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"Kaplica błogosławionego Czesława we Wrocławiu [The Chapel of Blessed Ceslaus in Wrocław], Mirosław Nowak, Warszawa 2011 : [recenzja]

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Fr. Miroslaw Nowak, Kaplica błogosławionego Czesława we Wrocławiu [The Chapel of Blessed Ceslaus in Wroclaw], Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Sióstr Loretanek, 2011, pp. 221, illustrated

The Chapel of Blessed Ceslaus (1711-1730) was founded by Cardinal Franz Ludwig von Neuburg and the Silesian aristocracy in the Dominican church in Wroclaw. In part one, the author examines the life, cult and iconography of Blessed Ceslaus, the history of the monastery in the modern period and the history of the construction of the chapel. In part two, he presents an architectural description of the chapel. Part three contains an analysis of the ideological content of the decorations – symbolic meaning of the figures of saints, paintings, low reliefs and the sarcophagus; while in part fourth the author analyses the artistic form of the chapel – space, dimensions, the role of light. Part five explores the origins of the solutions used in the chapel – traditions of the construction of funeral chapels and models for the figures. In conclusion, the author points to links between the Wroclaw chapel and Polish and Roman art; in addition, he tries to establish the authorship of the sculptures (Leonard Weber only followed designs by an unknown Roman artist or a man educated in the world of Roman art) and explain its artistic expression (concept of the interior decoration – Jan Damascen Lubieniecki, execution – Baldassare Fontana). The book includes 171 illustrations of architectural details and decoration of the chapel.

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