbigniew Oleśnicki, and Zofia Wilk-Woś in her dissertation on the late medieval chancellery of the Gniezno archbishops²⁴. These materials were also consulted by A. Gąsiorowski, who published several „formats” of clergymen from the Archdiocese of Gniezno as an appendix to his work on the ordination of clergy in the Diocese of Kuyavia. I also used them when analysing ordination of bishops from Gniezno in the late 15th and the early 16th centuries²⁵. A search carried out in the medieval episcopal and consistory records of medieval bishoprics in Poland has shown, however, that these books contain more clergy „formats” from the Gniezno archdiocese than literature on the subject suggests.

The edition and analysis of their contents resulted from a conviction that they are of great importance for research into ordination, the itineraries of the archbishops of Gniezno and their suffragan bishops, and the prosopography of the Polish clergy in the late Middle Ages.

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The research into medieval ‚formats’ of the clergy in the Archdiocese of Gniezno included the oldest records of the actions of the Archbishops of Gniezno²⁶, the books of the local consistory, dating from the 15th and first half of the 16th cen-

świadczenia święceń duchownych z diecezji krakowskiej z XV i XVI w. In *Folia Historica Cracoviensia* 2018, vol. 24/1, pp. 9-25; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Trzy średniowieczne świadectwa święceń duchownych z diecezji płockiej. In *Saeculum Christianum*, 2019, vol. 26/1, pp. 49-59 (further referred to as SC); KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Kilka świadectw święceń duchownych z diecezji poznańskiej z XV i XVI wieku, In KOZYRSKI, Robert (ed.). *Historia, ludzie, miejsca. Księga Pamiątkowa Profesora Henryka Gapskiego*. Lublin 2019, pp. 329-336; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Jeszcze jedno świadectwo święceń duchownego z diecezji płockiej, SC, 2022, vol. 19/1, pp. 123-134; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Przyczynek do działalności biskupa chełmskiego Macieja ze Starej Łomży (in press).

²² Akta ziemskie i grodzkie z czasów Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z archiwum tak zwanego bernardyńskiego we Lwowie, vol. 9. Lwów 1883, no. 34, 35.

²³ PIEKOSIŃSKI, Franciszek (ed.). *Kodeks Dyplomatyczny Wielkopolski*, vol. 5. Poznań 1908, no. 662.

²⁴ KORYTKOWSKI, Jan, *Arcybiskupi*, vol. 2; NOWACKI, Józef, *Dzieje Archidiecezji Poznańskiej*, vol. 2. Archidiecezja Poznańska w granicach historycznych i jej ustrój. Poznań 1964; OLEK, Tadeusz, *Akta działalności*; WILKO-WOŚ, Zofia, *Późnośredniowieczna kancelaria*.

²⁵ GĄSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Święcenia*, pp. 103-104; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej*.

²⁶ Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno (further referred to as AAG), A. Cap. A 1-A 3.

turies²⁷ as well as the records of the foral consistories operating within the archdiocese in Kalisz, Uniejów and Wieluń²⁸. As historians are familiar with clergy's migrations between dioceses and consecration by different bishops, research has also been carried out into the materials in the bishop's records and the consistory books of the Diocese of Krakow²⁹, Płock³⁰, Poznań³¹ and Włocławek³², coupled with the records of the Lublin consistory³³. These studies resulted in identifying ordination testimonies of 29 clergymen from the archdiocese of Gniezno from 1411 – 1541³⁴. The ordinands recorded therein, the dates and places of the ordination ceremonies, their ranks and the bishops who conferred them were as follows:

	Ordained cleric	Degree of ordination	Ordination date	Place of ordination	Ordained minister
1.	Jan from Pobiedziska ³⁵	acolyte	28 March 1411	Gniezno (Cathedral?)	Piotr, suffragan of Gniezno
2.	Andrzej from Pobiedziska ³⁶	acolyte	28 March 1411	Gniezno (Cathedral?)	Piotr, suffragan of Gniezno
3.	Franciszek from Kobiele ³⁷	acolyte	7 April 1425	Collegiate Church in Kalisz	Wojciech Jastrzębiec, archbishop of Gniezno
4.	Jan from Staw ³⁸	acolyte	18 Dec. 1434	Parish church in Opatów	Wojciech Jastrzębiec, archbishop of Gniezno
5.	Marcin from Gałązki ³⁹	acolyte	17 Sept. 1435	Łowicz Collegiate Church	Wojciech Jastrzębiec, archbishop of Gniezno

²⁷ AAG, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 1 - A 100 (further referred to as ACCG).

²⁸ Diocesan Archive in Włocławek (further referred to as ADW), Akta konsystorza foralnego w Uniejowie 1-2; Akta konsystorza foralnego we Wieluniu 1-5 (further referred to as AKFW); Akta konsystorza foralnego w Kaliszu 1-15 (further referred to as AKFK).

²⁹ Archives of the Metropolitan Curia in Kraków (further referred to as AKMK), AEp. 1-6; AKMK, Acta Officialia 1-21.

³⁰ Diocesan Archive in Płock, AEp 1-15/22/21; Acta Officialia 1-8.

³¹ Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań (further referred to as AAP), AE I-VIII (further referred to as AE); AAP, Acta Causarum Consistorii Posnaniensis 1-90 (further referred to as ACCP).

³² ADW, ABKP 011 - ABKP 012; Akta Konsystorza Generalnego Włocławskiego 1-9.

³³ Archdiocesan Archive in Lublin (further referred to as: AAL), Akta Konsystorza Lubelskiego Rep. 60 A 2-15 (further referred to as AKL).

³⁴ This figure does not include ordination testimonies of Gniezno clergy which have already been published.

³⁵ AAP, ACCP 7, fol. 159a.

³⁶ AAP, ACCP 7, fol. 159v.

³⁷ ADW, AKFK 2, fol. 53.

³⁸ ADW, AKFK 2, fol. 53.

³⁹ ADW, AKFK 2, fol. 53.

6.	Wojciech from Ruchocin ⁴⁰	acolyte	21 Sept. 1437	Uniejów (Collegiate Church?)	Wincenty Kot, archbishop of Gniezno
7.	Piotr from Żnin ⁴¹	acolyte	28 Feb. 1439	Parish church in Żnin	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
8.	Paweł from Żydowo ⁴²	acolyte	12 March 1446	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
9.	Mikołaj from Drzewica ⁴³	subdeacon deacon presbyter	26 Feb. 1458 18 March 1458 1 April 1458	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
10.	Jan from Kłęcko ⁴⁴	acolyte	22 Dec. 1470	Cathedral in Gniezno	Antoni, suffragan of Gniezno
11.	Wawrzyniec from Łęczycza ⁴⁵	acolyte	27 March 1479	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jakub from Siemno, archbishop of Gniezno
12.	Świętosław from Parczewo ⁴⁶	acolyte	22 Sept. 1481	Cathedral in Gniezno	Andrzej, suffragan of Gniezno
13.	Jan from Sarnowo ⁴⁷	acolyte	1 June 1482	Parish church in Skierniewice	Andrzej, suffragan of Gniezno
14.	Jan from Prusinowice ⁴⁸	subdeacon	13 March 1484	Franciscan church in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
15.	Piotr from Jabłkowo ⁴⁹	acolyte	20 Sept. 1488	Cathedral in Gniezno	Andrzej, suffragan of Gniezno
16.	Mikołaj from Mogilno ⁵⁰	acolyte	11 April 1490	?	Andrzej, suffragan of Gniezno
17.	Marcin from Wieluń ⁵¹	acolyte	22 May 1491	Łowicz Collegiate Church	Zbigniew Oleśnicki, archbishop of Gniezno

40 AAG, ACCG A 26, fol. 192v.

41 AAG, ACCG A 40, fol. 117.

42 AAG, ACCG A 29, fol. 44v.

43 AAP, ACCP 43, fol. 73.

44 AAG, ACCG A 59, fol. 142.

45 AAG, ACCG A 63, fol. 23v.

46 Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, rkp. Dypl. 42.

47 AAG, ACCG A 59, fol. 17v-18.

48 AAL, AKL Rep. 60 A5, fol. 43v.

49 AAG, ACCG A 62, fol. 21-21v.

50 AAG, ACCG A 59, fol. 14v.

51 AAG, A.Cap. A 3: Acta Archiepiscopalia Sbignei de Oleśnica, fol. 187v.

18.	Stefan from Rychwał ⁵²	acolyte	2 March 1493	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jakub, suffragan of Gniezno
19.	Wawrzyniec from Słupca ⁵³	acolyte	2 March 1493	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Płock
20.	Andrzej from Poślugowo ⁵⁴	acolyte	23 Dec. 1498	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
21.	Wawrzyniec from Powidz ⁵⁵	acolyte	25 May 1499	Cathedral in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
22.	Maciej from Bądkowo ⁵⁶	acolyte	30 June 1499	Parish church in Brzeziny	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
23.	Wojciech Oblaczkowski ⁵⁷	acolyte	17 Dec. 1502	Franciscan church in Gniezno	Jan, suffragan of Gniezno
24.	Benedykt from Izdebno ⁵⁸	acolyte	7 April 1509	Cathedral in Poznań	Wojciech from Sochaczew, suffragan of Poznań
25.	Jan from Widawa ⁵⁹	acolyte	30 March 1510	Cathedral in Gniezno	Mikołaj, suffragan of Gniezno
26.	Andrzej from Nadborowo ⁶⁰	acolyte	25 May 1510	Cathedral in Gniezno	Mikołaj, suffragan of Gniezno
27.	Maciej from Wieluń ⁶¹	acolyte	14 May 1514	St Barbara Chapel in Wieluń	Mikołaj, suffragan of Gniezno
28.	Sebastian Plecki, parish priest in Orłowo ⁶²	subdeacon	13 March 1540	Cathedral in Krakow	Jan Małachowski, suffragan of Krakow
29.	Szymon from Gutowo ⁶³	acolyte	27 March 1541	Cathedral in Poznań	Jan Dziaduski, suffragan of Poznań

Tab. 1. Ordination testimonies of 29 clergymen from the archdiocese of Gniezno from 1411 – 1541.

52 AAG, ACCG A 62, fol. 22v.

53 AAG, ACCG A 66, fol. 70v.

54 AAG, ACCG A 73, fol. 86v.

55 AAG, ACCG A 68, fol. 92v.

56 AAG, ACCG A 72, fol. 164.

57 AAG, ACCG A 82, fol. 24v.

58 AAG, ACCG A 76, fol. 40; NOWACKI, Józef, *Dzieje*, p. 97, erroneous statement that in Benedict's testimony, the ordination of a reader was recorded.

59 AAG, ACCG A 78, fol. 89.

60 AAP, AE V, fol. 185.

61 ADW, AKFW 1513-1543, fol. 75.

62 AAP, AE VIII, fol. 176v.

63 ADW, AKFK 1539-1543, fol. 83v.

A. Gašiorowski, who researched several 15th-century clerical 'formats' from the archdiocese of Gniezno, noted that few original medieval documents containing such testimonies have survived to our times. A vast majority of them are preserved in the form of copies inscribed in various formula books or acts of episcopal action. Another conclusion was that medieval 'formats' are highly standardised and bereft of individual features that would indicate, say, the motives of the ordained clerics, or the reasons why their patrons gave them the sureties necessary to achieve *ordines maiores*⁶⁴. The material summarised in the table above confirms these observations. Except for the testimony about Świętosław from Parzewo, signed by Andrzej, suffragan of Gniezno, the others have survived as copies of original documents entered in the bishop's records or in the consistory books of the respective dioceses. The discovered testimonies were also drawn up according to a very similar formula. Most of them were given headings that clearly reflect the content of the notes they contain (*Formata Andree, clerici de Pobiedzyska; Formata Alberti de Ruchoczino; Formata Laurencii de Słupcza; Formata Laurencii de Powydz; Formata Benedicti Isdbiński; Formata Andree de Posługowo*). Each testimony provides information about the ordained priests, the degree (in one case several degrees), the ordination received, the ordination minister, the day and place, and the church where the ceremony took place. These are followed by a dating formula and a message that the testimony was authenticated by affixing the bishop's seal⁶⁵. They rarely went beyond this pattern; several testimonies record the fact of having been granted during a vacancy in the archbishopric in Gniezno with the consent of its provisional administrator (Andrzej from Pobiedziska, Stefan from Rychwał and Wawrzyniec from Słupca), or outside the archdiocese of Gniezno (Benedykt from Izdebnó and Sebastian Plecki). In three cases, in addition to the usual citation of the names of the ordained priests, their patronymics and places of origin and additional information concerning the ordinands was recorded: in the 'formats' of Jan from Pobiedziska and Jan from Kłęcko, emphasis was placed on the fact that at the time of the acolytes' ordination, they were students of the school in Gniezno, while in the case of Marcin from Wieluń, his university and degree of bachelor of „arts“ were recorded. In one testimony (Jan from Prusinowice), the patron who presented the clergyman for higher ordination was also mentioned by name.

The dates of the ceremonies, noted in the 'formats', typically (but not always) corresponded to the so-called canonical dates of ordination. According to Church law, priests were to be ordained on the four Saturdays of the so-called quarterly 'dry days', and on a Saturday called *Sicientes* (the eve of *Iudica* Sunday), and on Holy Saturday. This rule was observed especially for higher ordinations (subdeacons, deacons, and presbyters), while *ordines minores* could be received at other times (also on Sundays), although the recommendation was against large-scale

⁶⁴ GAŠIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Święcenia w diecezji kujawskiej*, pp. 100-101.

⁶⁵ This formula differs significantly from that in the testimonies issued to clergy ordained in Rome. - HLEDIKOVÁ, Zdeňka, *Libri formatarum*, p. 70; MVS 4/1, pp. 36-40.

ceremonies⁶⁶. Research into priestly ordinations in the local dioceses, based on registers of ordained clergy extracted from episcopal records, has shown a marked accumulation of these ceremonies during the Lent (*Intret* and *Sicientes* Saturdays and Holy Saturday). It was advantageous for the priests who fulfilled the conditions imposed on future presbyters – the perspective of becoming subdeacons, deacons, and presbyters barely a few weeks apart was supposed to significantly shorten and facilitate the path leading to the priestly state⁶⁷. The dates of ordinations in the Archdiocese of Gniezno, known from the registers entered in 1482-1493 in the book of Archbishop Zbigniew Oleśnicki, mention only ceremonies celebrated on 6 canonical days, with a clear predominance during Lent. However, while during those 12 years the archbishop had 72 canonical terms of ordination at his disposal, the censuses mentioned only 31 such ceremonies.

At the same time, not a single year is known in which Oleśnicki used all canonical terms for the ordination of clergy. Most often – 4 times each – priests were ordained during his pontificate in 1484, 1489 and 1491. There were also cases of the hierarch ordaining clergy less frequently: in 1483, 1487 and 1488, he organised 2 celebrations each, while in 1485, 1486 and 1493 – only 1. Of the 31 ceremonies recorded in his book, as many as 25 took place on *Intret* and *Sicientes* Saturdays and on Holy Saturday, the other 6 on *Caritas* Saturdays (3 cases), *Venite adoremus* (2) and *Veni et ostende* (1). It would imply that at the time indicated above, approximately 80% of all ordination ceremonies in the Archdiocese of Gniezno took place during Lent⁶⁸.

Let me juxtapose these findings with the information on ordination dates from the ‘formats’. The testimonies collated in the table above indicate a total of 29 clergymen ordained on 31 dates (Mikołaj from Drzewica was ordained three times). These ceremonies took place on the following days:

Ordination days	Number of ceremonies held
<i>Intret</i> Saturday	6
<i>Sicientes</i> Saturday	5
Holy Saturday	4
<i>Caritas</i> Saturday	3
<i>Venite adoremus</i> Saturday	4
<i>Veni et ostende</i> Saturday	3

⁶⁶ For the canonical terms of ordination see DAVIS, Virginia, Clergy in London in the Late Middle Ages. A Register of Clergy Ordained in the Diocese of London Based on Episcopal Ordination Lists 1361-1539. London 2000, p. 16; HOEPPNER MORAN, Jo Ann, Clerical Recruitment in the Diocese of York 1360-1530. Data and Commentary. In *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 1983, vol. 34, pp. 24-25; also KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Święcenia duchowieństwa przez biskupa krakowskiego Jana Rzeszowskiego, pp. 143-144.

⁶⁷ BOREK, Arkadiusz, Święcenia duchowieństwa w późnośredniowiecznej Polsce: praktyka i jej uwarunkowania na przykładzie włocławskich wykazów święceń. In *Studia Źródłoznawcze*, 2014, vol. 52, pp. 53-54.

⁶⁸ KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Święcenia duchowieństwa w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej, pp. 38-43.

Letare Sunday	1
Ester Sunday	1
Cantate Sunday	1
Whit Sunday	1
Sunday: Saints Peter and Paul Octave	1
The fourth Sunday of Advent	1

Tab. 2. Ordination dates.

Of the 31 ordination ceremonies recorded in the testimonies, as many as 25 were held on canonical dates, while the other six were held on Sundays. The practice of conferring lower orders on Sundays is also well attested in the dioceses of Krakow, Płock and Włocławek, where bishops ordained small groups of acolytes on that very day.⁶⁹ Bearing this in mind, the statement prevailing in literature on the subject that the bishops of Gniezno did not ordain outside the canonical terms must be corrected⁷⁰ because, regarding the *ordines minores*, it is not true. Of the 25 ceremonies organised on canonical dates, 15 (60%) took place in the pre-Easter time, while the remaining 10 (40%) were celebrated on Caritas Saturdays, *Venite adoremus* and *Veni et ostende*. Notably, the testimonies issued for ordinations celebrated on the last three Saturdays mention acolytes ordained on those days. However, they also say that the bishops conferred all higher orders on those days. Therefore, the 'formats' confirm the thesis promoted in literature on the subject that a majority of candidates for holy orders from the Archdiocese of Gniezno stood for ordination during Lent. However, this opinion was based on an analysis of the lists of priests ordained by the local archbishops, while the testimonies cited above refer mainly to candidates ordained by their suffragan bishops. Of the existing testimonies, as many as 23 (almost 80%) were issued by auxiliary bishops - evidence that they were highly involved in the ordination of clergy. As the lists of candidates ordained by suffragan bishops were not always entered in the bishop's records, and no separate documentation of their activity survived from the Middle Ages, we may assume that there are huge gaps in the records of clergy from Poland, ordained in the 15th and the first half of the 16th centuries. Moreover, the above testimonies seem to suggest that the number of ordination ceremonies held on dates regarded as less popular was slightly higher than expected.

Of the 29 clergymen recorded in the testimonies, the vast majority were ordained in the Gniezno archdiocese. The only exceptions to this rule were:

⁶⁹ WIŚNIEWSKI, Eugeniusz, Terminarz i miejsce święceń osób duchownych w diecezji płockiej w latach 1515-1530. In DROB, Janusz - ŁASZKIEWICZ, Hubert - STASIAK, Arkadiusz - SZADY, Bogumił - TARACHA, Cezary (eds.). Kościół, społeczeństwo, kultura. Prace ofiarowane Profesorowi Wiesławowi Müllerowi z okazji pięćdziesięciolecia pracy naukowej i dydaktycznej. Lublin 2004, pp. 37-45; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Święcenia duchowieństwa przez biskupa krakowskiego Jana Rzeszowskiego; KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, Święcenia duchowieństwa we Włocławku.

⁷⁰ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, Święcenia w diecezji kujawskiej, p. 85.

Benedykt from Izdebno and Szymon from Gutowo, who became acolytes in the cathedral in Poznań, and Stanisław Plecki, a parish priest from Orłowo, who received ordination to the subdeaconate in the Krakow cathedral. The list of places within the Gniezno archdiocese, where the ceremonies took place, is as follows:

Location	Number of ordinations
Gniezno	16
Łowicz	2
Żnin	2
Brzeziny	1
Kalisz	1
Opatów	1
Skierniewice	1
Uniejów	1
Wieleń	1

Tab. 3. List of places within the Gniezno archdiocese, where the ceremonies took place.

Following previous research on the ordination of clergy, based on lists of priests entered in Zbigniew Olesnicki's book, an argument was put forward that in the Gniezno archdiocese, ordination ceremonies were organised mainly in the archbishop's favourite residences in Łowicz and Skierniewice, much less frequently in Gniezno⁷¹. On the other hand, the information contained in the 'formats' shows that the Gniezno cathedral (occasionally also the Gniezno Franciscan church) prevailed as venues of the ceremonies. Perhaps it was primarily the resident suffragan bishops who ordained in the archdiocesan capital, while the ordained bishops convened the candidates in the locations of their residence, except during Easter.

Most of the medieval ordination testimonies published to date mention the conferring of the acolyte ordination on the clerics. Given the custom of accumulating lower ordinations it was no doubt tantamount to these individuals receiving all the other *quatuor minores*. Information about the recipient's acceptance of the subdeaconate, diaconate or priestly ordination is less frequent in the materials; unlike testimonies issued in the 15th and early 16th centuries by officials of the Apostolic Camera, the native 'formats' do not include candidates to the clerical state accepting tonsure. The testimonies analysed here also follow this rule: of the 31 degrees of ordination documented in the 'formats', as many as 26 concern acolytes. Only three clergymen fell out of this pattern: the testimonies of Jan from Prusinowice and Stanisław Plecki report on their ordination to the subdeaconate. The testimony of Mikołaj from Drzewica is atypical as it reports all three higher ordinations taking place between 26 February and 1 April 1458. Aggregate testimonies (covering several degrees of ordination) are admittedly well attested in the case of clerics who received their ordines in Rome. However,

⁷¹ KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej*, pp. 44-51.

of the local materials introduced into scholarly circulation, only the 'formats' issued by Bishop of Chełm, Maciej from Stara Łomża for Stanisław from Kowal in the Diocese of Włocławek bear similarity to the testimony issued for the benefit of Mikołaj. In the spring of 1498, a few weeks apart (Saturdays: *Intret, Sicientes* and Holy Saturday), Stanisław from Kowal received all the higher ordinations from this hierarch.⁷² Another proof is the testimony of Jan from Strzyżów in the diocese of Krakow who received all the *ordines maiores* between 27 February 1490 and 2 April 1491 from the hierarch in question⁷³.

In a few cases, it is possible to reconstruct the education of the ordained clergy. For certain, 2 of them (Jan from Pobiedziska and Jan from Kłecko) studied at the cathedral school in Gniezno when taking their lower orders, while 9 or 10 others had university studies documented in their curricula vitae. Marcin from Wieluń began his studies in Krakow in the summer term of 1484, and after a few years (1487) was promoted to bachelor of „arts“ there, and then (1492) attained the degree of Master of Arts⁷⁴. Given that Marcin entered the lower orders in 1491, we can assume that he only decided on a clerical career towards the end of his tertiary studies. A similar path was probably followed by Mikołaj from Drzewica, although, as the testimony does not give his father's name, some caution must be exercised in identifying this cleric. Nonetheless, it is probably possible to identify the Mikołaj from Drzewica mentioned in the 1458 testimony with Mikołaj from Drzewica (son of Jakub), who enrolled at Krakow in the summer term of 1450⁷⁵. If this suggestion is accurate, we consequently need to assume that Mikołaj did not stand for higher ordination until several years after leaving the university. Possibly, he delayed ordination for so long because he lacked the proper title necessary to attain *ordines maiores*, and it was only after becoming an altarist in the Poznań parish church that he stood for ordination as subdeacon, deacon, and priest, within a few weeks. Prior to his lower ordination, Benedykt from Izdebnó also studied in Krakow, starting in the summer term of 1505⁷⁶ while he stood for ordination as an acolyte four years later, in April 1509. Jan from Widawa, who began his studies in the winter term of 1504, followed suit⁷⁷, while he took the lower orders after another 6 years, in March 1510. The course of Jan from Sarnowo university education was somewhat different: unlike the above-mentioned priests, he entered the Krakow register in the summer term of 1483, probably immediately after taking holy orders as an acolyte⁷⁸. The same path was taken by Andrzej from Nadborowo who joined the University of Krakow in the summer term of

⁷² KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Nieznane świadectwa święceń*, pp. 118-119.

⁷³ KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Przyczynek do działalności biskupa chełmskiego Macieja ze Starej Łomży* (in print).

⁷⁴ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni - JUREK, Tomasz - SKIERSKA, Izabela, GRZESIK, Ryszard (eds.). *Metryka Uniwersytetu Krakowskiego z lat 1400-1508*, vol. 1. Kraków 2004, p. 439 (further referred to as MUK); GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni - JUREK, Tomasz - SKIERSKA, Izabela (eds.). *Najstarsza księga promocji Wydziału Sztuk Uniwersytetu Krakowskiego z lat 1402-1541*. Kraków 2011, pp. 249 and 255 (further referred to as NKP).

⁷⁵ MUK, p. 230.

⁷⁶ MUK, p. 614.

⁷⁷ MUK, p. 612.

⁷⁸ MUK, p. 430.

1510⁷⁹. It was only 10 years after his lower ordination (1439) that Piotr ze Żnina came to Krakow to study, and he entered the university metrics in the winter term of 1449⁸⁰. However, it is difficult to say at what stage of his life Stanisław Plecki was a student. We know that he began his studies in Krakow in the summer term of 1535⁸¹. However, as the exact time of his *ordines minores* remains unknown, it is not possible to establish whether he had already embarked on a clerical career before the date specified above or only after leaving the university. It is not unlikely, however, that Stanisław entered the Krakow clergy during his studies – the practice of students taking holy orders has been attested to in many university towns⁸². Wawrzyniec from Powidz, whose name is mentioned in the 16th century sources as a doctor of decrees, could also be proud of his thorough intellectual formation⁸³. The exact course of his studies is unknown; as his name is not included in the Krakow university records, he must have completed his legal studies outside Poland, perhaps at a university in Italy. The issue of the higher studies of Maciej from Bądkowo, son of Jan, remains unclear. The „Metrics“ of the Krakow Faculty of Arts do not mention this person, while the local „Book of Promotions“ presents under 1489 Maciej from Bądkowo, a Bachelor of Arts, whose patronymic is not mentioned⁸⁴. While the temptation to identify them is natural, an important doubt arises as his education is not mentioned in the ordination testimony of Maciej from Bądkowo, and the example of Marcin from Wieluń shows that this information was recorded in the ‘formats’. In fact, Maciej from Bądkowo, a Bachelor of Arts, was hypothetically identified by the publishers of the Krakow university records with Maciej *de Bandow*, son of Wawrzyniec, entered in the students’ metric in the summer term of 1477⁸⁵. If we agree with this proposal we need to accept that as many as 12 years elapsed between Maciej’s matriculation and his bachelor’s promotion, a suspiciously long period, since the vast majority of Krakow’s bachelors of arts achieved the degree between 1 and 3 years after joining the university⁸⁶. We do know, however, that a small part of Krakow’s students was first promoted 10 or more years after starting their studies⁸⁷ so, in theory, identification of the persons in question is possible.

⁷⁹ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni – JUREK, Tomasz – SKIERSKA, Izabela, GRZESIK, Ryszard (eds.). *Metryka czyli album Uniwersytetu Krakowskiego z lat 1509-1551*. Warszawa 2010, p. 21 (further referred to as *Metryka*).

⁸⁰ MUK, p. 229.

⁸¹ *Metryka*, p. 191.

⁸² DOLEŻALOVA, Eva, Svěcení, pp. 192-195; HLAVAČKOVÁ, Miriam, Biskup, p. 317.

⁸³ PRZYBYSZEWSKI, Bolesław (ed.). *Wypisy źródłowe do dziejów Wawelu z archiwów kapitulnych i kurialnych Krakowskich 1501-1515*. Kraków 1965, p. 134.

⁸⁴ NKP, p. 252.

⁸⁵ MUK, p. 390; GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni – JUREK, Tomasz – SKIERSKA, Izabela, GRZESIK, Ryszard (eds.). *Metryka Uniwersytetu Krakowskiego z lat 1400-1508*, vol. 2. Indeksy. Kraków 2004, p. 18.

⁸⁶ BORODA, Krzysztof, *Studenci Uniwersytetu Krakowskiego w późnym średniowieczu*. Kraków 2010, pp. 147-171.

⁸⁷ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Immatrikulowani i promowani. Jednorocznicy akademii krakowskiej w XV w.* In STRZLĄCZYK, Jerzy – DOBOSZ, Józef – GÓRCZAK, Zbyszko – POKORA, Piotr – RATAJCZAK, Krzysztof – ZWIERZYKOWSKI, Michał (eds.). *Nihil superfluum esse. Prace z dziejów średniowiecza ofiarowane Profesor Jadwidze Krzyżaniakowej*. Poznań 2000, p. 483.

Of the clergymen mentioned in the testimonies, Benedykt from Izdebnu undoubtedly enjoyed the greatest career in the Church structures. Ordained an acolyte in 1509, in the following years he was notary of the Gniezno consistory, canon of Gniezno, Krakow and Poznań, bishop of Kamieniec, and finally (in 1546-1553) bishop of Poznań⁸⁸. Apart from him, the following individuals also progressed in ecclesiastical careers: Wawrzyniec from Powidz, who in 1513 came into possession of a canonry in Kalisz, and then was a member of a milieu of the collegiate church of Łowicz, becoming archdeacon and judicial vicar⁸⁹; Jan from Sarnowo and Wojciech Oblaczkowski, perpetual vicars at Gniezno Cathedral⁹⁰, as well as Andrzej from Nadborowo, a canon in the Poznań chapter⁹¹. The sources from the early 16th century mention two individuals named Wawrzyniec from Słupca. One of them was a vicar in Kowalewo and the other an altarist in Słupca. One of them may be identified with an acolyte ordained on 2 March 1493 but – if we assume that this is the altarist from Słupca – we would have to assume that at some unknown time, this clergyman stood for all higher orders, including the presbyterate⁹². Several other ordinands acted as public notaries: Wojciech from Ruchocin, who became an acolyte in September 1437, is mentioned as a notary in 1446⁹³; Jan from KłECKO, ordained as an acolyte in December 1470, was mentioned as a notary in 1487⁹⁴; Jan from Sarnowo, who took his lower ordination in June 1482, was attested as a notary in 1489⁹⁵; Marcin from Wieluń, ordained as an acolyte in May 1491, was a notary in 1489⁹⁶, while Wawrzyniec from Powidz, ordained as an acolyte in May 1499, in the same year began to act as a public notary and in this role he worked alongside Archbishop Jan Łaski⁹⁷.

Considering the fact that very little material has survived from the time before the reforms of the Council of Trent, illustrating the ordination of clergy in Poland, the medieval *litterae formatae* must be considered important sources for research into the prosopography of the clergy, the internal structures of individual dioceses, the benefice system, canon law and, most obviously, the practice of ordaining clergy.

⁸⁸ NOWACKI, Józef, *Dzieje Archidiecezji Poznańskiej*, pp. 97-99; KANIEWSKA, Irena, Izdbieński (Izbieński, Izbiński) Benedykt h. Poraj (1488-1553), biskup poznański, działacz antyreformacyjny. In *Polski Słownik Biograficzny*, vol. 10, Wrocław-Warszawa-Kraków 1962-1964, pp. 194-195; PROKOP, Krzysztof Rafał, *Nomenclator bibliographicus episcoporum Poloniae 1320-2020*. Kraków 2020, p. 185.

⁸⁹ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze publiczni w Wielkopolsce schyłku wieków średnich. Katalog admisji w Gnieźnie i w Poznaniu 1420-1500*. Poznań 1993, p. 39 (nr 300); WIETESKA Józef, *Katalog prałatów i kanoników prymasowskiej kapituły łowickiej od 1433 do 1970 r.* Warszawa 1971, p. 39.

⁹⁰ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 31 (no. 206); PROKOP, Paweł (ed.). *Katalog rękopisów średniowiecznych Muzeum Narodowego w Krakowie*. Kraków 2004, pp. 13-14.

⁹¹ ŁUTYŃSKI, Konrad, *Poznańscy prałaci i kanonicy w XVI w.* In *Saeculum Christianum*, 1994, vol. 1/2, p. 146.

⁹² KACZMAREK, Krzysztof, *Święcenia duchowieństwa w diecezji gnieźnieńskiej*, p. 168.

⁹³ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 15 (nr 17).

⁹⁴ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 28 (nr 163).

⁹⁵ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 31 (nr 206).

⁹⁶ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 40 (nr 317).

⁹⁷ GAŚSIOROWSKI, Antoni, *Notariusze*, p. 39 (nr 300).

In this situation, making an inventory of all these materials and making them available for research are important research propositions.

Appendix

Testimonies of clergy ordination in the archdiocese of Gniezno from 1411 – 1540⁹⁸

1.

Gniezno, 28 March 1411

Piotr, suffragan bishop of Gniezno, attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte to Andrzej from Pobiedziska

Copy. Archdiocesan Archives in Poznań, *Acta Causarum Consistorii Posnanien-sis* 7, fol. 159v.

Formata Andree, clerici de Pobiedzyska. Nouerint quibus expedit universis, quod nos Petrus, Dei gratia episcopus Dalmacensis, ex specialibus licencia et comissione venerabilis viri domini Nicolai Strzesconis, canonici et administratoris in spiritualibus sede vacante sancte ecclesie Gneznensis, sub Anno Domini millesimo CCCCo undecimo, sabbato quo in ecclesia Dei Sicientes est decantatur, sacros clericorum ordines Gnezne celebrando, Andream Petri de Pobediszka rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradum accolitatus promovimus, divina gracia nobis suffragante. Actum et datum ut supra, nostro sigillo presentibus subappenso.

2.

Gniezno, 28 March 1411

Piotr, suffragan bishop of Gniezno, attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte to Jan from Pobiedziska.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archives in Poznań, *Acta Causarum Consistorii Posnanien-sis* 7, fol. 159a.

Formata. Nouerint quibus expedit universis, quod nos frater Petrus, Dei et Apostolicae Sedis gracia [episcopus Dalmacensis] et reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Nicolai, sancte Gneznensis ecclesie archiepiscopi suffraganeus, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo CCCCo undecimo, sabbato quo Sicientes in Dei ecclesia decantatur omnes sacros clericorum ordines celebrando, Johannem Petri de Pobediszka, scolarem Gneznensem [rite] examinatum idoneumque repertum, ad gradum accolitatus consecravimus divina [nobis gracia ad id] suffragante. Actum et datum, anno die et loco quibus supra. Sigillo nostro presentibus subappenso.

⁹⁸ The editions of the testimonies have been prepared on the basis of a publishing manual for medieval sources, WOLFF, Adam, *Projekt instrukcji wydawniczej dla pisanych źródeł średnio-wiecznych do połowy XVI wieku*. In *Studia Źródłoznawcze*, 1957, vol. 1, pp. 155-181.

3.

Kalisz, 7 April 1425

Wojciech Jastrzębiec, Archbishop of Gniezno attests that he has ordained Franciszek from Kobile as an acolyte.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek, Files of the consistory in Kalisz 2 (1458-1461), fol. 53.

Albertus, Dei gratia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopus et primas, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quinto, sabbato in vigilia Pasce, sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia collegiata sancte Marie in Calis celebrando, discretum Franciscum Martini de Cobele nostre diocesis [rite] examinatum et idoneum repertum ad gradum acolitatus promovimus divina gratia [ad id] suffragante. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra. Nostro sigillo presentibus supbappenso.

4.

Opatów, 18 December 1434

Wojciech Jastrzębiec, Archbishop of Gniezno, attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Jan from Staw.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek, Files of the consistory in Kalisz 2 (1458-1461), fol. 53.

Albertus, Dei gratia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopus et primas, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quarto, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei Veni et ostende decantatur, sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia parochiali sancte Dorotheae in Opathow celebrando, discretum Johannem, Lucam filium, de Staw nostre diocesis, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradum acolitatus promovimus divina nobis gratia ad id suffragante. In cuius testimonium rei sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

5.

Łowicz, 17 September 1435

Wojciech Jastrzębiec, Archbishop of Gniezno attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Marcin from Gałqzki.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek, Files of the consistory in Kalisz 2 (1458-1461), fol. 53.

Albertus, Dei gratia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopus et primas, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno natiuitatis Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quinto, sabbato quatuor temporum quo decantatur Venite adoremus sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia collegiata sancte Marie Lovicensis celebrando, discretum Martinum de Galansky, Stanislai filium, nostre diocesis, ad gradus accolitatus promovimus divina nobis ad id clementia suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Actum et datum, anno die et loco quibus supra.

6.

Uniejów, 21 September 1437

Wincenty Kot, Archbishop of Gniezno attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Wojciech from Ruchocin.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 26, fol. 192v.

Formata Alberti de Ruchoczino. Vincencius, Dei gracia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopus et primas, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo septimo, omnes sacros clericorum ordines in Unyeow sabbatho quatuor temporum quo decantatur Venite adoremus Dominum in ecclesia Beate Marie celebrando, discretum Abertum de Ruchoczino filium Johannis, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum, [clericum] nostre dyocesis ad gradus accolitatus divina nobis clementia suffragante promovimus. Datum, die et loco quibus supra. Nostro sigillo presentibus subappenso.

7.

Żnin, 28 February 1439

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he conferred the ordination of acolyte on Piotr from Żnin.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 40, fol. 117.

Formata Petri de Szneyna. Johannes, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis, necnon suffraganeus reverendissimi viri patris et domini domini Vincencii, divina prudentia archiepiscopi sancte ecclesie Gneznensis et primatis, significamus hiis supradictis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo nono in ecclesia sancte Marie Virginis Znenensis, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei Intret in conspectu [tuo] est decantatur omnes sacros clericorum ordines celebrantes, discretum Petrum Stephani de Zneyna clericum Gneznensis dioecesis, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus accolitatus promovimus divina gracia nobis ad id suffragante. Actum in hoc anno, die et loco quibus supra, nostro sigillo presentibus subappenso.

8.

Gniezno, 12 March 1446

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Paweł from Żydowo.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 29, fol. 44v.

Johannes, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis, necnon suffraganeus reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Vincencii, Dei gracia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopi et primatis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo sexto, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei decantatur Intret, omnes sacrosclericorum ordines in eadem ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi celebrando, discretum Paulum Mathie de Szidowo, clericum Gneznensis dioecesis rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus accolitatus promovimus divina nobis gracia ad id suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

9.

Gniezno, 26 February, 18 March, 1 April 1458

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred all the higher ordinations on Mikołaj from Drzewica.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archives in Poznań, Acta Causarum Consistorii Posnanien-sis 43, fol. 73.

Formate. Johannes, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis, eadem gracia sante ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopi et primatis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo sub Anno Domini millessimo CCCCmo quinquagesimo octavo omnes sacros clericorum ordines in eadem ecclesia Gneznensi solempniter celebrando, honorabilem Nicolaum de Drzewicza Gneznensis dioecesis, sabbato quo in ecclesia Dei Intret oratio decantatur ad gradus subdiaconatus, sabbato sequenti quo Sicientes cantatur ad dyaconatus et sabbato Sancte Pasche ad presbiteratus gradus ad altare sanctissimae Corporis Christi et sancte Andree Apostoli in ecclesia parrochiali ad sanctam Mariam Magdalenam in Poznania, in capella pellificum eiusdem ecclesie, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum promovimus divina gracia nobis ad id accedendo. Actum et datum, locum et diebus quibus supra, nostro sigillo presentibus subappenso.

10.

Gniezno, 22 December 1470

Antoni, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Jan from KłECKO.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 59, fol. 142.

Formata Johannis de Cleczko. Anthonius, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis, reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis, eadem gracia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopi et primatis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo, sabbato quatuor temporum, quo in ecclesia Dei decantatur introitus misse Veni et ostende nobis, omnes sacrosclericorum ordines solempniter celebrantes in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi, discretum Johannem Petri de Cleczko scolarem, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradum accolitatus promovimus divina gracia ad id nobis suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

11.

Gniezno, 27 March 1479

Jakub from Sienna, Archbishop of Gniezno attests that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Wawrzyniec from Łęczyca.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 63, fol. 23v.

Copia formate Laurentii de Lancicia. Jacobus, Dei gracia sancte ecclesie Gneznensis [archiepiscopus] et primas significamus tenore presencium universis et singulis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo nono, sabbato quo in ecclesia decantatur Sicientes omnes sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi celebrando, discretum Laurentium Bartholomei de Lancicia nostre dioecesis ad gradus accolitatus gracia divina ad id nobis suffragante promovimus et promovemus per presentes harum, quibus sigillum nostrum est subappensum testimonio litterarum. Actum et datum, die locoque quibus supra.

12.

Gniezno, 22 September 1481

Andrzej, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Świętosław from Parczewo.

Original. Jagiellonian Library, rkp. Dypl. 82.

Andreas, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis necnon sancte ecclesie Gneznensis sede vacante suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium universis et singulis quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo primo sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei decantatur Venite adoremus, omnes sacrosclericorum ordines in metropolitana ecclesia Gneznensi solemniter celebrantes, discretum Szwyathoslaum de Parczewo Andree filium clericum nostre Gneznensis dioecesis, rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus accolitatus divina nobis ad id suffragante gracia promovimus et ordinamus. In cuius rei fidem et testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum Gnezne, anno, die, tempore et loco quibus supra.

13.

Skierniewice, 1 June 1482

Andrzej, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Jan from Sarnowo.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 59, fol. 17v-18.

Formata Johannis Sarnowskii. Andreas, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis, reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Sbignei, Dei gracia archiepiscopi et primatis sancte ecclesie Gneznensis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo secundo, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei Caritas est decantatur in ecclesia parochiali Sqwirnyevicze tituli sancti Jacobi Apostoli presente eodem reverendissimo domino archiepiscopo omnes sacrosclericorum ordines celebrando, discretum Johannem, filium Johannis de Sarnowo Gneznensis dioecesis rite examinarum idoneumque repertum ad gradum accolitatus promovimus divina nobis gracia ad id suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium signetum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

14.

Gniezno, 13 March 1484

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Jan from Prusinowice.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Lublin, Lublin Consistory Records, Rep 60 A5, fol. 43v.

Alia littera. Johannes, Dei gratia episcopus Naturiensis necnon suffraganeus reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis, eadem gratia archiepiscopi Gneznensis et primatis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo quarto, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei decantatur Intret oratio mea in ecclesia sancte Marie virginis ad fratres minores Gneznenses omnes sacrosclericorum ordines celebrantes, discretus Johannem Nicolai de Prussinowicze, Gneznensis dioecesis, [rite] examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus subdiaconatus promovimus ad id nobis gratia suffragante, ad provisionem honorabilis domini Johannis de Cziechoslaucicze, canonici et plebani Lanciencensis. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Actum et datum, die [et] anno quibus supra.

15.

Gniezno, 20 September 1488

Andrzej, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Piotr from Jabłkowo.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 62, fol. 21-21v.

Formata Petri, clerici de Jabłkow. Andreas, Dei gracia episcopus Nauriensi, reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Sbignei, eadem gracia ecclesie metropolitane Gneznensis archiepiscopi suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit quomodo [de] Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo octavo, sabbatho in vigilia sancti Mathaei Apostoli in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi omnes sacros ordines clericorum celebrando, discretum Petrum de Jabłkowo filium Johannis, clericum dioecesis Gneznensis ad gradus accolitatus ritte et debite examinatum idoneumque repertum nobis gracia ad id suffragante divina promovimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Actum et datum, die, loco, anno quibus supra.

16.

?, 11 April 1490

Andrzej, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Mikołaj from Mogilno.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 59, fol. 14v.

Formata Nicolai de Mogylno. Andreas, Dei gracia episcopus Nauriensi, reverendissimique in Christo patris et domini domini Sbignei, Dei gracia archiepiscopi sancte ecclesie Gneznensis et primatis suffraganeus, universis et singulis quibus expedit tenore presencium significamus, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo, dominica die Resurrexi sub summa missa, discretum Nicolaum Pauli de Mogylno ad gradus accolitatus divina nobis gracia ad id suffragante idoneum repertum promovimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Datum anno, die, loco et hora quibus supra.

17.

Łowicz, 22 May 1491

Zbigniew Oleśnicki, archbishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Marcin from Wieluń.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta archiepiscopalia Sbignei de Oleśnica, fol. 187v.

Formata Martini Johannis de Vyelun. Sbigneus, sancte ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopus et primas, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo, dominica ipso die Pentecostes, sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia collegiata Beate Marie Lovicensis celebrando, honorabilem Martinum Johannis de Vyelun arcium baccalarium ad gradus accolitatus divina nobis ad id gracia suffragante promovimus et ordinamus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum.

18.

Gniezno, 2 March 1493

Jakub, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that, with the consent of the administrator of the diocese of Gniezno, Jan from Goślub, has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Stefan from Rychwał.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 62, fol. 22v.

Copia formate Stephani de Richwal. Jacobus, Dei gracia episcopus Margarithensis et sancte ecclesie Gneznensis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo nos de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tercio, sabbato quatuor temporum post Cinerum quo in ecclesia decantatur Intret, omnes sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi de consensu reverendi patris domini domini Johannis de Goslub, prepositi et administratoris sede vacante ecclesie Gneznensis solemniter celebrando, discretum Sthefanum de Rychal, clericum dioecesis Gneznensis ad gradum accolitatus rite et legitime examinatum idoneumque repertum nobis ad id divina gracia suffragante promovimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum Gnezne, anno, die quibus supra.

19.

Gniezno, 2 March 1493

Jan, suffragan bishop of Płock certifies that, with the consent of the administrator of the diocese of Gniezno, Jan from Goślub, has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Wawrzyniec from Słupca.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek, Records of the General Consistory of Włocławek 3, p. 125.

Formata. Jacobus, Dei gratia episcopus Margarithensis reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Petri, eadem gracia episcopi <Wladislaviensisa> Plo-censis suffraganeus significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tercio, sabbato quo in ecclesia Dei quatuor temporum decantatur Intret, in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi, de licentia reverendi patris domini Johannis de Goslub decretorum doctoris, prepositi et administratoris sede vacante Gneznensis, omnes sacroscler-icorum ordines solemniter celebrando, discretum Laurencium olim Martini de Słupcza clericum Gneznensis dioecesis rite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus accolitus divina nobis ad id gracia suffragante promovimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, loco et die quibus supra.

20.

Gniezno, 23 December 1498

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Andrzej from Posługowo.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 73, fol. 86v-87.

Formata Andree de Posługowo. Johannes, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis ac suffraganeus ecclesie Gneznensis, universis et singulis presentes litteras in-specturis notum facimus quibus expedit, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octavo dominica quarta Adventus Domini, in qua decantatur officium misse Memento nostre domine in ecclesia metropolitana sancti Adalberti minores quatuor ordines clericorum consecrando de licencia et consensu reverendissimi ac illustrissimi patris et domini domini Friderici mise-ricordia domini sacrosancte Romane ecclesie tituli sacte Lucie de septem soliis presbiteri cardinalis ac prefate Gneznensis ecclesie archiepiscopi ac primatis nec-non episcopi Cracoviensis, discretum Andream Michaelis de Posługowo prefate dioecesis ritte examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradum accolitus divi-na nobis ad id suffragante [gracia] promovimus et ordinamus. Datum et actum anno quo ubi supra, meo sub sigillo.

21.

Gniezno, 25 May 1499

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Wawrzyniec from Powidz.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 68, fol. 92v.

Formata Laurencii de Powydz. Johannes, Dei et Apostolice Sedis gracia episcopus Natriensis, reverendissimi in Christo patris ac illustrissimi principis et domini domini Friderici, miseracione divina sacrosancte Romane ecclesie et sancte Lucie in septemsoliis presbiteri cardinalis archiepiscopi Gneznensis et primas ac episcopi Cracoviensis suffraganeus Gneznensis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit generalis universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono, sabbato quatuor temporum quo in ecclesia Dei Caritas est decantatur, omnes sacros ac minores clericorum ordines in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi solemniter celebrando, discretum Laurencium Swyanthoslai de Powydz Gneznensis dioecesis prefate ritte examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradus accolitatus promovimus et ordinamus divina nobis gracia ad id suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die, loco quibus supra.

22.

Brzeziny, 30 June 1499

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Maciej from Bądkowo.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 72, fol. 164.

Formata Mathie Bandkow. Johannes, Dei gracia episcopus Natriensis [et] suffraganeus Gneznensis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis et singulis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono in ecclesia parochiali Brzeszinensis, infra octavas apostolorum Petri et Pauli die dominica, ordines clericorum minores celebrando, discretum Mathiam filium Johannis de Banthkowo clericum Gneznensis dioecesis ad gradum accolitatus ritte prius examinatum idoneumque repertum divina nobis ad id suffragante clemencia promovimus et ordinavimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

23.

Gniezno, 17 December 1502

Jan, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Wojciech Oblaczkowski.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 82, fol. 24v.

Formata Oblaczkowski. Joannes, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis [et] suffraganeus Gneznensis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo secundo, sabbato quatuor temporum quo decantatur officium misse Veni ostende, omnes sacros clericorum ordines celebrando in ecclesia conventuali Ordinis Minorum Gnezne infra missarum solemnias, discretum Albertum Stanislai de Chrepkowo [?] clericum prefate dioecesis, ad gradus accolitatus idoneum repertum ritteque examinatum divina nobis ad id suffragante gracia promovimus et ordinavimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die, loco quibus supra.

24.

Poznań, 7 April 1509

Wojciech from Sochaczew, suffragan bishop of Poznań certifies that, with the consent of Archbishop of Gniezno, Andrzej, he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Benedykt from Izdebno, a cleric of the diocese of Gniezno.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 76, fol. 40.

Formata Benedicti Isdbiensi. Frater Albertus theologie magister Ordinis Praedicatorum, Dei gracia episcopus Enensis, reverendissimi in Cristo patris et domini domini Johannis, eadem gracia episcopi Poznaniensis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono, sabbato Sancto Pasce in ecclesia cathedrali Poznaniensi omnes sacros clericorum ordines celebrando, discretum Benedictum Martini de Isdebno clericum dioecesis Gneznensis ritte et legitime examinatum ac idoneumque repertum, de licencia speciali reverendissimi in Cristo patris et domini domini Andree prefata gracia sancte metropolitane ecclesie Gneznensis archiepiscopi et primatis sui dioecesanis, ad gradus accolitatus promovimus et ordinamus gracia Dei omnipotente ad id nobis suffragante. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

25.

Gniezno, 30 March 1510

Mikołaj, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Jan from Widawa.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Gniezno, Acta Causarum Consistorii Gnesnensis A 78, fol. 89.

Formata Johannis Vidawskii. Nicolaus, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis, reverendissimi in Cristo patris et domini domini Joannis, Dei gracia archiepiscopi Gneznensis et Regni Polonie primatis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quomodo de Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo Sabbato Magno sancte Pasche omnes sacrosclericorum ordines in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi solemniter celebrando, discretum Joannem Nicolai de Vidawa nobis in Cristo dilectum Gneznensis dioecesis [clericum] ritte examinatum idoneumque repertum ad sacros accolitatus ordines divina nobis ad id clemencia suffragante promovimus et ordinavimus, harum quibus sigillum nostrum est appensum testimonio litterarum. Actum et datum Gnezne, anno, die, loco quibus supra.

26.

Gniezno, 25 May 1510

Mikołaj, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Andrzej from Nadborowa.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań, Acta Episcopalia V, fol. 185.

Nicolaus, Dei gracia episcopus Naturiensis sacrosque ecclesie metropolitane Gneznensis suffraganeus, significamus tenore presencium, quomodo Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo, in ecclesia metropolitana Gneznensi sabbato quatuor temporum quo decantatur Caritas omnes sacros ordines clericorum celebrando, dilectum nobis in Cristo Andream Nicolai de Nadborowo ad gradus accolitatus divina ad id nobis suffragante gracia promovimus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum est subappensum presentibus.

27.

Wieluń, 14 May 1514

Mikołaj, suffragan bishop of Gniezno certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Maciej from Wieluń.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek. Foral consistory records from Wieluń 1513-1543, fol. 75.

Formata Mathie sellatoris de Vyelun. Nicolaus, Dei gratia episcopus Naturiensis, reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Joannis, eadem gratia sancte ecclesie metropolitane Gneznensis archiepiscopi et primatis suffraganei, tenore precencium significamus universis quibus expedit, quomodo Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo quarto dominica Cantate ad extra muros Vielunenses capellam sancte Barbare sacros clericorum ordines minores consecrando, missarum solemnias solemniter celebrando, dilectum nobis in Christo Mathiam Joannis de Vielun, clericum Gneznensis diocesis, rite examinatum, idoneumque repertum ad accolitatus gradum divina nobis clemencia ad in assistente, gratiose promovimus ordinamusque. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est subappensum. Actum et datum, anno, die et loco quibus supra.

28.

Kraków, 13 March 1540

Jan Malachowski, suffragan bishop of Krakow certifies that he has conferred the ordination of subdeacon on Sebastian Plecki, vicar in Orłowo in the diocese of Gniezno.

Copy. Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań, Acta Episcopalia VIII, fol. 176v.

Formata Sebastiani Pleczki. Joannes Malochowski, sacrae theologiae professor, Dei gratia episcopus Laodicensis et suffraganeus Cracoviensis, significamus tenore presencium quia nos de Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadagesimo, sabbato Sicientes ante dominicam Iudica omnes sacros clericorum ordines in ecclesia cathedrali Cracoviensi celebrando, dilectum nobis in Christo Sebastianum Pleczki, plebanum in Orłow diocesis Gnesnensis, de licencia sui diocesani, rite et debite examinatum idoneumque repertum ad gradum et ordinis subdiaconatus divina nobis ad id suffragante gracia promovimus et ordinamus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum est presentibus subappensum. Datum Cracoviae, anno et die quibus supra.

29.

Poznań, 27 March 1541

Jan Dziaduski, suffragan bishop of Poznań certifies that he has conferred the ordination of acolyte on Szymon from Gutowo.

Copy. Diocesan Archive in Włocławek, Foral consistory records from Kalisz 1539-1543, fol. 83v

Littere formati Guthowo. Jacobus Dziaduski, Dei gratia episcopus Ennensis, suffraganeus et canonicus Poznaniensis, significamus tenore presencium quibus expedit universis, quia nos de Anno Domini 1541 discretum Simonem de Guthowo, Alberti filium, de licencia sui metropolitae per examen legitimum rite idoneum repertum ad accolitatus ordines in ecclesia cathedrali Poznaniensi dominica Letare extra tempus solemniter ordinavimus et promovimus divina gratia nobis ad id suffragante. In cuius rei testimonium presentes litteras fieri nostroque sigillo [...]. Datum et actum Poznanie, anno et die quibus supra.

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