

THE FOUNDATION OF MONASTERIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE GIANT MOUNTAINS FOOTHILLS

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The northeastern part of Bohemia was made accessible relatively late because of dense forestation and boggy areas which did not provide good conditions for colonization. Conditions were thus very limited for the founding of monasteries. In the middle of the 12th century, the Teutonic Order founded the Miletin commendam as the first monastic settlement in the region. Other monasteries were built by the Augustinians in Jermer in 1349 and by the Jesuits in Schurz in 1636. In 1706 the female order of the Celestines of the Annunciation was called to Gradlitz by Count Sporck. In 1736 Count Sporck went to Prague and called the monastic order of the Brother Hospitaliers of John of God to Kukus to care for ninety old and sick men.