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INVENTORY OF THE OLD PRINTS FROM THE LIBRARY OF BASILICA MINOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN WIŚLICA

In the Długosz's House by the Basilica of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wiślica, in one of the rooms called Długosz's room, one can find a voluminous bookcase with the books from the two former libraries: the Collegiate Church Library (*Bibliotheca Maioris Capituli*) and the Vicariate Library (*Bibliotheca Vicarijs Visliciensis*). All the books, generally speaking, are in a much decayed condition including visible traces of foxing, bark beetle's bites and damaged binding while the text-blocks survived only thanks to their ligaments yet the covers, title and end pages are a rarity. Additionally, most of the oldest ones dating back to the XV-XVII centuries are in a complete spoilage condition. Despite all these deficiencies, the whole collection constitutes a valuable and interesting proof of the culture of the book compiled and taken advantage of throughout the centuries by the local clergy. It also contributes immensely to material and spiritual heritage of contemporary Wiślica signifying its former importance within the territory of the former Kraków Diocese¹ – now Kielce Diocese while still being the property of the parish.

Both manuscripts and prints of the collegiate church chapter in Wiślica had already played a major part in numerous articles published in history science magazines,² source material publications,³ and last but not least, in monographs.⁴ Particular regard,

¹ See the most important literature on the subject: T. Lalik, *Początki kapituły wiślickiej na tle kształtowania się kolegiat polskich XII wieku*, [in:] *Odkrycia w Wiślicy*, Warsaw 1963, pp. 147-191; E. Wiśniowski, *Rozwój sieci parafialnej w prepozyturze wiślickiej w średniowieczu. Studium geograficzno-historyczne*, Warsaw 1965, pp. 56-58, 153-154; B. Kumor, *Dzieje diecezji krakowskiej do roku 1795*, vol. 3, Cracow 2000, pp. 85-132; L. Poniewozik, *Pralaci i kanonicy wiślicy w okresie średniowiecza*, Lublin, 2004, passim.

² P. Kardyś, *XV-XVII-wieczne druki z dawnych księgozbiorów kapitulnego i wikariuszy znajdujące się obecnie w bibliotece Bazyliki Mniejszej NMP w Wiślicy oraz inwentarz biblioteki kapituły wiślickiej z 1682 roku*, "Archiwa Biblioteki i Muzea Kościelne" (further: ABMK) vol. 103, 2015, pp. 77-94.

³ W. Kętrzyński, *Inventaria Ecclesiae Collegiatae Sanctae Mariae Visliciensis*, [in:] *Monumenta Poloniae Historica*, vol. 5, ed. A. Bielowski, Lviv 1888, pp. 941-942.

⁴ E. Chwałewik, *Zbiory polskie, archiwa, biblioteki, gabinety, galerie, muzea i inne zbiory pamiątek przeszłości w ojczyźnie i na obczyźnie*, vol. 2, Warsaw 1927, pp. 505-506; M. Hornowska,

quite understandably, was paid to those dating back to the Middle Ages, however, the other books collected in the former collegiate church library in Wiślica in the Modern Era have recently been noticed.⁵

The importance of the research on the former parish libraries has been numerously recognized in the literature on the subject.⁶ Especially the fact that they have always played an integral part in the pastoral activities of the church in Poland, on condition that, however, they constituted obligatory reading and source material for the parish clergy and the lay parishioners.⁷ The most interesting library specimen include provenance inscriptions of a wide range both geographical and institutional. The historical library of Basilica Minor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wiślica comprises books and manuscripts from the Cistercian monastery in Wąchock, the Benedictine monastery of the Holy Cross Mountain, the Pauline monastery in Pińczów, parish libraries in Stopnica and Wawrzeńczyce, Kielce seminary and the cathedral in Kielce on the one hand, and on the other, those which belonged to local canons, vicars, altarists and priests form the parishes in Wiślica provostry. A few of them still possess preserved provenance inscriptions on their current place of storage, like “Ex Bibliothecis RR. Wikariis Wisliciensis” while the others include typical for the Wiślica library descriptions made prior to Radziwiłł inspection (1598/1599) in the form of the shortened titles of the books placed on the upper or side edges of the text-blocks. It is obvious, however, that some part of this type of provenance inscriptions must have been irretrievably lost due to the current decayed condition of the collection. Many of them had been listed in the existing inventories of the Wiślica library conducted from the end of the XVI⁸ century up to 1785.⁹

H. Zdzitowiecka-Jasieńska, *Zbiory rękopiśmienne w Polsce średniowiecznej*, Warsaw 1947, pp. 299-303; E. Potkowski, *Książka w kulturze Polski średniowiecznej*, Warsaw 1984, pp. 207-208.

⁵ P. Kardyś, *Biblioteka przykolegiacka w Wiślicy (XV-XVIII w.)*, ABMK, vol. 82, 2004, pp. 85-102; J. Kaliszuk, *Rękopisy średniowieczne kolegiaty wiślickiej w świetle inwentarzy*, ABMK, vol. 87, 2007, pp. 83-105.

⁶ See H. E. Wyczawski, *Kościelne zbiory biblioteczne (wiek XVI-XVIII)*, [in:] *Dzieje teologii katolickiej w Polsce*, vol. 2, part 1, ed. M. Rechowicz, Lublin 1975, pp. 517-549.

⁷ A. Biernacka, M. Dubiński, *Zarys historii bibliotek parafialnych w Polsce*, ABMK, vol. 73, 2000, pp. 9-21; T. Zahajkiewicz, *Funkcja i znaczenie biblioteki parafialnej lub klasztornej*, ABMK, vol. 77, 2002, pp. 9-17; J. Kosińska, *Zbiory starych książek w bibliotekach parafialnych i klasztornych*, ibidem, pp. 41-51.

⁸ Archives of the Metropolitan Curia (Archiwum Kurii Metropolitalnej) in Cracow, sig. AV Cap. 9: *Visitatio secunda [...] per [...] Georgium card. Radziwiłł [...] a. D. MDCXCVII die X et XI Iunii [...expedita]*, (documents of the general inspection by cardinal Jerzy Radziwiłł 1597/1598), pp. 382-389, 390-391; Diocese Archives in Kielcach (Archiwum Diecezjalne w Kielcach – further: ADK), sig. IIKW-4, *Descriptio reformationum, proventorum, privilegiorum, inscriptionum, inventariorum ecclesiarum; tam Collegiata Wisliciensis, quam etiam capelli Sanctii Spiritus 1599*, ff. 176r-181r, 333r-337r.; P. Kardyś, *Biblioteka*, pp. 86-87; J. Kaliszuk, *Rękopisy*, pp. 99-104.

⁹ ADK, sig. IIKW-1, *Wiślica the town. The condition of the parish church and of the collegiate church in Wiślica. Copy of the inspection documents of rev. A. Dunin Kozicki [...] inspector general, January 1785 r.*; P. Kardyś, *Biblioteka*, p. 88.

Originally, the whole library was catalogued with the call numbers glued on the heads of the book spines, which unfortunately became destroyed or decayed significantly. The current, shortened, inventory is limited only to the titles, publishers (if the overall condition of the book allows it), volume (in case of some books it is impossible to count the unnumbered leafs as their corners are much damaged), a short description of the overall condition (mostly possible damages or any special features) and their possible provenance notes, which, as they are only few, cannot be the base for drawing any firm conclusions. The main aim was to popularize the knowledge on the historical library whose origins date back to the Middle Ages featuring quite a few books that have been stored there from the XVI century up to the present times.¹⁰ Additionally, the condition of the books makes it necessary to catalogue them when it is still possible.¹¹

During cataloguing work performed between August 2013 and February 2015 the part comprising the prints issued up to the XVIII century has been extracted. The basic job was to provide the old prints with the correct numbers so as to enable any future researchers the fruitful use of the collection. Since some of the books had already been given the call numbers in the form of the small stripes of grey paper glued on the book spine, I have decided not to remove them. However, the major problem as far as publication of the inventory was concerned, was the repetitiveness of the call numbers. It proved that in the middle of the XIX century cataloguing work had been performed and the first signatures had been glued. In the XX century another procedure had been performed, namely, new call numbers had been glued on top the old ones. Not only does the practical inspection of the books prove this fact but also numerical order distortion, for example some prints from the XX century bare earlier numbers as compared to those prints from the XVI-XIX centuries. Additional difficulties have been caused by the fact that during another cataloguing procedure either new call numbers had not been glued to all books or some of them fell off thus it is not rare that two different books have the same call number. Another problem is the fact that the call numbers do not coincide with chronological order of the books publishing, however the numbers were the basis for the very rough inventory made in 1996 which was written in the B5 size notebook. For instance, two co-bounded incunabula, one from 1480 and the other from 1481, had been given the following description: “XV century, 1488, incunabulum, Venice 1488 (sic!), condition: no title page, call number 243”. It is obviously not a sufficient cataloguing description, however, it must be admitted that up to now it had been the only more or less actual inventory of the library of Basilica Minor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wiślica. The inventory also allowed for the analysis of the actual number of the books within the time span of 1996 – 2013. 420 units had been listed with 118 units without title pages or binding thus with no possibility of cataloguing them, however, the total number comprised the books from the XX century,

¹⁰ More on the subject, see: P. Kardyś, *XV-XVII-wieczne druki*.

¹¹ This work is a success thanks to inviting the author by the parish-priest, rev. Wiesław Stępień to catalogue the historical library collection as well as to his friendly attitude and openness.

photos, two public registers from the XVIII-XIX centuries and single documents, like the testament from 1862 or the Russian report from 1915.¹²

Taking into account extremely poor condition of incunabula, post-incunabula and numerous old-prints, it was decided not to detach old call numbers to replace them with new ones, especially when the front covers are missing or the text-block is torn or the book is in spoilage condition. In the current inventory I have applied the numerical order within one century including information on the original call number. All the preserved and partly collated books as often as not in the form of loose leafs and quires with no title pages or binding and lacking call numbers in existing catalogues have been primarily listed within one particular century and they have been given serial numbers. In justified cases such as the overall print condition, author, iconography, material used (binding method or paper) when either the beginning of the book or its other parts allowing its placement in the century of origin, the term “probable” has been applied.

Inventory of the historical library of Basilica Minor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wislica (as found in February 2015)

XV century:

1. Original call no. 243
Incipit: *Tabula questionis secundi libri secunde partis beati Thome de Aquino*, printed by Johanes Mantben, Cologne 1480.
2. Original call no. 243
Explicit: *Vocabularius utruisque iuris*, printed by Anton Koberger, Nuremberg 1481.
Notes: block-book folio (31 x 21 cm), ff. 330, two incunabula co-bounded, very much decayed.¹³

XVI century:

1. Original call no. 252
Speculum Exemplorum, printed by Henricus Gran inibi incolam: impensis circumspecti viri Johannis Rynman de Dzingaw, Hagen 1519.
notes: postincunabulum, decayed, folio (30 x 20 cm), quarternion and quinternion, brown leather binding with a blind stamp and embossing, originally a plaque on the upper block-book, no wooden covers, provenance note on the front-page of the upper block-book: “Ex Bibliothecis [...] Capituli [...]”, a note on the top edge of the block-book: “Spec. Exemplor”.¹⁴

¹² During cataloguing work, applying the rule of collectivity, I have extracted from the collection and included in the parish archives those public registers, testament, report and several other documents.

¹³ See more P. Kardyś, *XV-XVII-wieczne druki*, pp. 80-81.

¹⁴ Ibidem.

2. No call no.
Symbolico, after 1529(?)
notes: block-book without covers, no beginning or ending, pp. 290 + unnumbered
3. Original call no. 229
Dionysii D. Carthusianii, In Quattuor Evangelistas ennarationes, printed by Petrus Quentel, Cologne 1532.
notes: decayed, no covers, provenance note on the title page: “Ex Bibliothecis RR Vicarjis Vilsicinesis regestratus 23 Augusti 1678”.¹⁵
4. Original call no. 98
Joannis Herolt, *Sermones promptuarium discipuli*, Venice 1556.
notes: book without the beginning or the ending, 20,5 x 15,5, pp. 160+48
5. *Confessio Hosji*, druk Excudebat Franciscus Behem, Mainz 1557.
notes: begins with the chapter: *Quod fides fundamentum sit religionis Christianae*, no beginning or the ending, 34 x 21 cm, two clasps’ marks, one clasp left, covers decayed,¹⁶ leaf marked with the symbol F contains provenance note: “Ex Libris Nicolai Machowski Presbyteri”.
6. Original call no. 284
Stanislai Sokolovii, *De verae et falsae ecclesiae discrimine*, libri tres, printed by In Officina Lazarii, Cracow 1583.
notes: decayed, no ending, paper cover, 30 x 20 cm, pp. 208, provenance note on the title page: “Ex Libris Reverendi Antonii Olexy 1760 [?]”; “Ex Bibliotheca RR. Vicarios Vislicensis”.
7. Original call no. 227
N. Clenardi, *Graecae lingvae institutiones*, printed by Apud Andreae Wecheliheredes, Claudium Marnium et Joannem Aubnum, Frankfurt 1587.
notes: decayed, no binding, a wooden piece as a the remaining part of the back cover, 17 x 11 cm, pp. 40+590.
8. Original call no. 228
Ludovico Granatensi, *Concionum de tempore*, vol. 3, printed at Ex Officina Christophori Plantini, Antwerp 1588.
notes: decayed, frayed edges, bark beetles’ marks, no covers, 17 x 11 cm, pp. 608+ unnumbered, title page includes provenance notes, inter alia: “Bibl. R.R. Visliciensi 1594; Ex libris Vicar. [...]”.
9. Original call no. 241
Flores theologiarum questionum. In Secundum Librum Sententiarum, nunc primum colecti, et in lucem editi, pars secunda, printed at Ex Officina Damiani Zenarji, Jacobus Cornettus excudebat, Venetiis 1588.
notes: decayed, no title page, starts from page 17 (18 x 11,5 cm), pp. 428 +350+163+ index, brown leather binding with a blind stamp, clasps without straps, provenance note on the end page: “Ex Bibliotecis Eccl. Sokolinensis 1718”.

¹⁵ Ibidem.

¹⁶ Ibidem.

10. Original call no. 223
Sermones aurei et pulcherrimi compilati et editi [...] Jacobo de Voragine, printed at Apud Florauantem á Prato, Venice 1589.
 Notes: decayed, no title page, 14,5 x 9,5 cm, pp. 395 + unnumbered, brown leather binding, provenance note at the end: “Pro Bibliotheca Novitatis Conventis Cracov. 1709 scrip., before 1773 it belonged to the preacher Bartłomiej Rychłowski”.
11. Original call no. 274
Psalter (De Festo Joane Baptista), XVI century.
 Notes: decayed, quaternion, last four leaves in the form of quires b, from quire d on foliation in the form of Fo I (*Psalmi in nocturno Dominicali*), provenance note at the bottom on the remaining leaf 1r “Ex Bibliothecis RR. Vicaris Vislicien[is]/registratur 29 Augusti 169[7]”.¹⁷

Probable:

1. *Sermones quadragesimales*, XVI century. (?)
 Notes: in spoilage, no binding, no beginning or ending, 25,5 x 19 cm, bearing a shortened note with a title placed on the upper edge of the text-block, characteristic for Wiślica library before cataloguing work in 1578
2. Original call no. 253.
Decretalium D. Gregori Papae novi compilatio, XVI century. (?)
 Notes: decayed, light leather binding ornamented with a blind stamp and by a knurl, two brackets' marks, no title page (36 x 26 cm), it starts with “Versus Expositio Continentes Rubricas Iuris Canonici”, pagination concerns the text columns (coll. 1966).
3. Original call no. 254.
Considelationes De Aeternitate, XVI century. (?)
 Notes: decayed, leather binding with a blind stamp of IHS initials, no beginning or ending, 37 x 25 cm, pp. 906 + index.
4. *Sermones*, XVI century. (?)
 Notes: decayed, 30,5 x 20 cm, pp. 567+ index, preserved part starts with: “Domenica I. Adventus, concio prima”.

XVII century:

1. Original call no. 266
 Muretus Antonius M., *Orationum*, volumen primum, volume secundum, Incipit: *Scipioni Gonzagae marchioni, et S.R.J. principi*, (co-bounded: Sigonii Caroli, *Orationes septem*), printed at Apud Antonium Hierat, sub Monocerote, Cologne 1601.
 Notes: decayed, cardboard binding, 15 x 10 cm, title on the spine, no title page, unnumbered pages.

¹⁷ Ibidem.

2. Original call no. 244
Lorcitani Joannis Azari R.P., *Institutionum moralium liber primus*, 1602(?).
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, brown leather binding, two brackets' marks, 32 x 21 cm, pp. 1151 + index.
3. Original call no. 249
Langii Josephi V., *Polianthea*, printed by Sumptibus Lazari Zetzner Bibliopolae, Lyon 1604.
Notes: decayed, wooden case, no leather, no title page, 35 x 21 cm, pp. 1269.
4. Original call no. 223
Joannis de Morein, *Echo concionis*, after 1606(?).
Notes: decayed, 17 x 10 cm, pp. 652 + index.
5. Original call no. 236
Francisci Toleti Societatis Jesu, *Commentaria una cum questionibus in universam Aristotelis logicam*, printed at In Officina Bircmannica sumptibus Hermanni Mylii, Cologne 1607
notes: decayed, paper cover attached later, 22 x 17 cm, pp. 440+ unnumbered, provenance note on the title page: "Ex Bibliotheca R. Martini Ma[zurkiewicz?] Pierzchala canonicus Vislicien. Paroch. Chmiel [...]".
6. Original call no. 238
Historiarum magni Aleksandri, Lugduni 1611.
Notes: decayed, 12 x 8 cm, pp. 608+ index, provenance note stating the parish library in Wawrzeńczyce as the owner.
7. Original call no. 239
Tertia pars De Salvatore D. Thomae de Aquino Angelicii et Sancte Ecclesiae Doctoris, printed by Apud Juntas, Venice 1612, co-bounded *Questiones quodlibetales duodecim* by Thomas Aquinas printed by Apud Juntas, Venice 1612; co-bounded *Opuscula Omnia* F. Thomae de Vio Caietani, Apud Juntas, Venice 1612; co-bounded *De Sacramentis Ecclesiae Christi axiomata* by St. Augustine, Apud Juntas, Venice 1612; co-bounded *Duo Copiosissimi indices [...]* *Summae Theologicae Divi Thomae Aquinatis*, Apud Juntas, Venice 1612.
Notes: light leather binding, completely separated from the wooden covers, a mark after an oval plaque on the cover of the upper text-block and two brackets' marks, 36 x 25 cm, pp. 448+771+44+230+ indexes, provenance notes on the title page: "Ex libris Martini Mazurkiewicz Pierzchala Plebani Chmielnicensi Anno 1688 Altaristi ad Columnnam Visliciensis Beatissimae M. Virginis [...]; Vicarjis RR Visliciensis".
8. Original call no. 242
Missae propriae patronorum et festorum Regni Poloniae. Ad normam Missalis Romani accommodatae, printed at Ex Officina Plantiniana, apud Viduam et Filios Joannis Moreti, Antwerp 1613.
Notes: decayed, co-bounded with the print from 1617 by the same publisher, back cover preserved, brown leather ornamented with open-work metal fittings with buttons along the edges, a mark after an oval plaque in the centre, two brackets on leather straps, 24 x 18 cm, pp. 604+95+34 + index, an inscription: a Dobrzyński on the paper covering the case.

9. Original call no. 224
Caspari Vlenbergio, *Conciones*, Cologne 1613.
Notes: decayed, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 708+448 + index.
10. Original call no. 247
Filippo Bosanueo, *Echo concionum*, 1614.
Notes: decayed, no beginning, 17 x 9,5 cm, pp. 133+368+380+ index.
11. Original call no. 230
Petro Besseo, *Conciones*, Cologne 1614.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 17 x 10 cm, pp. 722+762.
12. Original call no. 224
Lippeolo Zachariam V.P., [...] *Selectissimis et Probatissimis Orthodoxis Patribus Primum*, printed by Sumptibus Bernardii Gualtheri, Cologne 1616.
Notes: brown leather b; 15, inding 5 x 9,5 cm, pp. 1024+ unnumbered, provenance note on the title page: "Ex Libris Vladislai Kotek".
13. Original call no. 261
Davrovtio Antonio, *Florum Exemplorum sive Catechismi historialis*, parts I-IV, printed by Sumptibus Joannis Kinckii sub Monocerote, Cologne 1618.
Notes: decayed, no binding or title page, back cover in the form of a wooden board with two brackets' marks, 25 x 20 cm, pp. 276+356+286+234+ index.
14. Petro Besseao, *Conceptus theologici ad praedicabile*, 1620.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 20,5 x 16 cm, pp. 676+192.
15. Original call no. 356
Joanne Petro Camusio, *Homiliae*, Cologne 1621-1624.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 18 x 11 cm, pp. 384+491+161+96+ index.
16. Original call no. 93
Petro de Besse, *Concionum*, Cologna 1629.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 21 x 17 cm, pp. 674+ unnumbered.
17. Original call no. 24
Gembicki Petro D., *Episcopo Crac. Duci Severia Domino et Patronomeo Colendissimo*, printed by (?), 1643.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 17 x 10 cm, pp. 711+ index.
18. Original call no. 263
Hieremiae Drexelli, *Opera*, after 1643.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 24 x 19, pp. 1192.
19. Original call no. 226
Opatovio Adamo, *Tractatum theologiarum*, pars prima, printed by In Officina Typ. Christophori Schedelii, Cracow 1644.
Notes: decayed, light leather binding with a blind stamped title, visible marks after two brackets, 22 x 18 cm, pp. 716+index, provenance note on the third page: "Ex Libris Reverendi Joannis Dużowski".

20. Original call no. 221
 Posnaniense Petro, *Splendores hierarchiae politicae et ecclesiasticae*, printed by Apud Lucam Kupisz, S.R.M. Typographum, Cracow 1652.
 Notes: parchment binding with the title on the spine, 20 x 16 cm, pp. 489 + unnumbered, a note on the title page: "Liber Landensis Comparatus a P. Antonio P. L. Cracovia Anno 1729".
21. Original call no. 61
 Mathiae Fabrii, *Concionum*, 1654.
 Notes: decayed, 21 x 14 cm, pp. 898+208.
22. Original call no. 334
Brewiarz, Lugduni 1656.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 12 x 8 cm, pp. 492 +index.
23. Original no. 220
 Covtino Ignatii, *Sanctorale*, vol. 2, printed by Apud Joannem Buseaum Bibliopolam Sub Monocerote, Cologne 1661.
 Notes: parchment binding, hand-written title on the spine, 21 x 17 cm, pp. 420 +unnumbered, provenance note on the title page: "Sum Conventus Pinczoviensis Ordinis S. Pauli; Comparavit Joanes Stradomski Prior Provincialis et Cantici Pinczoviensis inscripsit"; at the end of the book: "Bibliotheca Conventus Pinczoviensis Ordinis S. Pauli Smi. Eremitae in Scriptus", symbols: V, D, 17 (probably symbols of the places the book was stored in while at the monastery library in Pińczów).
24. Original call no. 264
 Augustini Paoletti, *Discursus praedicabiles*, Cologne 1664.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 21 x 17 cm, pp. 297+510+index.
25. Original call no. 247
 Rychłowski Franciszek, *Kazania na święta całego roku z różnych doktorów i autorów ku zbudowaniu dusz ludzkich zebrane i napisane*, printed at Drukarnia Stanisława Piotrkowczyka, Typographa I.K.M. (Royal printing-house), Cracow 1667.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, wooden binding with the front without leather, 30 x 20 cm, pp. 521+unnumbered +128+unnumbered, provenance note on the title page: "Ex Bibliotheca RR. Vicar. Wislic."
26. Original call no. 225
 Tylkowski Adalberto, *Breviarium concionatorium*, printed at Typis Monasteri Olivensis, 1686.
 Notes: decayed.
27. Original call no. 245
 Wergiliusz *Bucolica, Ecloga, Georgicon, Aeneidae*, printed at Ex Typographia David Roger, Paris 1689.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning, 23,5 x 19 cm, pp. 864+index.
28. Original call no. 222
Gradus ad parnassum sive novus synonymorum, epithetorum et phrasium poethicarum thesaurus, printed at Sumptibus vidue Godefridi Meucheri Bibliopole, Cologne 1699.
 Notes: brown leather binding, 17,5 x 10 cm, pp. 672+unnumbered.

29. Original call no. 32
Biblia Sacra vulgatae editiones, printed at sumptibus Balthasaris ab Egmond et sociorum, Cologne 1682.
 Notes: brown leather binding, 17 x 11,5 cm, pp. 894.
30. Original call no. 225
Brewiarz, 1685.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 19 x 16 cm, pp. 274, ex libris from 1737 Nicolai Braskowski.
31. Original call no. 258
Exercitatorium Vitae Spiritualis, współoprawne *Tractatus Directorii Horarum Canonicarum*, 1691(?).
 Notes: parchment binding, no title page, 10,5 x 16 cm, pp. 154+unnumbered, numerous and hardly eligible notes on flyleaves, provenance note: "Ex Libris Joannis Pielgrzym", and inscriptions: "Operis huius sine Lavacri animae et Exercitatorii apud [?] Spiritualis; Author Garsias de Cisneros Abbas Hispanus; Ex Libris Ludovici Strandała".
32. Original call no. 213
Sacrarum religionum maximae ex regula S.P.N. Augustini ecclesiae doctoris maximi, printed by sumptibus Laurentii Kroniger [...] et haeredum Theophili Goebelii; Typis Joannis Christophori Wagneri, Augustae Vindelliciorum 1696.
 Notes: decayed, no covers, 19,5 x 15 cm, pp. 305+324+unnumbered, note on the title page: "Comparavit Antonius a Monasterio [...] andendisae Gedani tynf 5".

Probable:

1. Original call no. 222
Conciones sacrae in Evangelia dominicalia, XVII century.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 33-761, pp. 576 + indexes.
2. Original call no. 184
 Kazania (sermons), XVII century.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, leather and wood binding, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 748.
3. Original call no. 34
 Kazania (sermons), printed in XVII century.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, in Polish, 29,5 x 21 cm, pp. 901+index.
4. Original call no. 37
 Kazania (sermons), printed in XVII century.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, in Polish, 31 x 20 cm, pp. 690 + unnumbered.
5. Original call no. 46
 Psalterz (psaltry), printed in XVII century.
 Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 26 x 20 cm, pp. 470 + unnumbered.

6. *Annalium Poloniae*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 30 x 19 cm, pp. 57-490.
7. Original call no. 178
Joannis Osorii Lusitani, *Concionum et in passione domini epitome*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, 17 x 10,5 cm, pp. 199-297+240+unnumbered.
8. Original call no. 78
Joannis Osorii, *Concionum*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 21,5 x 16 cm, pp. 382+736.
9. Original call no. 212
Didaco de Jangvas Fr., *Promptuarium concionum de praecipuis Christi et sanctorum festis, per totum annum*, printed at Sumptibus Hermanni Mylii Birckmanni, Cologne, XVII century.
Notes: good condition, 18 x 11 cm, pp. 989+unnumbered, light leather binding, note on the title page: "Comparavit novissimae [...]", other notes ineligible and blurred, hardly eligible provenance note on the front-paper of the upper text-block indicating the ownership of the Pińczów convent in 1768.
10. *Tractatus De Legibus*, współoprawne *Tractatus De Censuris*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 36,5 x 23 cm, wooden binding, no leather, marks after two brackets buckling the text-block once, pp. 649+392+index.
11. Petri Fonsecae, *Commentarii*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 25 x 16,5 cm, pp. 778+index.
12. Original call no. 325
Concionum, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 16 x 9,5 cm, pp. 49-64, 111-1162.
13. Original call no. 166
Thomae Stapletoni, *Conciones*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 18 x 12 cm, pp. 950+index.
14. Original call no. 211
Philippica (?), printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 20 x 16 cm, pp. 240+176+98 + unnumbered.
15. Original call no. 351
Conciones, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 21,5 x 16,5 cm, pp. 779+872.
16. Original call no. 327
Petri de Aliaco, *Opera*, printed in XVII century.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 14 x 8 cm, pp. 49-554.
17. Didaci Nisseni, *Sermones*(?), XVII century
Notes: decayed, 20 x 17 cm, remaining pages: 243-516.

XVIII century:

1. Original call no. 200
Biblia Sacra vulgatae editionis, printed by Apud Martinum Endterum, Vienna 1705.
Notes: cardboard binding, 21,5 x 13,5 cm, pp. 1151.
2. Original no. 204
Constitutiones Pontificiae, druk Leonardus Pittonus Collectoris Pater, Venice 1711.
Notes: decayed, brown leather binding, 17,5 x 11 cm, pp. 280+46+372 + unnumbered.
3. Original call no. 217
Penzingeri Sebastiani Henrici, *Additamentum quadripartitum super dominicale triplicis concionis boni ordinis*, druk Sumptibus Buggelli et Seitzii, Nuremberg 1725.
Notes: decayed, no covers, 21 x 16,5 cm, pp. 824+unnumbered, provenance note on the flyleaf "Ex Libris Josephi Fran. Klonowski Presbyteri Ecclesiae Stobnicensis; hic liber emptus Vienna in Austria"; previous call number 70.
4. Original call no. 251
Discursus Praedicabiles, Viridarum Sacrarum Concionum, printed in 1729.
Notes: decayed, canvas binding, partial lack of the title page, 28 x 25,5 cm, pp. 360 + 57, provenance note on the flyleaf: "Hunc librum accepi post pie desanctus [...] Valentini Kurzawski Praepositus Czarnocinensis Decanus Sokolinensis pro missis 15", signed by X. Józef Muszyński.
5. Original call no. 211
X Jerzy Dębski, *Kazania*, printed at Drukarnia J.K.M. Collegium Societatis Jesu, Sandomierz 1732.
Notes: decayed, canvas binding (31 x 18,5 cm), pp. 382 + unnumbered.
6. Original call no. 248
Leyva Venero Hieronymo, *Examen episcoporum et eorum, qui approbandi sunt Ad administranda Sacramenta, utile Examinatoribus, Judicibus Ecclesiasticis, Advocatis et Procuratoribus, Omnes Decisiones Juris Canonici*, printed at Typis Collegii Lubransciani Academiae Posnaniensis, Poznań 1735.
Notes: cardboard binding, 33 x 21 cm, pp. 429+index.
7. Original call no. 250
Bonacinae (?), 1738.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 741+index, provenance note of the Holy Cross Mountain monastery.
8. Original call no. 79
Rychalski Michaele, *Quadruga sacerdotum ad caelum sive praedestinatio sacerdotalis*, printed by Typis S.R.M. Collegi Sicietati Jesu, Vilnus-Lublin 1747.
Notes: paper binding, 13,5 x 8 cm, pp. unnumbered.
9. Original call no. 238
X. Samuel from St. Florian, *Adwent z postem*, printed at Drukarnia J.K.M. i Rzeczpospolitej Collegium XX. Scholarum Piarum, Warsaw 1749.
Notes: brown leather binding, the title blind stamped on the spine, 33 x 21 cm, pp. 705+unnumbered.

10. Original call no. 210
Busenbaum Hermanni, *Medulla Thologiae Moralis*, tomus I, printed at Typis S.R.M. Collegii Societatis Jesu, Sandomierz 1753.
Notes: decayed, cardboard binding covered with brown leather, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 575+unnumbered, provenance note on the front-paper of the upper text-block: "Wincenty Zygałło".
11. Original call no. 201
Ciceronis M. Tulli, *Orationes selectae, opera et studio Christophori Wahl*, tomus primus, printed at Typis Academicis Societatis Jesu, Tyrnaviae 1754.
Notes: cardboard binding, 18 x 11,5 cm, pp. 445+index, provenance note on the front-paper of the upper text-block: "Ex Libris M. Różycki".
12. Original call no. 197
Reviczky Antonio, *Elementae Philosophiae naturalis pars altera, seu Physica Particularis in usum auditorum conscripta*, druk Typis Academicis Societatis Jesu, Tarnów 1758.
Notes: cardboard binding, spine strengthened with brown leather (21 x 15 cm), pp. 228+unnumbered.
13. Original call no. 81
Paciorkowski Martino, *Regula processus granicialis campestris Regni Poloniae*, printed at Typis S.R.M. Collegii Societatis Jesu, Lublin 1760.
Notes: brown leather binding, 19 x 15 cm, pp. 194+index.
14. Original call no. 202
Compendium politicum, printed at Typis S.R.M. Republicae in Collegio Regio Scholarum Piarum, Warsaw 1760.
Notes: decayed, no covers, 18 x 10 cm, pp. 168.
15. Original call no. 279
Catechismus historicus, dogmaticus, practicus, printed in Augsburg 1760.
Notes: decayed, leather binding, 22 x 18,5 cm, pp. 840+unnumbered.
16. Original call no. 82
Ciceronis M. Tulli, *Rhetoricorum opera praecipua cum adnotationibus selectis juxta editionem Josephi Oliveti*, printed at Typis Joannis Thomae Trattner, Vienna 1761.
Notes: cardboard binding, spine strengthened with leather with the title on it, 21 x 13 cm, pp. 694.
17. Original call no. 203
Habert Ludovico D., *Compendium theologiae dogmaticae*, printed at Typ. Remondinion Soeriorum Permissu, Venice 1762.
Notes: decayed, no binding, 17 x 9,5 cm, pp. 478+unnumbered.
18. Original call no. 80
Elbel Benjamini, *Supplementum theologiae moralis: de indulgentis in specie, per modum conferentianem casibus practicis*, printed at Sumptibus Christophori Bartl, Augustae Vindeliciorum 1763.
Notes: leather binding with a blind stamped title on the spine, 18 x 11 cm, pp. 734, provenance note on the first page: *Ad usum Fres. Urbani Ziembicki ord. Ssmi. Sepulchri Profesi.*

19. Original call no. 219
Nouvelles extraordinaires des divers endroits du Vendredi 20 Janvier 1764, 1764.
Notes: decayed, no covers, no beginning or ending, 21,5 x 17, pp. unnumbered.
20. Original call no. 208
Ubermanowicz Sebastian, *Religia i cnota chrześcijańska po kaznodziejsku wykładane*, printed at Drukarnia Jego Królewskiej Mości (Royal printing-house), Kalisz 1767.
Notes: brown leather binding, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. unnumbered.
21. Original call no. 215
Novum Jesu Christi Testamentum, vulgatae editiones, printed at Culmae in Prussia 1771.
Notes: brown leather binding, 13 x 7 cm, pp. 729, provenance note on the title page: "Ex Libris Ludovici Strandafa".
22. Original call no. 199
Cathalogus episcoporum, printed at Nella Stamperia Cracas presso S. Marco al Corso, Rome 1772.
Notes: cardboard binding, title blind stamped on the spine: *Cathalogus Episcoporum 1771*, 11,5 x 7 cm, pp. 332.
23. Original call no. 198
Festa Officia propria Sanctorum patronum ordinis Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae, printed at Anno Reparare Salutis, Częstochowa 1774.
Notes: decayed, brown leather case, 15 x 10 cm, pp. 218+124, provenance note on the flyleaf: "Dis. Raphaelis [...] Praedicatoris ad S. Barbaram"; another provenance note on the title page: "[...] Firmiani Zamorski applicator 1816".
24. Original call no. 245
Franciszek Erasm Preiss, *Examen trinum*, Sandomiria 1774.
Notes: decayed, no beginning or ending, brown leather case, title on the spine, provenance note on the title page: "X. Antoni Dąbrowski".
25. Original call no. 278
Gramatyka francuska w języku niemieckim, printed in Vienna 1778.
Notes: decayed, cardboard case, 17,5 x 11 cm, pp. 462 + unnumbered, title on the spine, illegible ex libris on the title page.
26. Original call no. 76
Żułkiewski Karol, *Kazania ku religii prawdziwej, utwierdzeniu, naprawie obyczajów. Z przygody miane*, vol. I, printed at Drukarnia J.K.M. Rzeczypospolitej (Royal printing house), Kalisz 1779.
Notes: cardboard case strengthened on the titled spine, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 368, provenance note on the title page hardly legible: "[...] fr. Augustini [...]".
27. Original call no. 257
Kazania na święta kościelne, printed by (Inprimatur: In Palatio Episcopali Josephus Olechowski, Kraków 1779), Cracow 1779 (?).
Notes: decayed, no case or the title page, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 341+unnumbered.

28. Original call no. 77
Rousseau Jean Jacques, *Emilie, au de l'education*, tome troisieme, Genewa 1780.
Notes: cardboard case, 16 x 9,5 cm, pp. 422.
29. Original call no. 237
Cnapii Gregorii, *Thesauri polono – latino – graeci*, tomus secundus: *latino – polono – germanicus novo synonymorum et phrasum poeticarum aparatu auctus, nec noc innumeris latinis, polonicis, germanicis vocabulis locupletatus*, printed by Typis Michaelis Gröll, Bibliopole Aule Sacre Regie Majestatis, Varsaviae, Leopoli et Dresdnae 1780.
Notes: paperback, 21,5 x 17 cm, pp. 1435+111, provenance note on the title page and front page: C. 49; following inscription on the title page: Th. Świątkowski.
30. Original call no. 72
Kazania Massyliona biskupa klermontańskiego, vol. IV: *Wielkopostne*, printed by: Kosztem i Drukiem Ignacego Grebla Typografa i Bibliopoli Jego Królewskiej Mci. (paid by Ignacy Grebel typograph and bibliopol of the Crown), Cracow 1785.
Notes: decayed, no case, 16 x 10 cm, 368 pages.
31. Original call no. 74
Kazania Massyliona biskupa klermontańskiego, vol. VIII: *Wielkopostne*, printed by: Kosztem i Drukiem Ignacego Grebla Typografa i Bibliopoli Jego Królewskiej Mci. (paid by Ignacy Grebel Typographer and Bibliopole of the Crown), Cracow 1787.
Notes: strengthened cardboard case with the title on the spine, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 235+204+unnumbered.
32. Original call no. 73
Kazania Massyliona biskupa klermontańskiego, vol. IX: *Wielkopostne*, printed by: Kosztem i Drukiem Ignacego Grebla Typografa i Bibliopoli jego Królewskiej Mci. (paid by Ignacy Grebel Typographer and Bibliopole of the Crown) , Cracow 1787.
Notes: decayed, no case, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 174.
33. Original call no. 75
Kazania Massyliona biskupa klermontańskiego, vol. X: *Na niedziele niektóre*, printed by: Kosztem i Drukiem Ignacego Grebla Typografa i Bibliopoli Jego Królewskiej Mci. (paid by Ignacy Grebel Typographer and Bibliopole of the Crown), Cracow 1788.
Notes: decayed, no case, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 248+unnumbered.
34. Original call no. 216
Versuas Christianae Apostolicare Romano-Catholicae, printed in Sandomierz 1788.
Notes: decayed, 18 x 12 cm, pp. 650.
35. Original call no. 84
Jachimowski Jacobus, *Praelectionis theologicae, in sacram scripturam Veteris Testamenti*, printed by Typis Scholae Principis Regni Universitatis Cracow, Cracow 1789.
Notes: cardboard binding, 18 x 11,5 cm, pp. 372.

36. Original call no. 206
Katechizm rzymski, vol. 3, printed by Drukarnia Wincentego Gröbbla Typografa J.K.M., Cracow 1789.
 Notes: cardboard binding, title stamped on the spine, 17,5 x 11 cm, pp. 447 + unnumbered, provenance note on the title page: "Ex Libris Martini Knopek".
37. Original call no. 207
 Mayer Gregorius, *Institutio interpretis sacri*, printed by Typis Christiani Friderici Wapler, Vindobonae 1789.
 Notes: paper binding strengthened with parchment on the spine with the title, 17,5 x 11,5 cm, pp. unnumbered, provenance notes on the title page: "Domino AR Rubinkowski; Ex libris [...] Ludovici Strandała".
38. Original call no. 209
Kazania na niedziele całego roku w Katedrze Włocławskiej przez X. Felixa Synakiewiczza Prowincji Pruskiej Reformata, roku 1779 miane, vol. III, printed by Drukarnia J.K.M.(Royal printing house), Warsaw 1790.
 Notes: decayed, covers missing, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 296+unnumbered.
39. Original call no. 233
 AP. Voit Edmundo, *Theologia moralis*, part II, vol. I, Editio Tertia Italica, printed by Prostant Venetis apud Remondial, Bassani 1790.
 Notes: canvas binding, 16,5 x 10 cm, pp. 500.
40. Original call no. 83
Officium rakoczyanum in quo continentur exercitia ordinaria Hominis Christiani [...] Beatae Virginis Mariae ab Angelo Salutatae, printed in Zagrabie 1794.
 Notes: canvas binding, 13 x 8 cm, pp. 356+unnumbered, prayers written on endpapers: "O Sancto Spiritus, Hymni Sacri".
41. Original call no. 78
 Chmielowski Błażej, *Kazania na niedziele, święta, pasje i na niektóre nabożeństwa w ciągu roku przypadające przeciwko zepsutości obyczajów i wiary wymierzzone*, vol. I, part I, printed by Drukarnia Jana Maya, Cracow 1797.
 Notes: cardboard binding, (18 x 11 cm), pp. 170.
42. Original call no. 205
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 Notes: cardboard binding, 18 x 11 cm, pp. 600.
43. Original call no. 214
Pensées philosophiques sur la nature l'homme, et la religion, tome troisieme, tome quatrieme, printed by Chez Francois Bernard Bertolero, Turin 1797.
 Notes: brown leather binding, stamped title on the spine, 18 x 13 cm, pp. 177+132.
44. Original call no. 250
Elementa Juris Civilis. Secundum Ordinem Pandectarum, tomus primus, (secundum editionem), printed by Sumptibus E.B. Schwickerti, Lipsiae 1797.
 Notes: cardboard binding, 21 x 13 cm, pp. 552.

45. Original call no. 277
 Detlev von Eggers Christian Ulrich, *Dentwürbischkeiten der franzschichen Revolution*, dritter band, printed in Copenhagen 1797.
 Notes: decayed, beginning missing, cardboard binding, 21,5 x 13,5 cm, pp. 515.
 Probable:
1. Original call no. 259
Magasin des adolescentes, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, cardboard binding, 13 x 8,5 cm, pp. 238.
 2. Original call no.265
 Vergili, *Ecloga, Aeneida*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, cardboard binding, beginning missing, 13,5 x 8,5 cm, pp. 13-390.
 3. Original call no. 268
De primis Poeticis Locutionis Elementis, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, cardboard binding, beginning missing, 16,5 x 10,5 cm, pp. 320, inscription on the pastedown of the bottom text-block: PAUL.
 4. Original call no. 269
 Johannis Sthavleri, *Historia et ennaratio vitae*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, beginning missing, 23,5 x 18 cm, pp. 906+index.
 5. Original call no. 270
Rudimenta Musicae Choralis, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, 21 x 17 cm, pp. 87 + unnumbered, covers missing, title page and ending missing.
 6. Original call no. 271
Catechismus pur les petit enfants, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, beginning missing, 14,5 x 9 cm, pp. 140.
 7. Original call no. 273
Pandectarum, pars 5, *Que De ultimis potissimum voluntatibus agit?*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, beginning missing, cardboard binding, 21 x 13 cm, pp. 392, inscription on the spine: "Juris civilis 2".
 8. Original call no. 274
Gramatyka łacińsko-francusko-niemiecka, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, beginning and ending missing, (17 x 11 cm), pp. 398+94 + unnumbered.
 9. Original call no. 326
 Theodoretus, *Libro de curatione*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, beginning and ending missing, 15 x 10 cm, pp. 608.
 10. Original call no. 370
 Avrorae, *Trilanceatae*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, 14,5 x 10 cm, pp. 495+unnumbered.
 11. Original call no. 228
 Rodolphini e Tharsignano, *Praeludia*, XVIII century.
 Notes: decayed, 16 x 10 cm, pp. 685.

Summary

INVENTORY OF THE OLD PRINTS FROM THE LIBRARY OF BASILICA MINOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN WIŚLICA

122 old prints have been catalogued. The remaining part of the library collection comprises 80 books published till the end of the XIX century and some dozens manuscripts mostly religious and on theology. The origin of the manuscripts can be assumed to date back to the turn of the XVIII and XIX centuries or the beginning of the XIX century judging by the writing and the type of paper used. However, precise date of creation is hardly possible to be determined due to the very poor condition of the manuscripts. Quite cursory analysis allows however to conclude that they were of pastoral provenience drawn during the studies at the seminary and were brought to the library in Wiślica by the clergymen who appointed to local benefices. Another, several dozens of volumes collection (not more than 50), comprises books without call numbers, binding or title pages, some in bits and pieces whose external features, especially the printing, imply the issuance date to be between the XVI and XVIII centuries. Nonetheless their above-mentioned condition makes cataloguing impossible thus they have not been included in the inventory. It is worth mentioning that liturgical books from the XIX century form an interesting part of the collection, especially the Missals, because of the binding (usually red or brown leather with titles tooled with gold letters), printing and iconography stylized for the old-Polish era.

Text analysis of the collection indicates, similarly to other source material on the subject,¹⁸ that in the XVI-XVIII centuries the main field of interest among Wiślica clergy was with practical resource material necessary for preaching activity. With time thus the interest in fiction or other books useless for pastoral work dwindled. However, Italian books, so called Enchelus, French and classical poetry can still be found. Moreover, scarcity of books in Polish, which were obviously the most widely available, suggests that Latin was considered trustworthy for such an institution as the collegiate chapter and its members.

Nowadays the collection is a compilation of the books of the then collegiate and vicariate libraries and of the outdated liturgical books from the treasury/sacristry of the collegiate church kept in one place.

Keywords: inventories, old prints, Wiślica, Poland

¹⁸ See: H. E. Wyczawski, *Biblioteki kościelne*, "Polonia Sacra", vol. 7, no. 1, 1955, pp. 27-68; idem, *Kościelne zbiory biblioteczne (wiek XVI-XVIII)*, [in:] *Dzieje teologii katolickiej w Polsce*, vol 2, *Od odrodzenia do oświecenia*, part 1, *Teologia humanistyczna*, ed. M. Rechowicz, Lublin 1975, pp. 519-549; J. Kracik, *Biblioteki parafialne a prywatne księgozbiory duchowieństwa. Dekanat Nowa Góra w XVII-XVIII wieku*, ABMK, 33, 1976, pp. 249-271; J. Szady, *Księgi kaznodziejskie z końca XVIII wieku w Beszowej*, ABMK, vol. 82, 2004, pp. 291-292; T. Moskal, *Biblioteki parafialne w archidiakonacie sandomierskim w XVIII wieku*, Sandomierz 2005, passim; P. Kardys, *Księgozbiory kościołów w dekanatach Bodzentyn i Kunów w latach 1738-1739 w świetle zbiorów Archiwum Diecezjalnego w Kielcach*, ABMK, vol. 92, 2009, pp. 129-132.

Streszczenie

INWENTARZ STARODRUKÓW Z HISTORYCZNEJ BIBLIOTEKI
BAZYLIKI MNIEJSZEJ NMP W WIŚLICY

Na terenie Domu Długosza przy Bazylice Mniejszej NMP w Wiślicy, w jednym z pomieszczeń (tzw. pokój Długosza) znajduje się obszerny regał z książkami pochodzącymi z dawnych bibliotek: kolegiackiej (*Bibliotheca Maioris Capituli*) i wikariuszy (*Bibliotheca Vicarijs Visliciensis*). Generalnie, całość księgozbioru jest w złym stanie zachowania (zagrzybienie, zgryzienie przez korniki, duża część opraw uległa zniszczeniu a bloki książek utrzymują się w całości jedynie dzięki przetrwałym jeszcze związom, przy czym spora część nie posiada już okładek, stron tytułowych i końcowych), a wiele starszych, z XV-XVII w. oraz liturgicznych jest w stanie makulaturowym. Mimo to, księgozbiór ten jest wartościowym i ciekawym świadectwem kultury książki, gromadzonej i używanej przez stulecia przez miejscowych duchownych. Stanowi też istotny wkład w zachowaną spuściznę materialną i duchową obecnej Wiślicy, nie tylko zaznaczając jej dawną rangę w ramach organizacji terytorialnej diecezji krakowskiej – obecnie kieleckiej, ale jest również własnością wszystkich parafian. W sumie zinwentaryzowano 122 starodruki. W pozostałym księgozbiorze ok. 80 książek było wydanych do końca XIX w. Kolejnych kilkanaście to rękopisy, w większości o tematyce religijnej, zwłaszcza z zakresu teologii. Ich powstanie można ostrożnie szacować na podstawie pisma i rodzaju papieru na przełom XVIII i XIX w., lub początek wieku XIX. Jednak dokładne określenia czasu ich powstania jest mocno utrudnione, ze względu na bardzo zły stan zachowania. Pobieżna analiza pozwala jednak wnioskować, iż były to przede wszystkim pomoce typowo duszpasterskie, które powstawały w trakcie studiów w seminarium duchownym, i trafiły do biblioteki wiślickiej wraz z duchownymi, którzy obejmowali miejscowe beneficja. Następną, kilkudziesięciotomową grupę (ale nie więcej jak 50) stanowią książki bez sygnatur, okładek i stron tytułowych, czasem w wersji szczątkowej, których cechy zewnętrzne, zwłaszcza druk, wskazują na ich wydanie w okresie od XVI do XVIII w. Jednak z powodów wyżej wyliczonych niemożliwa była ich inwentaryzacja i nie zostały ujęte w inwentarzu.

Analiza treściowa księgozbioru przekonuje, że podobnie jak podaje literatura przedmiotu, można postawić tezę, iż w XVI-XVIII w. w kręgu wiślickich korporacji duchownych zdecydowanie dominowało zainteresowanie literaturą praktyczną, zwłaszcza przydatną w działalności kaznodziejskiej. W miarę upływu czasu spadało zaś najprawdopodobniej zapotrzebowanie na literaturę piękną, czy generalnie na druki inne niż służące do pracy duszpasterskiej. Z drugiej zaś strony znajdujemy jeszcze obecnie książki włoskie (tzw. Elenchus), francuskie, także poezję klasyczną. Poza tym znikoma ilość książek w języku polskim, których *de facto* w sprzedaży było najwięcej, i zapewne były najbardziej poczytne, przekonuje, że trwało wciąż zaufanie do języka łacińskiego, jako najodpowiedniejszego dla tego typu instytucji, jaką była kapituła kolegiacka i jej członkowie.

W obecnej chwili jej resztki to skomasowane w jednym miejscu pozostałości dawnych bibliotek kapitulnej i wikariuszy oraz nieaktualnych już ksiąg liturgicznych z dawnego skarbcza/zakrystii kolegiaty.

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