

THE CZECH POSTILS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE
FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF NEUKIRCHEN
NEAR HL. BLUT

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A whole little collection of literature grew up in the baroque period around the Marian pilgrimage to Neukirchen near Hl. Blut (situated on the Bavarian — Czech border south of Furth im Wald). This literary testimony also furnishes valuable information about pilgrimages of the Bohemian neighbors to this Bavarian shrine. Four Czech postils, for instance, reached Neukirchen and are still preserved in the library of the Monastery. These were works by Šebastian Vojtěch Berlička (Scipio) Plzeňský, Jan Kleklar, Fabian Veselý, and Pavel Axlar — all four of them in the

great tradition of Czech postil literature. The works of these writers belong to the rather negatively judged religious literature for everyday practical usage which inundated Bohemia from the 17th century on and was designed to replace non-Catholic literature.