

Vejmluva and Santini

- 1. Dear and noble Santini, from far and wide I have been informed about your spirit of the art of architecture, admired all over the world by everybody. My region, rich in all the beauties that Nature enables the man to see, has been hit by God's punishment.
- 2. Many people old and young have died, and we have not reached the end yet. I dare ask you for a smart solution and the rescue of the Czech people. The situation is sad, a lot of people are dying and we have no space left for the deceased.
- 3. I feel responsible and also privileged that I can ask you to complete this difficult task to build a new cemetery and save the people from the eternal death.
- 4. I have heard about your skills and talents and I am sure that your work will be blessed.
- 5. Your humble admirer
- 6. Vaclav Vejmluva, the abbot of Zdar Abbey
- 7. Good evening, father:
- 8. Who are you, sir?
- 9. Oh, my dear friend! I thought that after such long exchanging letters it was time to meet face to face. And I would like to learn about the Black death that has been around.
- 10. Well, man, it's not a good idea to wander round the town after dark. Let me help you with the trunks. He doesn't even have a pencil!
- 11. I can't fall asleep, at least I can create a design!
- 12. What a wonderful creature God can send to us!
- 13. It is Margit a very nice girl. She used to work for a farm, but when it had been destroyed by fire and the farmer didn't need her any more, she came to us....and stayed.
- 14. Those were the days, when my mother used to play the lyre!
- 15. Here you can see St John of Nepomuk and his symbol five stars....
- 16. Oh my God! Are my eyes deceiving me?
- 17. Are you OK?
- 18. You know, Santini, one day I would like to have a church built, devoted to St John of Nepomuk
- 19. Five stars, five stars...
- 20. St John of Nepomuk's symbol is five stars, and you would like to have a church here what an idea!
- 21. And eventually, the church devoted to St. John of Nepomuk was built by the experienced architect Giovanni Santini. He was inspired by the symbol of five stars, which allegedly appeared round his dead body on the water surface of the Vltava river.
- 22. No only did Santini build the church on Zelená hora. He also designed a farm called Harp in honor of the girl who inspired him. Vejmluva also wanted Santini to build the Plague Column at the Republic Square, barroque horse sheds within the Abbey and first of all, Vejmluva's beloved Abbey with the Well Chapel.
- 23. I think I'll have a heart attack!