

The Parishes of Craiova in the First Four Decades of the Twentieth Century (Second Part)

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Abstract

In the first four decades of the twentieth century, priests from Craiova organized their parishes, enjoying the support of their believers and authorities and the legal framework offered by the Priestly Society "Renașterea" to be able to take care of places of worship, but also fellows in privation and suffering. By choirs, libraries and school canteens which they were founded, our priests sat the Romanian society on the path of progress, development and welfare. And through their contribution in the eve of the Second World War, Romania has reached the pinnacle of economic and social development.

Following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the ministers have not forgotten the poor, the elderly, the orphans or refugees; they organized collects for them, collected money, food, clothing and other goods.

They worked with and without time for the society, in order to know and to have a moral rebirth. Lastly, they defended Orthodoxy by the heretical teachings, always looking to defend the believers from the sects which penetrated our territory. That is why the priest of the interwar period was considered the first pillar of the community, a model of Orthodox and Romanian ministry, living and feeling.