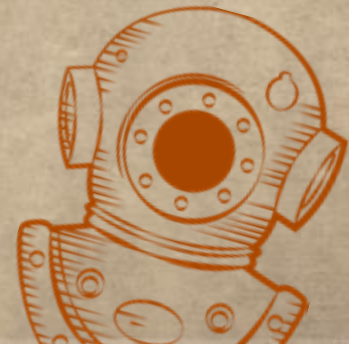


Legend of Wrocław

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„Church on the roof”



Henry – the duke of Wroclaw couldn't stand Thomas – the bishop of Wroclaw since they met in the Cathedral of Wroclaw. Henry was too arrogant to bend the knees to the bishop, meanwhile Thomas didn't intend to bow down to the duke. As the bishop's power grew, Henry started to fear that Thomas might stop him from becoming a king. So he tried to weaken Thomas which caused a civil war. Henry was quickly able to seize his holdings and forced him to exile in Raciborz. In response Thomas imposed a curse on Henry and requested the aid from Jacob - the archbishop of Gniezno.



The archbishop made an agreement between them. Henry will give Thomas all of his property back in exchange for the church supporting his bid for the Polish crown. Then Henry decided to build a memorial to celebrate the end of the dispute in the form of a church. The patron of the church was going to be Saint Bartholomew - the guardian of the Silesian branch of the Piast dynasty. The duke spared no expense hiring craftsmen throughout all of Silesia. One day one of the workers noticed a root and called the other workers to see what all of this was about. They saw that the root was in the shape of Jesus being nailed to a cross, beneath which was the virgin Mary and Saint John. Someone immediately informed Thomas about this divine will. Then Thomas met up with the duke Henry and told him that the church has to bear the name of the holy cross. After some indecisive arguing they once again requested the arbitration of the archbishop.



The archbishop offered to create two separate churches. However, both Thomas and Henry wanted to have their church in the same place. Soon violence nearly came up. The archbishop annoyed with the constant arguing told them that they can build a church on a church. However Henry and Thomas couldn't come to an arrangement. The duke continued building the church of Saint Bartholomew. After his death Thomas ordered to build the church of the Holy Cross in the same place. The workers didn't want to deconstruct the previous church so they build the church of the Holy Cross on the church of Saint Bartholomew. Today the churches stand as the collegiate church of the Holy Cross and Saint Bartholomew.



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