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### **Correspondence between Dominik Mandic and Josip Hamm in the Archive of the Franciscan Province of Herzegovina**

#### Summary

Legacy of one of the most famous Herzegovinian Franciscans, historian Dominik Mandic contains the letters he exchanged with the prominent Croatian Slavist Josip Hamm. There are 18 letters in total and they were written in the period from 1951 to 1956. Besides the letters, four postcards and three telegrams were also preserved. Letters are mostly one to three pages long and they were written with mutual great respect and friendship. Correspondence Mandic – Hamm gives an insight into opinions of these two scientists on the topics that were the subject of the common scientific interest such as the Bosnian Church and Chakavian dialect in Croatia. Besides exchanging thoughts on certain topics of their scientific interest, it is evident that they helped each other in collecting necessary sources and books for their scientific-research work as well as those Mandic was collecting for the Franciscan library in Rome and Chicago. The letters also mention some scientists of that time, whom Mandic and Hamm were cooperating with, as well as some segments from their private life.

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