Some Current Aspects of Romani Religiosity, Spirituality, and Non-Religiosity in Slovakia – First Results from the RELIROMA Project

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- Identification of the ethnic pattern of religiosity, spirituality, and irreligiosity (RSI) in the context of the national pattern of the general population

- Qualitative research and documentation of expressions of both church-related and non-church-related religiosity among Roma in Slovakia, including manifestations of modern and postmodern spirituality, religious experimentation, deconversion, nonreligiosity, and secularism.

- RELIROMA Portal: Religious-spiritual and ritual objects and items (compositions) within local domestic and community devotion The first systematically designed web portal of Roma religious and spiritual art.

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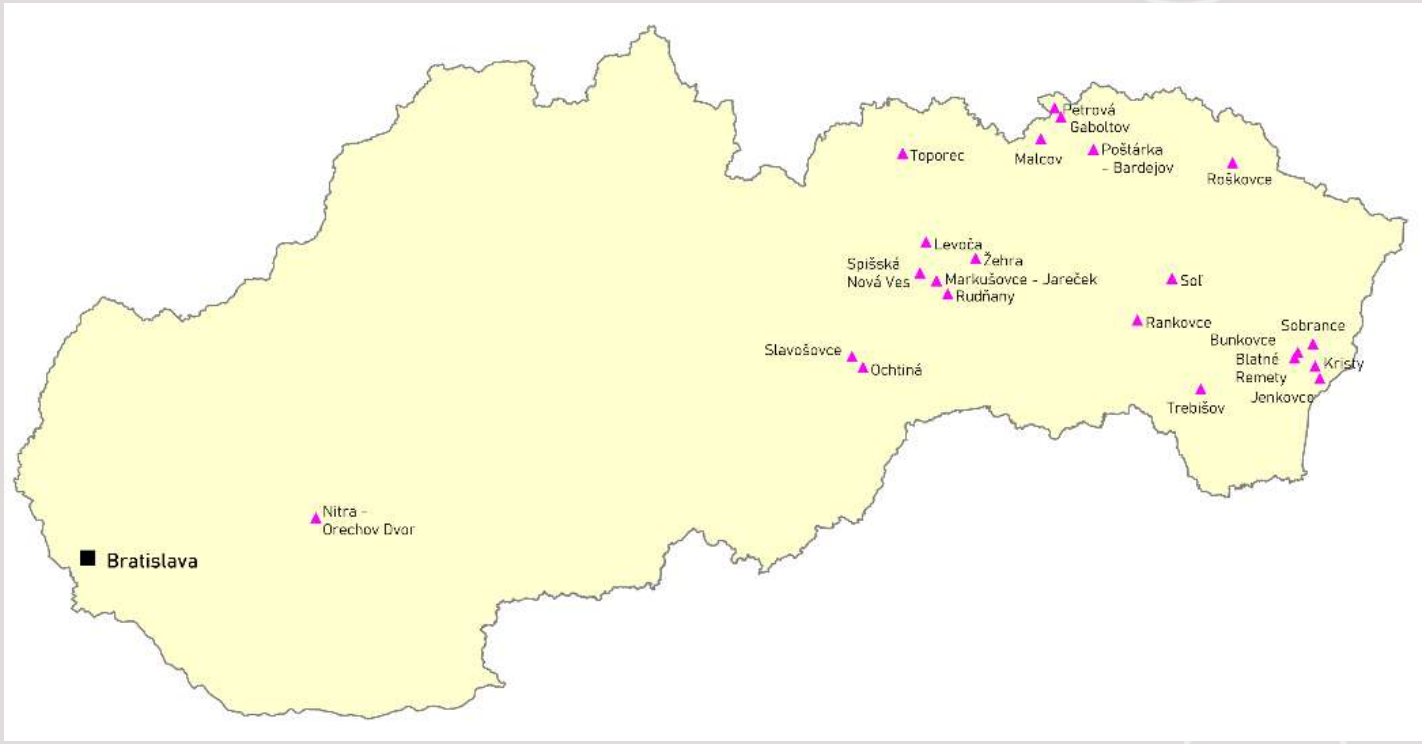
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- First systematic archive of the research

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- Catholic Roma – Roman or Byzantine Catholic
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- Mainline Protestant (Lutheran, Reformed)
- Jehova Witnesses
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- other (Orthodox)

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Denomination	%
Roman Catholic	**60.8**
Byzantine Catholic	**7.4**
Orthodox	**3.5**
Jehova Witnesses	**1.3**
Lutheran	**1.5**
Apostolic	**1.9**
Reformed	**1.3**
Not affiliated	**17.5**

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-Lutheran Roma

- Secularized areas with decline of believers (especially 1950-1990)
- very small yet alive communities, with huge group of extra-church believers
- power of demography (more Roma in congregation – more integration)

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-Lutheran Roma

- different situation from Catholic or Pentecostal congregations
  - position of pastor (male or female) is limited from bottom up
  - role of a church council (elected representatives – presbyters)
  - role of congregation membership fee (several € / year / per capita)

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-Lutheran Roma

- not vocal disagreement with Apostolic Church
- many times the Apostolic Church members are formerly devoted Lutherans
- migratory, fluid affiliation
- weak relationships between pastors

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-Lutheran Roma art

- limited due to theological teaching





- devoted Roma are strong Bible readers







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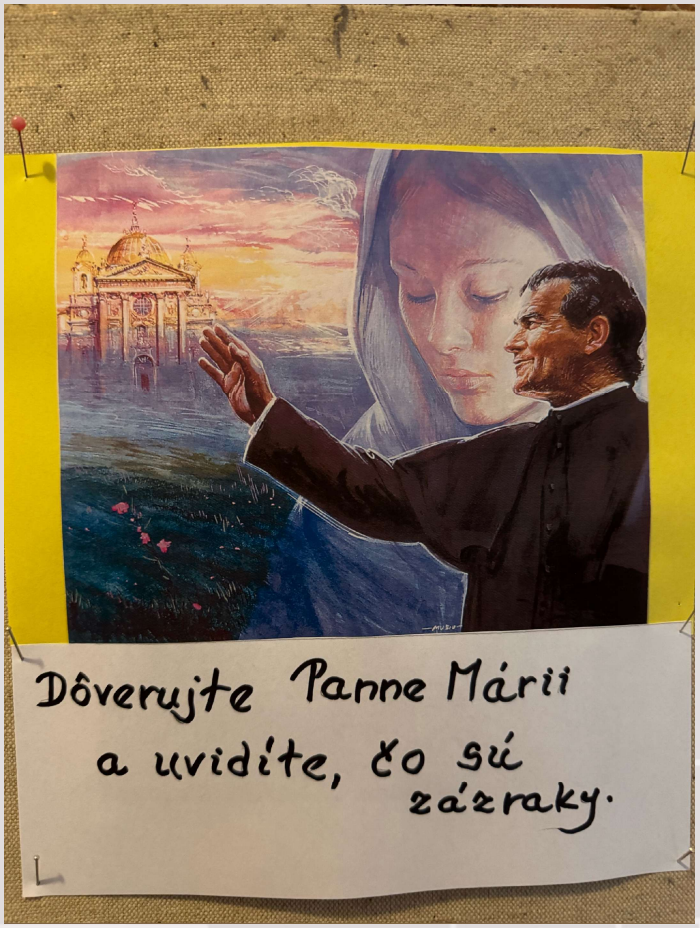
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