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FCSU Holds Quarterly Meeting in Pittsburgh



Fraternal Activities Director Susan M. Ondrejco and Chairman of Auditors Karen M. Hunka review material at the Quarterly meeting.

The Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union held their Quarterly Business Meeting on Friday and Saturday, September 11-12, 2009, at the Renaissance Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Reports were presented by National President Andrew M. Rajec, National Vice President

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FCSU National President Andrew Rajec and National Vice President Andrew Harcar Sr. pose with current officers of Branch 595.

Members of Branch 595 in Muskegon Heights Celebrate Centennial

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 595, in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, celebrated its 100th anniversary on Saturday, September 19, 2009, with a dinner and dance at Tatra Hall Club. Over 145 members and guests attended the affair. Among the special invited guests were National President Andrew Rajec and National Vice President Andrew Harcar Sr. A beautiful cake bearing the Slovak flag was donated by lifelong member

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49TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010 through WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010

By direction of the Executive Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be held at

THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL, 24
PUBLIC SQUARE, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
44113.

All National Officers, Regional Directors, District Officers, Branch Officers, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union are notified herewith that the Convention dates are: **Saturday, August 14, 2010 – Wednesday, August 18, 2010** so they may sched-

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Members of Branch 228 gather at Holy Trinity Slovak Catholic Church before walking to the closing Masses at other Lorain ethnic churches.

Members of Lorain Branch 228 Prepare for Church Closings

Members of the St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 228, have been trying to cope with the sad news that their beloved church, Holy Trinity Church in Lorain, in Lorain, Ohio, will be closing before the end of the year along with other churches in the community.

To show their solidarity with other ethnic groups in Lorain who are losing their churches, over thirty members of Branch 228 attended the closing Masses at St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church and St. Ladislaus Hungarian Catholic Church during the weekend of September 26-27. Before and after the closing Masses at these churches, Branch 228 members held a banner which read, "Our hearts are with you...Holy Trinity." The banner also proudly displayed the Slovak emblem. Members initially gathered at Holy Trinity Church and walked to St. Stanislaus holding Slovak flags as a symbol of solidarity. The flags also reminded us that as descendents of Slovak immigrants who built Holy Trinity and assisted in the construction of other churches, we too were empathetic, as our parish

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Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Campion P. Gavaler; Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.D.B.

Nov. 8, 2009

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12:38-44

Gospel Summary

The Scribes mentioned in today's gospel were not a religious sect, as were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They were simply men who knew how to read and write—a distinct minority in those days. Illiterate people depended on them for help in

preparing documents, such as contracts, and this gave them considerable power and prestige in the community. But it also tempted them to become proud and to consider themselves above the laws that govern ordinary people.

It is important to note that Jesus does not condemn them because they are more learned than most. They deserve condemnation only because their pride leads them to unjust behavior. Being able to control judicial processes enabled them to defraud vulnerable people, such as widows.

In the second half of the gospel passage, we note a contrast between the heartless Scribes, who prey on widows, and a poor widow who puts them to shame because of her generosity. Her "widow's mite" is proportionately far more generous than larger and ostentatious gifts given out of abundance. Others give from their surplus, while she gives from her livelihood. Nor does she seek in any way to advertise her piety.

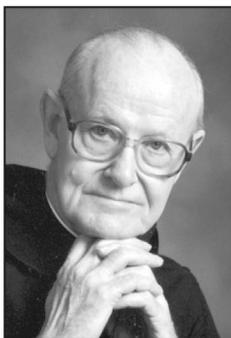
Life Implications

In our world, knowledge is so readily available that we often do not realize what a precious possession it is. There is real power in knowledge and this kind of power, like power in general, can be very corrupting. Such abuse of knowledge occurs when it leads to pride, to odious comparisons with less favored persons and even to abuses, such as sharp dealings and other forms of injustice. We know also how easy it is for the more learned to take advantage of the naive and vulnerable ones. Such "white collar crime" is rarely punished adequately ... but God knows who is guilty.

On the other hand, knowledge can be used in very helpful and positive ways. Good teachers have a precious opportunity to deliver people from the very real bondage of ignorance. I know from personal experience how gratifying it is to see a listless student begin suddenly to grasp the importance of learning and then to blossom into one who becomes hungry for knowledge. This is truly like finding a treasure in a field, which leads to profound gratitude on the part of a student empowered in this way to explore a world of wonderful opportunities.

Wealth is even more obviously a form of power. It can be abused through avarice and greed, but it can also provide a wonderful opportunity for service. The generosity of wealthy persons can liberate less fortunate ones from the bondage of misery and insecurity. Investing in the poor is a most wise and provident use of one's resources.

The Scribes had some knowledge and wealth but that was of little value to them in the end. The simple, poor widow turned out to have chosen the path to supreme knowledge and wealth beyond measure.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

November 15, 2009

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 13:24-32

Gospel Summary

Jesus promises his disciples that they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. The angels will gather his elect from the four winds. His coming in glory will be preceded by tribulation. The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken. These will be signs just as fig leaves sprouting are a sign that summer is near. Jesus adds that their generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Though heaven and earth will pass away, his words will not pass away. Then Jesus says: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Life Implications

Jesus speaks of the ultimate triumph of his future coming with great power and glory immediately before what appears to be his ultimate defeat without any power and glory—dying like a criminal on a cross. This would seem to be a foolhardy promise to his disciples on Jesus' part unless we understand the source of his unconquerable hope. Does a man on his way to the electric chair make promises about what he will do in the future?

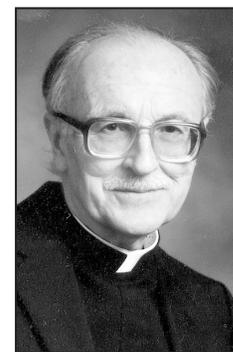
From the very beginning of Mark's gospel we learn that Jesus the beloved Son will devote his life to bringing about the kingdom of God. Through Jesus, God's power will overthrow the earthly reign of Satan. Satan will attempt to thwart the divine plan through lifelong temptation of Jesus. Jesus, however, remains faithful to his mission, and casts out many demons from those under the power of Satan.

In response to the accusation that he expels demons with the help of the prince of demons, Jesus says that if that were true, the kingdom of Satan would be divided against itself. Luke in his gospel presents Jesus' understanding of his mission in similar terms: "But if it is by the finger [the power] of God that I cast out devils then the reign of God is upon you" (11:20). Jesus also indicates the cosmic nature of the power of God's kingdom when the disciples reported that in his name they had power over the demons: "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky" (Lk 10:18).

Here is the source of the unconquerable hope that Jesus proclaims in face of the apparent triumph of Satan's reign through those who are about to kill him. Jesus trusts that just as God's kingdom has come to earth through him, the kingdom's ultimate triumph will also be accomplished through him.

Today we pray for the gift of receiving the Spirit of Jesus, and thereby the grace of unconquerable hope. For one who has received his Spirit, there is no hopeless situation—the power of God's reign is supreme on earth as it is in heaven. Death itself, apparently Satan's triumph over us as over Jesus, cannot defeat the supreme power of God's love. Saint Paul reminds us: "Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor 15:26).

In seeking the life implications of Christ's promise to come in power and glory at the end-time, we should also note the corresponding passage in the gospel according to Matthew. Like Mark, Matthew tells us that Jesus spoke of his coming in power and glory when his death was imminent. In Matthew's gospel, however, Jesus is very specific about identifying the elect who will be gathered by the angels from the four winds. The criterion for entry into God's kingdom is so radical in its simplicity: "...whatever you did for one of these least brothers [or sisters] of mine, you did for me...whatever you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me" (25:31-46).



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

Reflections on Our Christianity Msgr. Edward V. Rosack

James 1

This James, "a slave of God and the Lord Jesus Christ," is not an apostle and most probably a relative of Jesus Christ usually called "brother." (Matthew 13:55) "...James, Kephaz and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas their right hands in partnership....(Galatians 2:9) "...the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon." (Mark 6:3)

James had a prominent role in the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-21)

"James responded, 'My brothers, listen to me'." (Acts 15:13)

"It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God, but tell them by letter to avoid pollution from idols, unlawful marriage, the meat of strangled animals, and blood. For Moses, for generations now, has had those who

proclaim him in every town, as he has been read in the synagogues every Sabbath." (Acts 15:19-21)

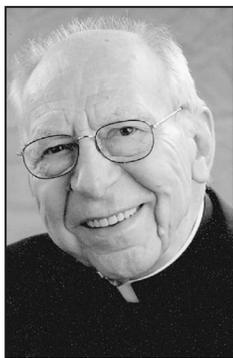
This council rejected the premise of the Jews that "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." (Acts 15:1)

According to the Jewish historian Josephus (Antiquities 20, 9, 200-203), James was stoned to death by the Jews under the high priest Ananus II in A.D. 62.

The phrase, "the twelve tribes in the dispersion" is noteworthy of comment. (James 1:1)

"Twelve tribes" refers to the people of Palestine.

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Msgr. Edward V. Rosack

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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt:

ATTENTION BRANCH OFFICERS

This is a reminder of the requirements for receiving your branch stipend of \$4.00 per member which is due February 15, 2010. Please read the bylaw section 4.05 and 11.04 very carefully. It is very important that you follow all guidelines listed in order to qualify for the branch stipend. This bylaw will be strictly enforced and all requirements must be completed properly.

Please understand that a branch must have attended at least one (1) district meeting in two (2) out of the four (4) calendar years prior to the convention year, either in the calendar year 2006, 2007, 2008, or 2009, in order to be eligible to send a delegate to convention. (Bylaw Section 11.04 f)

The following are the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend. Completing these requirements will qualify your branch to send delegates to the 2010 Convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bylaw Section 4.05 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

"By the end of February of each year, the Home Office shall pay each local branch \$4.00 per member, per year, not to exceed \$8,000.00, provided the local branch has fulfilled the following requirements:

(a) Published, announced and conducted two (2) semiannual meetings, one (1) of which shall be an annual meeting held for the election of officers. Meeting attendance sheets shall accompany the reports submitted to the Executive Secretary.

(b) Submitted an annual report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(c) Submitted a financial report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(d) Hosted, sponsored, promoted, or attended at least one (1) fraternal activity in the past year.

(e) Produced at least one (1) new contract in the previous calendar year. Branches with two hundred fifty (250) or more members must produce at least two (2) new contracts.

(f) Provided the Home Office, on a continuing basis, current addresses of members and completed change of beneficiary forms, death reports, and such other documents as required by the Home Office.

(g) Sent a branch representative to attend at least one (1) district meeting per calendar year. Those in attendance at the district meeting may vote to provide a branch with an excused absence.

1. Members attending a district meeting shall sign an attendance sheet evidencing their presence at the event. The district shall notify the Executive Secretary of those branches failing to meet this attendance requirement of article "g" above by no later than February 15th of the following year.

2. The Executive Secretary shall publish no later than March 31st of the following year in the Official Organ those branches failing to meet the requirement of section 4.05.

(h) Maintained good standing within its district by paying current fiscal year dues and any other dues that may be outstanding from previous years."

Bylaw Section 11.04 BRANCH REPRESENTATION AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATION:

(a) Every local branch having fifty (50) or more members and current good standing financially in its district (i.e., up to date with dues payments), may send at its own expense, one (1) of its members as a delegate to the Convention. Said delegate shall have the right to vote, but in no case, shall any delegate have more than one (1) vote. Local branches which have more than one hundred fifty (150) members are entitled to two (2) delegates and to one (1) additional delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members and so on, according to the number of their members on February 1st of the Convention year. Each District (Okres) shall be entitled to only one (1) district delegate.

(b) Any two (2) branches in the same district having less than fifty (50) members can combine if they total fifty (50) members or more. They can send one (1) delegate representing both branches at their own expense with one delegate vote.

(c) The delegate count shall be based on members as of February 1st in the Convention year. The maximum number of delegates per branch will be twenty (20).

(d) A local branch that has no delegate elected may request that a delegate already elected from another branch represent it. A delegate shall not represent more than two (2) branches, but has only one (1) vote. No National Officer shall represent any local branch.

(e) Notice of all meetings for the election of delegates to the next Convention shall be published at least twice in the Official Organ prior to the date of the next branch or district meeting.

(f) Any branch or district which fails to comply with article 4.05 in two (2) of the four (4) years preceding a Convention will not be permitted to send any delegates to that Convention, excluding Canada.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ATTENTION:

BRANCH AND DISTRICT OFFICERS!!

It has been announced that the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel located at 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, from August 14, 2010 through August 18, 2010.

Please refer to Section 11.04, Branch Representation and District (Okres) Representation when you elect your delegates to the convention. Special attention should be paid to 11.04(e), which states: "Notice of all meetings for the election of delegates to the next convention shall be published at least twice in the official organ prior to the date of the next branch or district meeting." Once the date for the meeting to elect delegates has been established, please send the notice to: Anthony Sutherland, Editor, Jednota Newspaper, 1001 Rosedale Avenue, Middletown, PA 17057, phone – (717) 944-0461; fax – (717) 944-3107.

When electing delegates, please refer to Bylaw Section 11.03, "Qualification of Delegates."

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you,
Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

"PARK FREE PLUS" ANNUITY

Effective August 1, 2009, FCSU Life is offering the "Park Free Plus" Annuity...

The new annuity plan that combines features from our most popular annuities...
The Park Annuity and the Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity.

The "Park Free Plus" offers a first year interest rate of **4.1%** This initial interest rate is guaranteed for the entire first year of the Annuity policy. At the first anniversary date of the policy, the **Annuitant has 15 calendar days to elect this option:**

Withdraw the full value of the accumulated Annuity funds (principal plus interest) WITHOUT INCURRING A SURRENDER CHARGE!

*Note: If the funds are withdrawn prior to the first anniversary of the policy, a 6% surrender will be imposed on the funds withdrawn.**

2. If this option is not exercised, the Annuity will continue for an additional five years. The interest rate at that time will be based on the interest rate established by the Society on its Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity. This rate is published regularly in the official publication and on our website.

If the policy is continued, the Annuitant may withdraw up to 10% of the policies cash value at the beginning of each policy year, without incurring a surrender charge.*

If the Policy is continued, withdrawals that exceed 10% of the policy's cash value will incur a surrender charge of 5% in the second year and withdrawal charges will decrease by 1% each year until the end of the sixth year from the issue date*.

INITIAL DEPOSIT MAY BE AS LOW AS \$1,000!

Low Minimum Deposit. Initial deposit may be as low as \$1,000 for the "Park Free Plus" Annuity. Maximum deposit for this program is \$100,000.00. No additional deposits are permitted during the first year.

Flexible Deposits. Additional deposits of \$1,000 or more will be accepted at any time after the first year.

Maturity Options. At the end of the six year policy period; the Annuitant has these options:

- The policy can be continued. There will be no surrender charges on any withdrawals.* The interest rate will be based on FCSU Life's Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity interest rate.
- The policy can be converted to any Annuity product offered by FCSU Life at that time. The interest rate will be based on the then current declared interest rate on the selected policy.
- Taxes on all interest earned on the "Park Free Plus" Annuity and any subsequent policy selected, will be deferred until funds are withdrawn.

For additional information, contact your Branch officer or the Home Office.

* Early withdrawals may be subject to IRS penalties.

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Reflections on Our Christianity

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"in the dispersion" refers to the Jews who settled throughout the Greco-Roman world, outside of Palestine.

"So the Jews (Pharisees) said to one another, 'Where is he (Jesus) going that we will not find him. Surely he is not going to the dispersion among the Greeks to teach the Greeks, is he?'" (John 7:35) The word "Greeks" here probably refers to the Gentiles in the Mediterranean area.

Basically, dispersion means outside of Palestine, Jews and Greeks alike.

This letter to James is written in an excellent Greek style and was written between 90-100 A.D.

Now, the text of this letter.

"No one experiencing temptation should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one. Rather, each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death." (James 1:13-15)

"Know this, my brothers, everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not accomplish the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." (James 1:19-21)

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (James 1:22) Our faith is one of belief and of practice. "...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:16)

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had solidly been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." (Matthew 7:24-27)

"...we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

"...faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead." (James 2:17)

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update their 2010 calendars accordingly.

All Officers and Members are directed to review Section 11.03 through Section 11.08 of our By-Laws to determine delegate eligibility and duties and Section 11.09 through 11.12 for the Convention business. Election of delegates to our 49th International Convention must be completed by May 17, 2010, ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the Convention (see Section 11.03c). However, to assure guaranteed hotel registration and room assignments, it is requested that all delegates to the 49th International Convention be elected as early as the annual meetings of the districts and branches in December 2009, or by **January 31, 2010** at the latest. **The final delegate count** shall be based on members as of February 1, 2010 (see Section 11.04c). Appointments to the various convention committees will begin as soon as delegate credentials are received and certified at our Home Office at 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The National Officers and Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union are looking forward to a cost effective and productive 49th International Convention. All potential delegates to this 49th International Convention are requested to study our existing By-Laws, ask questions of the National Officers and Members of the Board of Directors, and review the programs and financial statements (see our website (www.fcsu.com) for the Financial Statements for 2006, 2007 & 2008). Proposed By-Law change forms will be sent out to the Branches and Districts in September 2009 and are due back by January 31, 2010.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
National Secretary

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions for November 2009

General Intention

Care of Creation. *That all people of good will, especially those who make political and economic policies, may commit themselves to care for all creation.*

This month Pope Benedict reminds us that we are obligated to care for our "common home," this earth we share with all peoples of the world. To pollute, to exploit our natural resources, and to consume more than the earth can sustain- these are grave sins against the seventh commandment, "You shall not steal."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: The seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor (Paragraph 2415).

Speaking of the marvels of God's creation as he welcomed pilgrims to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, 2008, Pope Benedict said, "Perhaps reluctantly we come to acknowledge that there are also scars which mark the surface of our earth: erosion, deforestation, the squandering of the world's mineral and ocean resources in order to fuel an insatiable consumption. Some of you come from island nations whose very existence is threatened by rising water levels; others from nations suffering from devastating drought."

Some unfairly accuse the Judeo-Christian tradition of contributing to the damage of our environment. They base the accusation on the Biblical account of God's command to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28-30). Whatever our own failings, God certainly has not commanded us to do violence to his good creation. Rather God has put us on this earth to care for it with love, cultivating it to feed and sustain all peoples, including those who will come after us. Knowing that creation is God's gift, we Christians are right to lead the way in protecting the environment.

Let us pray that all of us- especially those who have the power to make policy- will find ways to take better care of our "common home."

Reflection

How can you help the people around you to become aware of our duty to care for the earth?

Mission Intention

Peace of God. *That believers of every religion may witness through their lives and through dialogue that the Name of God brings peace*

We people of the earth- of all regions, races and religions- are every one of us the children of God, the Father, who created each person in his likeness to know and love him forever. Yet we believers in God have often hated, hurt, and killed one another in God's own name.

Pope Benedict asks us to pray this month for peace in the hearts of all who believe in God. He says that when a person's faith "reaches maturity," whatever faith it may be, that believer

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**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately**

THINK ABOUT IT!

NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

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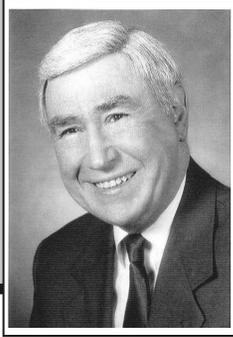
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MONEY MANAGEMENT & TAX TIPS

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Identity Theft: Don't Let it Happen to You!

Becoming a victim of identity theft is more likely than you might expect. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your identification- such as your Social Security number or credit card number-without authorization. When it comes to identity theft, prevention is the best defense, according to the National Crime Prevention Council. Here are some tips and observations to help you avoid becoming a victim.

How Identity Theft Works

Identity thieves may use your credit card or bank account numbers to make purchases that are charged to you, or, they may open a new account in your name by using your Social Security number. Another ploy is to change the billing address on a credit card, so they can run up bills that the holder knows nothing about.

Numbers

The easiest way that identity thieves get your vital numbers is by stealing your wallet, mail, or checks. They use the information on bank statements, Social Security cards, ATM cards, driver's licenses, credit cards and other pieces of ID that contain identification numbers and other data, such as your date of birth.

If you suspect anything containing personal information has been stolen, alert the institution that issued the ID immediately. To speed up the process, keep a list of account numbers and customer service telephone numbers in a safe place so you can easily contact these institutions when you need to. Remember, credit card holders may not be liable for more than \$50 of unauthorized purchases, but debit card holders have fewer protections and may be responsible for the entire loss. Determine which forms of ID leave you most vulnerable, and try not to carry them with you.

Don't Trash Your Identity

Many scammers often go through trash to find discarded account statements that contain the information they need to make fraudulent purchases. To prevent this, use a paper shredder to destroy documents that contain personal information. Simply tearing apart the paper on which an account number is printed also can deter thieves. In addition, be sure to take your credit card and ATM receipts with you when you get them. Tear these receipts before you discard them to destroy the printed account number.

Get Your Credit Report

If an identity thief has invaded your accounts, the nefarious activity will probably show up on your credit reports. Under federal law, you can request a free credit report from each of three major credit agencies once a year. Do this annually at a minimum. Privacy rights organizations recommend requesting a report from each agency every four months to get a regular update on whether you have recently been the victim of identity theft. Make sure all transactions are valid and that there aren't any unusual purchases or unfamiliar accounts.

Protect Yourself

There's no one way to prevent identity theft entirely, but there are many steps you can take to minimize your chances of becoming a target.

You can find more information about obtaining a free credit report at www.picpa.org/financialilliteracy.

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Coming Events

November 8

-A meeting of the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District at 1:00 p.m. at Kings Restaurant, Bentleyville, Pennsylvania.

November 8

- A Meeting of the Rev. Stefan Furdek District at 2:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

November 22

- The Prince Rastislav District's Annual Meeting after the High Mass at the Parish Hall of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Montreal, Quebec.

November 29

-The Pittsburgh District's Annual Meeting at 1:00 p. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

December 6

-The Msgr. Michael Shuba District's Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario

December 6

-The George Onda District's annual Stedry Vecer at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by the dinner.



The beautiful interior of Holy Trinity Church

Branch 228 Prepare for Church Closings

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is soon to be dismantled.

It was a bitterly sad morning as one could imagine, reminiscent of a funeral. We silently waited to respond to our neighbors as they read our sign, through tears, together consoling each other. Members from the closed parishes were ever so grateful and sincerely appreciated our support.

After condolences and upon departure, Friends of Holy Trinity laid red carnations at the doorsteps of both churches. For the wonderful church structures, founded by European immigrants, with exquisite artwork that housed so many remarkable events and social gatherings for over 100 years, are left to become fond memories. And now we pray that the wrecking ball will stay away.

Holy Trinity Parish was founded in 1906. The current structure was built in 1924 and became debt free by 1944. In 1947, Mr. Romeo Celleguin was commissioned to paint a fresco. His artwork portrays the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is surrounded by angels and saints, painted with 24 carat gold leaf and is 14 feet in diameter. Paintings on the side walls included Angels who hold the 8 Beatitudes written in Slovak. Holy Trinity Church was consecrated in 1984.

Holy Trinity Slovak Catholic Church will celebrate its last Mass on December 13, 2009. We are broken hearted.

Michele Mager



Apostleship of Prayer

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will perceive that God is the loving Father of all, leading him or her to pursue peace with all people, regardless of their beliefs or behaviors (Benedict XVI, *Letter to the Bishop Domenico Sorrentino*, 2006). After all, our Savior, the Prince of Peace, commanded us to love one another, even our enemies.

Sometimes we are tempted to believe the lie that because God is on our side, he opposes others. We come to mistrust one another, isolate ourselves, and too often, fight. We do this in our personal relationships- person against person and family against family. We do this in our cultural relationships- gender against gender, region against region, race against race, and class against class. And, worst of all, we mistrust and fight against those who hold a different faith than we do.

The Pope has said that every person of good will has a duty to build a peaceful world, avoiding "confrontation between different cultures and ethnic groups" (Benedict XVI, *Sorrentino*, 2006).

How do we avoid confrontation with others? The Pope goes on to say that we are to put the dignity of every person foremost as we develop our economic, social, and cultural communities. We must "educate in truth and foster reconciliation wherever there has been injury." "Sincere and truthful dialogue" will lead us step by step into the peace we seek.

Pope Benedict also affirms his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, in urging prayer as a means to peace. Besides our personal, private prayers, we are to pray even with those of other religions, joining together with them in asking our universal and eternal Father for peace for the whole world.

Reflection

What new efforts will you make to communicate with someone in an effort to resolve conflict and find peace in a relationship?



A beautiful cake bearing the Slovak flag was donated by lifelong member Theresa Doza



Louise Kollar (center), Branch 595 Financial Secretary for the past 56 years greets National Vice President Andrew Harcar Sr. and National President Andrew Rajec.



The anniversary banner in Tatra Hall

Members of Branch 595 in Muskegon Heights Celebrate Centennial

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Theresa Doza for the occasion. Another special feature of the festivities was a banner to commemorate the anniversary. Each member was asked to sign the banner. Arrangements for the banner were made by Shirley (Dawn) Goodman and her family members.

The actual date of the branch charter was July 12, 1909. Many of the founding families of the society were represented. Their names were included in a booklet given to each guests. The photos were taken by Debbie Kollar.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Insurance Incentives

For the 2010 convention we will have a year long presidential campaign. It will run from August 1, 2009 to the presidential banquet in August 2010.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every two (2) new insurance policies signed, the proposer would receive a certificate which would state that he/she has signed two (2) new insurance policies and the duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the Presidential Campaign. The drawing for \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Prize money will be paid when the insurance premium is paid. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each proposer can sign as many members as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each two (2) new insurance policies signed. Example: Two (2) insurance policies, one (1) certificate. Four (4) insurance policies, two (2) certificates.

Term as well as reserve policies are eligible for these grand prizes.

Our insurance products are very competitive. Let’s get everybody involved in sales during this “Presidential Campaign”. Your Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership and Marketing Committee wishes you the best of luck in your endeavor to secure new membership.

First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Annuity Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we will also have the same prizes for annuity procurements as we are having for new membership.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA’s brought in during the period August 1, 2009 to the August 2010 convention, the recommender will receive a certificate which will state that he/she brought in \$10,000.00. The duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the presidential campaign. The drawing for the \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each annuity proposer can bring in as much money as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA’s. Example: Bring in \$10,000.00 one (1) certificate, bring in \$20,000.00 two (2) certificates, and bring in \$30,000.00 three (3) certificates.

So take this opportunity to earn some great prizes and get people to invest in our Annuity/IRA’s. Remember... our high paying Annuity/IRA rates are second to none.

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Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman

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New Jersey Heritage Festival

The 32nd Slovak Heritage Festival took place on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at the PNC Bank Center in Holmdel, New Jersey. Despite the rain, a crowd of about 4,000 people attended this year's event that featured displays, cultural performances and ethnic food. The Sunday liturgy was celebrated by Greek Catholic Bishop of Passaic William Skurla. The Rev. Marek Visnovsky concelebrated. The First Catholic Slovak Union operated an informational booth at the festival where newspapers and brochures on the FCSU and its products were distributed to the people.

FCSU President Andrew M. Rajec, Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and Treasurer George Matta were among the special guests at the Slovak Heritage Festival in Holmdel, New Jersey on Sunday, September 27, 2009. L-R are Treasurer George Matta, Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Stephen J. Minarovich, Recording Secretary of Branch 290 in Raritan; President Andrew M. Rajec, Adam J. Minarovich, Member of Branch 290; and Regional Director for Region 1, Joseph F. Minarovich.



FCSU National officers President Andrew M. Rajec and Treasurer George Matta had the opportunity to meet and talk with several officials from the Slovak Republic at the Slovak Heritage Festival in New Jersey on September 27. L-R are Treasurer George Matta, Peter Burian, Slovak Ambassador to the United States; National President Andrew Rajec; Dusan Caplovic, Deputy Prime Minister; and Igor Pokojny, Consul General of the Slovak Republic.



President of the First Catholic Slovak Union Andrew M. Rajec, his wife Idka Rajec, and son Andrew P. Rajec, Jr., with one of the attendees at the Slovak Heritage Festival in Holmdel, New Jersey



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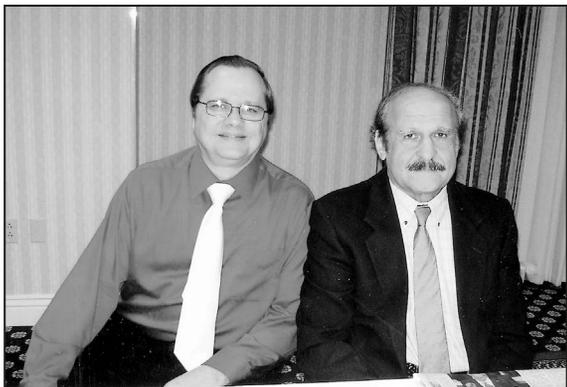
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FCSU Holds Quarterly Meeting in Pittsburgh

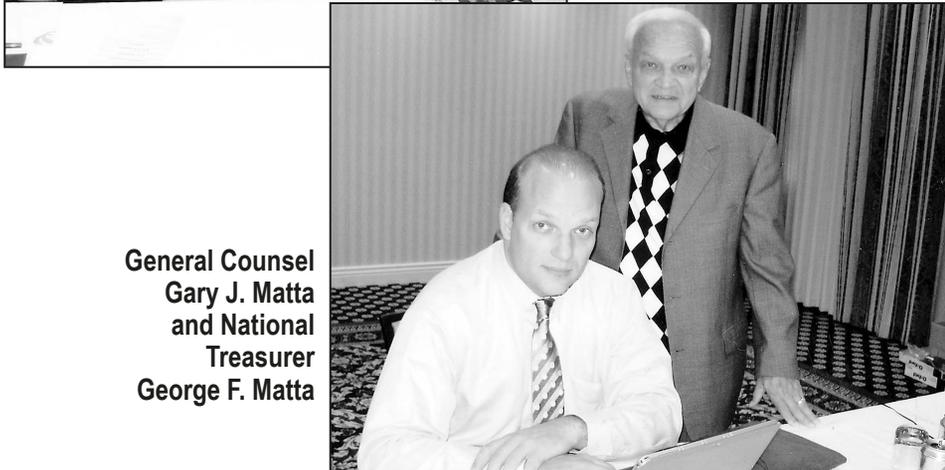
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Andrew R. Harcar Sr., Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt, National Treasurer George F. Matta and by other officers. Mass was celebrated Friday by the National Chaplain Reverend Thomas A. Nasta and on Saturday by Reverend Joseph Grosko.

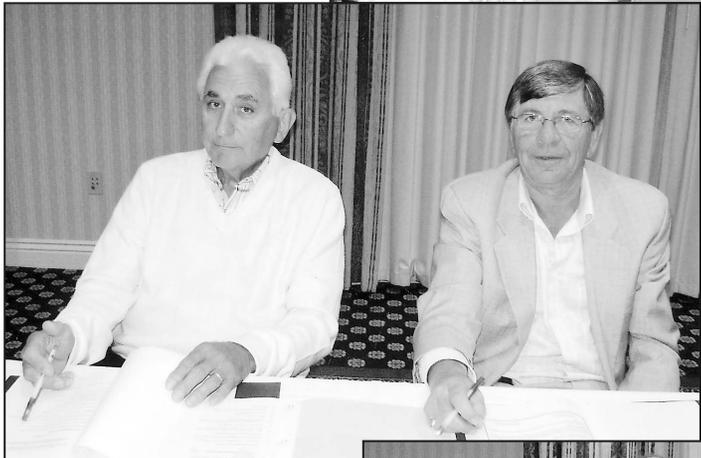
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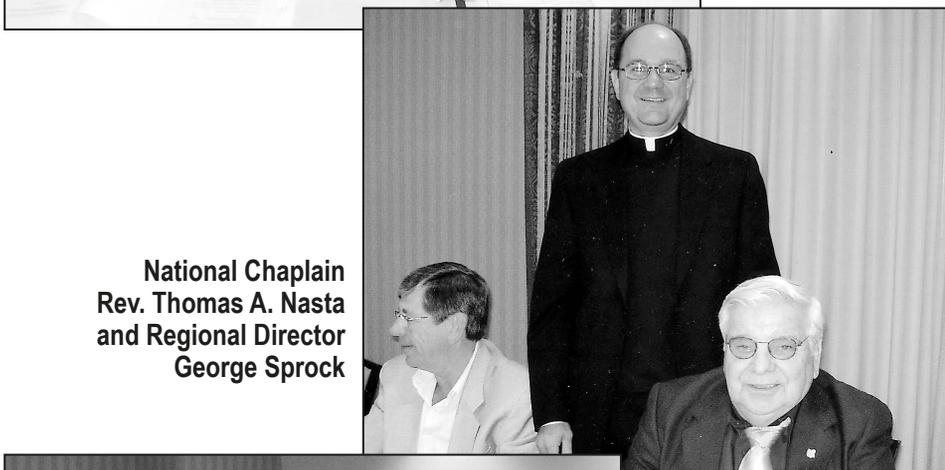
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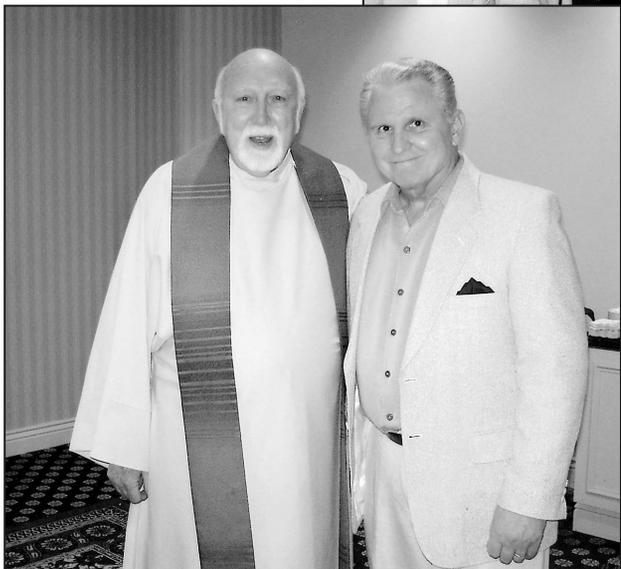
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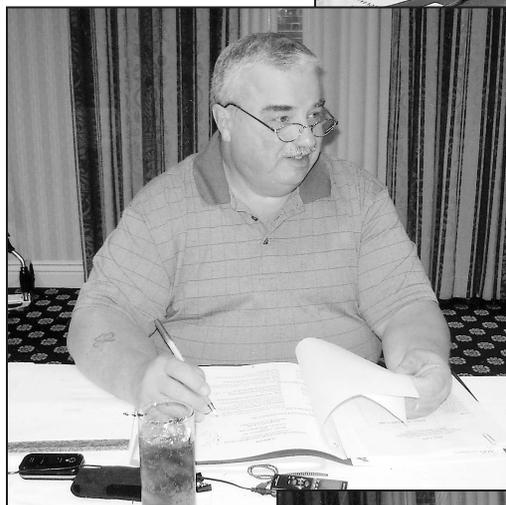
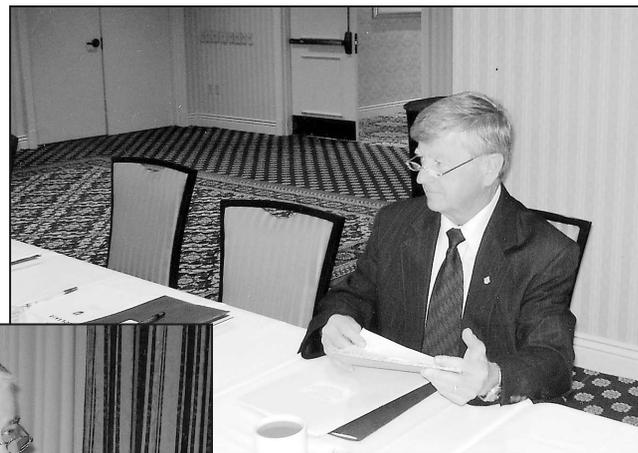


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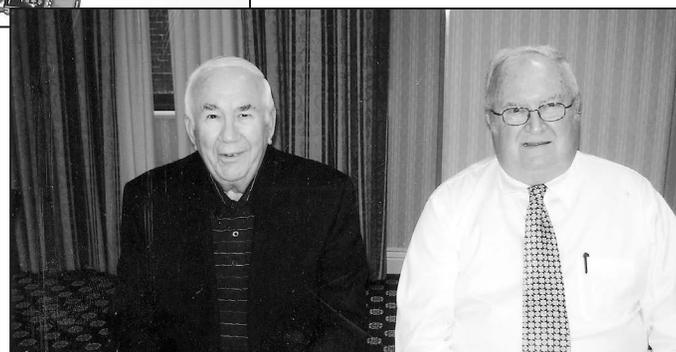


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Do you need some

silver spoons?

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Chcem kúpiť hodinky

V akej cene?

Zlaté alebo strieborné?

Toto sú dobré hodinky

Tieto hodinky sú garantí

ované na desať rokov

Prsteň a retiazka

Snubný prsteň obrúčka

Ukážte mi peknú retiazku

na krk

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Potrebujete strieborné lyžičky?

Chcem dva tucty strieborných

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

RENAISSANCE HOTEL PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
 Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
 Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
 George F. Matta, Treasurer
 Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5, by invitation of the President
 Gary Matta, General Counsel, by invitation of the President

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the August 2009 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

The Treasurer submitted a written monthly report which was reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer answered all questions by the Committee. The Treasurer led a review of the current interest rates. The Executive Committee decided not to change the current rates and they will remain the same as follows:

Flexible Premium Deferred	4.75%	
Park 2 Annuity	4.00%	
Park Free Plus		4.10 %
Six-Year Fixed	4.25%	

AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC. REPORT

Larry White from AQS will give a full complete report to the Board of Directors on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee to give a complete update of the investments with Key Bank Corporation and reviewed all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. (The same report is to be presented to the Board of Directors at its Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2009.) The Executive Secretary answered all questions by the Executive Committee.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on our portfolio custodian. He stated everything is in order and working well.

ANNUITIES

The Executive Secretary reviewed the state approval of the new Eight-Year Annuity product, which First Catholic Slovak Union will begin to market in November.

SALES AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report in the different regions and answered all questions presented. The Vice President also reviewed the sales production report of our independent agents and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President reported on the dates of the upcoming sales seminars in October. The first seminar will be held October 11, 2009 in the Jozef Cardinal Tomko District, District 13, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. The second seminar will take place on October 25, 2009, in the John Martvon District, District 7, Windber, Pennsylvania.

The Vice President gave an update on the upcoming 2009 Carnival Liberty Membership Meet Cruise on November 14-21, 2009.

The Vice President stated the Presidential Campaign began on August 1, 2009 and will continue to the end of July 2010. The Vice President has been advertising in the Jednota newspaper and information will be mailed to branches in the monthly mailings. The Vice President answered all questions from the Executive Committee.

2010 CONVENTION

Executive Secretary Arendt will be sending out information concerning the 2010 convention. Each branch that is eligible to attend the convention will receive a letter in the near future stating the estimated number of delegates it may send.

SCHOLARSHIPS

After further review of the scholarship requirements, a motion was made by Treasurer George Matta and seconded by Vice President Andrew Harcar, stating all members purchasing a Single Premium JEP Policy are now eligible for the FCSU scholarship if they meet all other requirements. Motion carried.

JEDNOTA, INC. AND JEDNOTA PROPERTIES, INC.

Regis Brekosky, President of Jednota Properties, Inc., stated he will have a meeting with the Jednota Properties Board to determine when a dividend will be paid to the First Catholic Slovak Union.

The President reported that there have been five applications and resumes received for the soon to be available position of Editor. The President has interviewed four of the five. The fifth will be interviewed when he and Andrew Harcar are in New Jersey for the Slovak Festival. The final two candidates will be interviewed again by the President and Executive Secretary with a final decision to be presented to the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Executive Secretary stated the Home Office will continue to advertise our products through the monthly branch mailings and insert advertisements in the monthly billing as well as in the Jednota newspaper.

The Executive Secretary reported we are in the process of possibly developing a weekly newsletter for our website along with a monthly publication to replace our bi-weekly newspaper. The Executive Secretary is reviewing the potential cost savings and will continue to update the Committee as more information becomes available.

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of August for the Committee's review and answered questions.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of August:

Disbursements for the month of August 2009:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$213,030.50
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 32,938.67
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 810.96

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

Requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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News From Slovakia

Days of Slovaks Living Abroad Took Place in Three Cities

The Days of Slovaks Living Abroad celebration, which presents the life and culture of compatriot and expatriate communities from abroad, took place recently in the cities of Bratislava, Zilina and Martin under the auspices of the Bureau for Slovaks Living Abroad.

This year the 16th annual event was host to a delegation of 90 Slovak emigrants from the West, many of whom are active as journalists and painters and took part in the gala program or hosted their own exhibitions.

At the Zilina regional library, the Bureau, according to Lubica Bartalska of the department of culture, a press briefing was organized about the lifestyle of expats from Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Great Britain, and Ireland.

Dusan Daucik, from the Swedish capital of Stockholm, is a so-called Class of '68 émigré. He observed that the vast majority of foreign Slovaks are proud of Slovakia and its rapid development. "Slovaks in Scandinavia have a close affinity with Slovakia and take the country's successes and failures very personally," he said.

TASR

Slovakia's Foreign Trade Posted Surplus of €267.7 Million in August

Slovakia's foreign trade posted a surplus of €267.7 million in August 2009, an increase of €196.9 million since last year, the Statistics Office announced recently.

At the same time, however, the trend of annual falls in both exports and imports continued. Overall exports of goods in August dropped by 14.7 percent to €3.15 billion, while total imports fell by 20.5 percent to €2.88 billion.

Over the first eight months of 2009, meanwhile, the foreign trade balance posted a surplus of €517.8 million. Overall exports over the period dropped by 26.5 percent to €24.7 billion, with total imports slumping by 28.6 percent to €24.18 billion.

TASR

Bazant Pohoda Festival Tent Collapse Claims Second Victim

A 19-year old woman who was injured after a tent collapsed on thousands of people at the Bazant Pohoda music festival in July, died Tuesday, October 13 in Martin hospital.

The large arena tent, in which hundreds of people were watching a band at Slovakia's biggest festival, collapsed on July 18 in violent gusts of wind, leaving one person dead and dozens injured.

Despite the fatal accident this year a festival will be held again next year. The festival will take place July 15-17, 2010 at Trencin Airport.

TASR

Bratislava Hosts World's Largest Dog Show Ever

The world's most prestigious dog exhibition- World Dog Show 2009- kicked off in Bratislava's Incheba exhibition center on Thursday, October 8, 2009

"The World Dog Show in Slovakia's capital was the largest to date," head of the Slovak Kennel Association Stefan Stefik said in reference to the event, which ran until Sunday, October 11. A total of 30,000 dogs appeared at the show. More than 350 dog breeds from 59 countries attended the event, with 180 judges from 134 countries deciding on the winners. Approximately 80,000 visitors attended.

The world's most prestigious dog show takes place every year in a different country. The choice of Slovakia as the host is not only a great success for Slovakia's dog lovers, but also an unprecedented opportunity to make Slovakia more visible in the world.

TASR

EU Member States Accept Sefcovic's Nomination for EC Commissioner

EU member states have accepted the nomination of the Slovak Ambassador to the EU Maros Sefcovic for the post of the Slovak EU Commissioner.

Sefcovic should replace incumbent Commissioner Jan Figel, who submitted his resignation to the post after he was elected as new chairman of the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH).

Sefcovic underwent an interview with EC President Jose Manuel Barroso concerning mutual views of Sefcovic's activities in the EU Commissioner's seat. Afterwards, Barroso asked EU member states to accept his nomination.

Sefcovic will have to go through a hearing in the European Parliament and will become a Commissioner if he persuades MEPs about his preparedness.

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Jednota Dinner Dance in Linden

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, is hosting its annual Jednota Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Msgr. Komar Hall at Holy Family Church, 2806 Parkway Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by dancing. Music will be provided by the band Kontakty. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. There is a cash bar. For tickets and additional information call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331.

From the Jednota Kitchen

Cirak, the traditional Slovak Easter cheese, need not be restricted to Easter. It is nutritious and relatively easy to make. The traditional Slovak cooking method requires a double boiler and constant stirring. Even so, the mixture scorches easily. This problem can be avoided by cooking it in a microwave oven.

Cirak

- 1 quart milk (can be skim, 2%, or whole milk)
- 3 cups egg substitute (or 12 eggs)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

[For a change, the sugar and vanilla may be replaced by either a tablespoon of caraway seeds or a tablespoon of plain or toasted sesame seeds.]

Pour milk into a microwave-safe bowl of at least 2 1/2 – quart capacity. A 4-quart or more capacity bowl is better. Add egg substitute. (If whole eggs are used, make sure each yoke is broken.) Add salt, sugar, and vanilla and mix. Microwave using a high setting until the mixture looks like scrambled eggs, 12 to 15 minutes. Interrupt the microwaving several times to stir with a whisk. The microwaving will need to be interrupted more frequently if a small bowl (2 1/2- to 3 1/2-cup capacity) is used.

Pour the mixture into a cheesecloth bag (or several layers of cheesecloth, or a cotton cloth) and tie tightly. [A large funnel or a drip coffee maker can be used to support the cheesecloth.] Hang and let drain for about 1 hour at room temperature. Gently squeeze the cheesecloth to remove any excess liquid and hang for at least 3 hours, preferable in the refrigerator. When thoroughly cool, remove the cheese from the bag. Slice into rounds. Refrigerate any left-overs.

Thank you for considering my recipes and commentary. If you want to reach me by telephone, my numbers are: 503-363-2621 (home) and 503-931-7734 (cell.)

Sincerely,
Norman J. Hudak



Joseph Senko and his family at the investiture ceremony

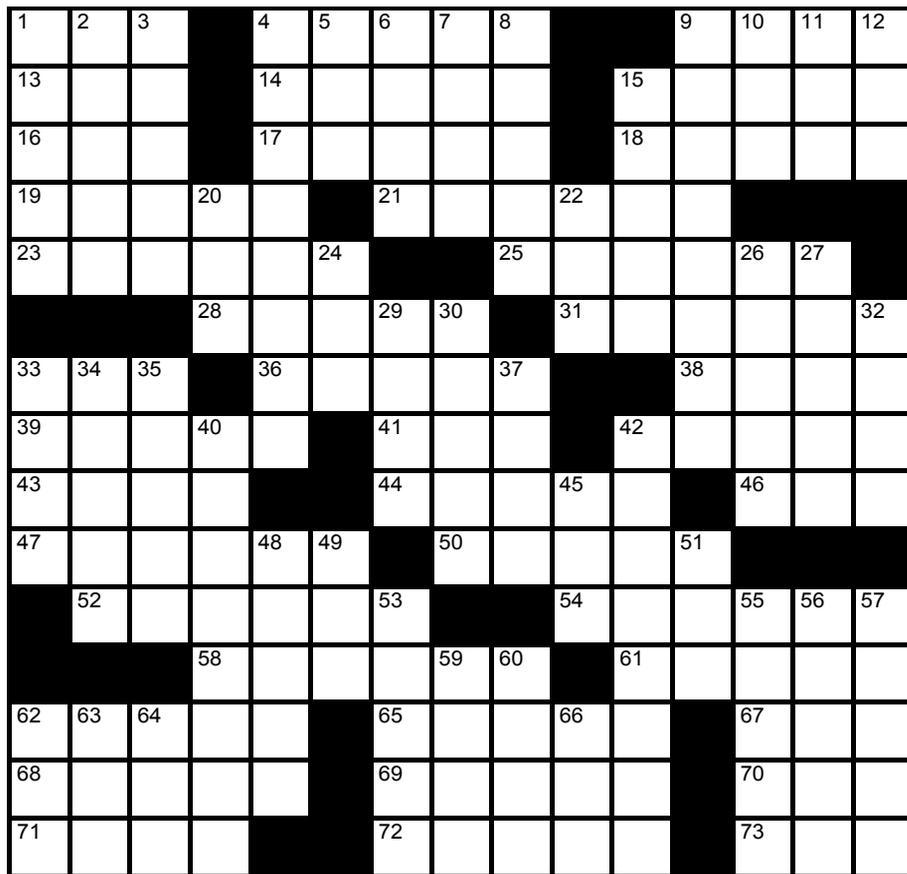
Senko Knighted in NY

On Saturday, September 26, Joseph Senko became a knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre at an investiture ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City at a concelebrated Mass by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan. Following the investiture, a gala black tie reception and dinner was held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is an ecclesiastical order of knighthood. This is only Order of chivalry under the protection of the Holy See. Membership in the Equestrian Order is considered one of the highest honors conferred upon clergy and laity. The honor is conferred on individuals for their outstanding charitable work both in their own communities and on behalf of the Church.

Joe, who has had 16 years of Catholic education, is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Serra Club for over 18 years. He has always been active in non-profit organizations helping others. He has served on over 30 different boards, assuming a leadership role in over half of them. On several occasions as the Slovak Honorary Consul, Joe has collected and shipped computers, children's books and medical supplies worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to help both the youth and aged in Slovakia.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Sibling
- 4 Peeled
- 9 Garden man
- 13 Landing craft (Al)
- 14 Classical music
- 15 Martini additive
- 16 Employ
- 17 Mr. (Sp.)
- 18 Precipitation
- 19 Overnighter
- 21 Shrewd
- 23 Pick out
- 25 Tap
- 28 Cloud
- 31 Navy man
- 33 Girl (Sp.)
- 36 Brings up
- 38 Banned
- 39 Like some floors
- 41 Dab
- 42 Pelted, sloppily
- 43 On the ocean
- 44 Oak fruit
- 46 Distances (Abbr.)
- 47 Writing styles
- 50 Pitchers
- 52 It. city
- 54 Fin type
- 58 Most immense
- 61 Climbing vine
- 62 Remained upright
- 65 Coral reef
- 67 Succeed
- 68 Saltwater
- 69 Comic Anderson
- 70 Cervid
- 71 Wing (Fr.)
- 72 Filled
- 73 Law enforcement group (Abbr.)

Down

- 1 Univalves
- 2 Magazine copy
- 3 Alloy
- 4 Greeting
- 5 *Tarzan* extra
- 6 Rockfish
- 7 Cupid's counterpart
- 8 Pub game
- 9 Asserting
- 10 Expire
- 11 *___ Maria*
- 12 Connected
- 15 Anc. Italian city
- 20 Congeal
- 22 Increases
- 24 Bind
- 26 Branch of knowledge (Suffix)
- 27 Strengthened
- 29 California wine country
- 30 Follow
- 32 Fishing gear
- 33 Hart
- 34 Lifted up
- 35 Actress Verdugo
- 37 Pack
- 40 Listening device

- 42 Entered
- 45 Bolshevik
- 48 Circumvent
- 49 Part (Abbr.)
- 51 With 57 Down, island republic
- 53 Orca prey
- 55 Cut wood
- 56 Feeble
- 57 See 51 Down
- 59 Greek portico
- 60 Tipster
- 62 Biz org. inits.
- 63 Angle forerunner
- 64 Frying substance
- 66 Falsehood

Address Changes?

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

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The annual yield on existing Flexible Premium Deferred Annuities & IRA's is 4.75% (4.641% APR)

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The annual yield for new Settlement Options is based on 4.25% (4.162% APR)

If you have any questions about our annuities or IRA's, please contact your local branch officer or the Home Office!

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

4.75%

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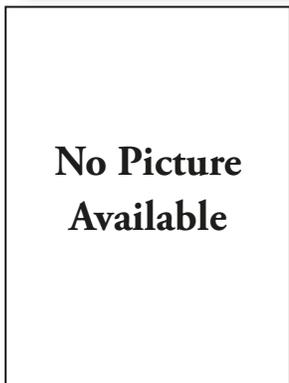
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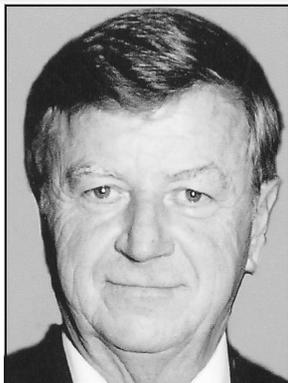


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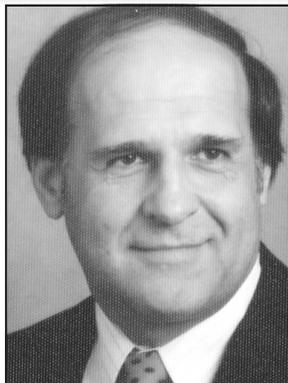
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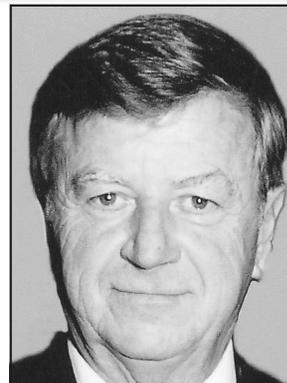
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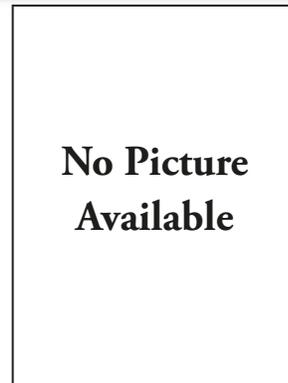
Andrew R. Harcar
Third Place



Carl J. Ungvarsky
First Place



Andrew R. Harcar
Second Place



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Thomas Podrasky
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES/IRA SOLD

Name	Branch	Annuities
Thomas Podrasky, Jessup, Pennsylvania	85	\$365,000.00
Kimberly M. Meeker, Windsor, New York	166	\$323,900.00
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	\$269,126.93
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	\$261,207.98
Joseph E. Rura, Coral, Pennsylvania	484	\$225,257.83
Roger T. Soltis, Massilon, Ohio	410	\$205,233.08
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	\$191,476.05
Al Tipul, Columbia Station, Ohio	319	\$169,707.37
Joseph T. Lauko, San Antonio, Florida	166	\$157,000.00
Joseph John Lucas, Parma, Ohio	855	\$138,579.79

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

Name	Branch	Total Points
Carl Ungvarsky, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania	173	481
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	426
Thomas Podrasky, Jessup, Pennsylvania	85	365
Kimberly Meeker, Windsor, New York	166	322
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	261
Joseph E. Rura, Coral, Pennsylvania	484	249
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	222
Roger T. Soltis, Massilon, Ohio	410	203
Dorothy Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	186
Al Tipul, Columbia Station, Ohio	319	168



Mark Marmol
First Place



Anna Magusin
Second Place



Michael P. Kolesar
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

Name	Branch	Insurance Amount
Mark Marmol, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	162	\$520,000
Anna Magusin, Warren, Michigan	743	\$300,000
Michael P. Kolesar, Olmsted Township, Ohio	855	\$250,000
Dorothy Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	\$240,000
Carl Ungvarsky, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania	173	\$160,000
Albert R. Valo, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	587	\$110,000
Joseph Bugel, Orland Park, Illinois	313	\$106,000
Andrew Herman, Levittown, Pennsylvania	857	\$101,000
Audrey Balazik, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	367	\$99,000
Dorothy Torretti, Stump Creek, Pennsylvania	322	\$90,000

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The Christmas Season is fast approaching. Oplatky are available through Jankola Library. Other items, such as Slovak Christmas cards, books, tapes, and CD's may also be procured.

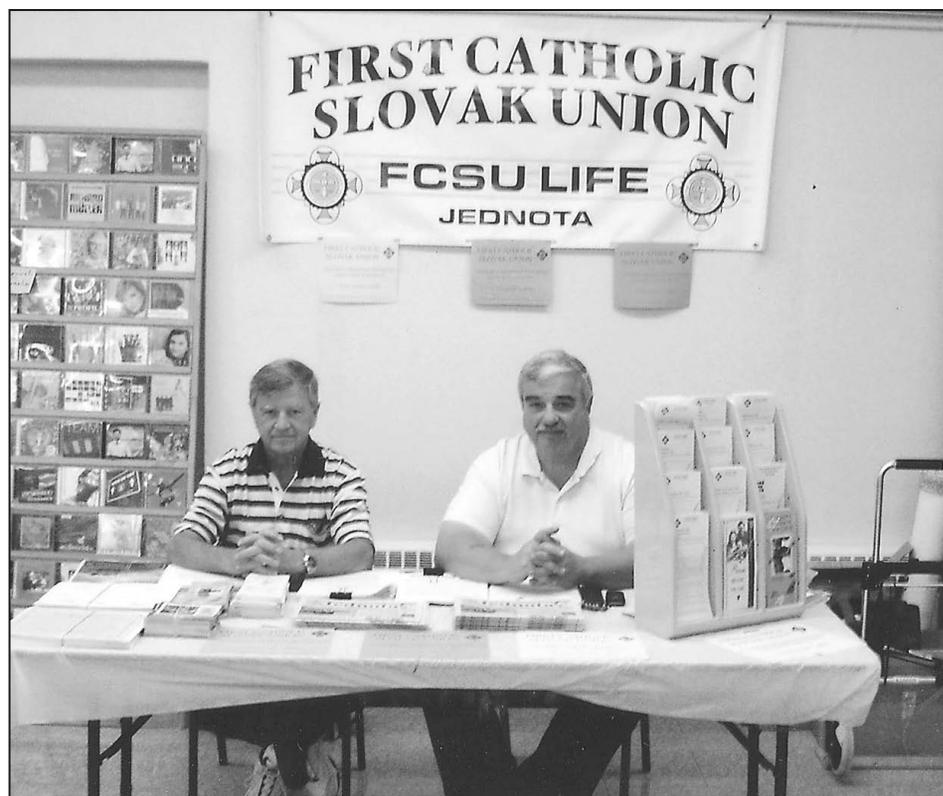
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Working the FCSU Booth are National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar Sr. and National Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt.

FCSU Officers Attend Cleveland Radio Club Festival

On Sunday, September 6, 2009, officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union attended the annual Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Festival at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Parma, Ohio.

The purpose of attending festivals and setting up information booths is to increase the visibility of the organization as well as providing attendees with literature on FCSU's insurance and annuity products.

This annual Slovak Day, sponsored by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, draws large crowds each year from Central and Northern Ohio, as well as Western Pennsylvania.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT-PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Pittsburgh District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Local Branch 628 will be the host. The Steelers do not play till the evening so that's not an excuse. The meeting will include officers' reports and discussion of FCSU national and district business, including the upcoming national convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Branch hosts for 2010 events will be selected. District officers for 2010 will be elected at this meeting. The Pittsburgh District delegate to the national convention will also be selected at this meeting.

A Family Christmas Party will be held following the meeting. The Pittsburgh Slovaks will be performing. Members are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren. Please RSVP to Flo Matta at 412/466-7460 or George Matta at 412/672-5330.

Holy Trinity Church now has an outstanding new mural featuring Saints Cyril and Methodius with background scenes of the New World and Old Country. Take the time to visit when you come to the meeting.

The officers of the Pittsburgh District would like to wish all members a Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT-MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The Prince Rastislav District and Branches 784 and 810 will hold a joint Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, after the High Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. On the agenda will be the election of officers, the election of convention delegates, and a discussion of the Social Calendar for 2010. Refreshments will be served.

Branch 784 will host the traditional Slovak Christmas Dinner on Sunday, November 29, 2009. We encourage members of both branches to attend.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President



**Susquehanna
University Choir**



CENTENNIAL CONCERT AT ST. CYRIL'S

The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville was filled on Sunday afternoon, October 4, with people of all ages and backgrounds, for a Sacred Concert celebrating the Centennial of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Both the performance and the attendance were beyond all expectation. Although no one has control over the weather, but that, too, was a warm and pleasant autumn treat which contributed to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Through the generosity of talented men and women, a ninety-minute Sacred Concert was provided and greatly appreciated by all in attendance. The Danville Community Singers, directed by John Collins; The Harrisburg Harp Orchestra, led by Louis Lynch; and the Susquehanna University Choir, conducted by Rodney H. Caldwell, provided ninety minutes of Sacred Music.

Their selections inspired awe and trust, devotion and praise, gratitude and petition. Many attendees described the afternoon as "Heavenly," "Angelic," "Strengthening," "Hope-inspiring." The melodies and the words evoked prayer and peace.

The Danville Community Singers opened the program with: "You Are My All in All," "Ose Shalom," "Prayer for the Children," "I Thank My God for You," and "I Will Share God's Love." The Harp Orchestra chose: "Be Thou My Vision," "Amazing Grace," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," "Canon in D," "Abide with Me," "On Eagle's Wings," "What Child Is This?," and "Dona Nobis Pacem." The Susquehanna University Choir sang: "Come to the Valley to Pray," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners," "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," and "I Heard a Great Voice."

The hymns reverberated in the hearts of the attendees as they left with expressions of joy and peace. Refreshments and fellowship afterward extended the spirit of the afternoon. For days after the Sacred "Heavenly" Concert, attendees and participants alike continued to express their gratitude.

The gifts of time and talent donated by the musicians are commendable. The generosity of the Concert sponsors and all who contributed to the free will offering for the benefit of the Sisters and their ministries is greatly appreciated.

Those who missed the program and/or those who might wish to savor it again may procure a DVD or CD by calling: 717-919-4247.

GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its annual Stedry Vecer on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by our traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. After dinner and the awarding of door prizes, the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain and the "Jaslickari" (Bethlehem Carolers) will make a visit. Please plan to attend and help us preserve this beautiful and festive custom. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$11 for children 16 and younger. Reserve your tickets early (they are limited) by calling Florence Sprock at 724/423-4199 or Barbara Mizikar at 724/423-2616. Absolutely no reservations will be accepted after November 30.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT-CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Rev. Stephen District will hold a meeting to discuss delegates to the convention on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio. Please contact Linda Hanko at 330/706-0151 or lhanko@neo.rr.com to make your reservations. Please take an active roll in your fraternal organization.

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT-MONONGAHELA VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at Kings Restaurant, Bentleyville, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers, a discussion of next year's convention, and the election of a delegate to the 49th FCSU Convention. The convention will be held August 14 through August 18, 2010 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Refer to Qualifications of Delegates in the Bylaws Section 11.03. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT-

The Msgr. Michael Shuba District will hold a joint Annual Meeting with Branch 785 on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. All members are encouraged to attend. The election of officers as well as election of delegates for the 2010 Convention in Cleveland will be conducted.

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Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

THE MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

Will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Nepomucene Church Parish Hall, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, a discussion of activities for next year, and the election of officers for 2010 and election of delegates to the 49th Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. We urge all District branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served by host branch, the St. Matthew Society, Branch 45.

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer

MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT- ALLEGHENY-KISKI VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Msgr. Joseph Tiso District has arranged transportation for a group outing to the University of Pittsburgh annual Slovak Day at the Cathedral of Learning in Oakland on Sunday, November 1, 2009. For details or to sign up for the event, contact Grace at 724/763-1104 or at the District (Okres) meeting on October 25.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT-ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND WISCONSIN

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District will hold its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Election of Convention Delegates on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. Attendees will enjoy a delicious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates. Individual Jednota members who wish to learn more about becoming active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call District President John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810, so enough food and beverage can be ordered for the meeting.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT-NEW JERSEY

The Msgr. John E. Rura District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey. Branch 290 will be the host. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich at 732/469-5256 by November 1 with the number of delegates who will be attending. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in SS. Cyril and Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. On the agenda will be the election of officers. Our annual Christmas Party will be held following the meeting. If you have any questions, please call 216/228-8179. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 3P- HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 3P, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The election of officers for 2010 will be conducted followed by a short update on local branch activities. New ideas for branch activities will be entertained and any beneficiary or address changes may be submitted at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and get involved.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P- EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Evangelist Society, Branch 5P, will hold its regular Semiannual Meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Leonard J. Zavada, 141 Second Street, Wyoming, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports, the nominations and elections of delegates to the National Convention, and suggestions for future branch activities. Members are invited to attend.

Leonard J. Zavada

BRANCHES 5, 240, 263 AND 419- OLYPHANT, NANTICOKE, DUPONT, AND WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branches 5, 240, 263 and 419 will hold a joint Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. On the agenda will be the election of officers. The election of delegates to the National Convention in August 2010 will also take place. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Call 570/824-4125 for the location of the meeting.

Marie Gryczko, President

BRANCH 10- OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, will hold its Annual Meeting, Audit, and Election of Officers on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Recording Secretary William A. Nalevanko, 405 North River Street, Olyphant, Pennsylvania. The Election of delegates to the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18, 2010, will also take place.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 19- BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009. All members are cordially invited to attend. A Mass will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Following the liturgy, members are asked to return to the lower level of the church where our regular meeting will be held. Refreshments will be served.

At the meeting the John A. Zahor Scholarships will be awarded to the following: Marie Berarducci, Christopher Danielczak, Victoria Hausman, Matthew Lumas, Lisa Anne Mitchell, Lydia Grace Monks, Peter Nielsen, and Kayla Ann Ursini. These funds are given to members for their college expenses. The Andrew J. Imbro Grants will also be given at this time to the following: Alexander Ciejka, Nicole Copertino, Victoria Danielczak, Gregory Kudz, Katherine Minese, Kira Novack, Paul Quagliaroli, and James Wanta. These funds are given to members in memory of John A. Zahor and Andrew J. Imbro in recognition of the many years they served Branch 19 and their deep interest in the young members.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, The election of officers

will take place at this meeting. The election of delegates to the National Convention will also be selected.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Andrew Svorad Society, Branch 24, will have their Branch and Christmas Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the Karlin Club, 5304 Fleet Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Bob Kopco, Presiden

BRANCH 38- DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Secretary, Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of charitable donations, and future Branch and District activities. There will be Election of Officers and Delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18, 2010. All members are welcomed.

Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 41- YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41, will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Trinity and Walnut Streets, Yonkers, New York. Financial reports will be presented and suggestions will be discussed. The election of officers for Branch 41 and the election of delegates to the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will take place. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Robert J. Lutz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 45- NEW YORK CITY

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, and a discussion of events for the coming year. The election of officers will also take place. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55- PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 55, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall of St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Officers will be elected and regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the President at 610/356-7956 for directions.

Josephine E. Gerba, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 75- SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of the president and financial secretary, Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the presentation of fiscal year end reports and financial statements. The Auditors' report will be submitted and the nomination of officers for the coming year will take place. In addition, the election of two (2) delegates and one (1) Alternate Delegate to represent Branch 75 at the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio from Saturday, August 14, 2010 through Wednesday, August 18, 2010, will take place.

All members are requested to attend the semi-annual meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 112- MAHANAY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 112, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at 86 Spring Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The agenda will include election of delegates to the Convention and a discussion on ideas on how to enroll new members. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 570/544-6694 for directions.

Karen Engle Sterling

BRANCH 153- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 12:00 noon at the home of the president, John Jurcenko. On the agenda will be officers' reports, the election of officers and a discussion of charitable donations. We will also elect delegates to the 49th FCSU International Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18, 2010.

All members are invited to attend our annual meeting. There will be a fraternal luncheon after the meeting.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at K2 Engineering, Inc., 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The election of branch officers and the selection of delegates to the National Convention are scheduled. Officers' reports, discussion of branch activities and the upcoming convention will be on the agenda. The meeting will be followed by a brunch at a local restaurant. All members and guests are invited to attend both the meeting and the brunch. For more information call Dolores at 724/ 437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 166- BINGHAMTON, CAPITAL AREA, PEEKSKILL, POUGHKEEPSIE AND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, at the Town Square Mall, Vestal, New York. The agenda will consist of Branch business and a discussion of new products and the Convention to be held in August 2010. Members are encouraged to attend. Please call Sue Gabriel at 607/729-8034 or Arlo Meeker at 607/775-4896 by October 20, 2009.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 181- UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 181, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Formation Building of St. Florian Church in United, Pennsylvania. All members are cordially invited to attend. The election of officers will take place. Also on the agenda will be a discussion of activities for 2010. In addition, there will be the nomination and election of delegates to attend the 49th Convention of the FCSU to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010.

Gerry Kovacina, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 200- FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 200, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs Social Hall of the C.U. Club, 910-912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania. The nomination of officers for 2010 will take place. The Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in 2010 will also be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

Patricia Conner, Secretary

BRANCH 259- STRUTHERS, OHIO

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will have a Mass celebrated on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio. The Mass will be offered

for all living and deceased members of the branch. Following the liturgy, the Annual Meeting will be held at the Bedford Trails Golf Course, Coitsville, Ohio. All members are welcome and are urged to attend this meeting. The 49th International Convention will also be on the agenda, along with the election of officers for the branch for the coming year.

Vivian Sedlacko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260- CAMPBELL, OHIO

The St. Matthew Society, Branch 260, will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Msgr. Cyril Adamko Hall in St. Elizabeth Church. The Election of Officers for the coming year along with the Nominations for Delegates to the Convention will be held. Plans for 2010 will be discussed. Any changes to the Bylaws must be submitted by January 31, 2010. We urge members to attend and to participate in the discussions that relate to improving the Society as a whole.

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 266- HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Officers will be elected for 2010 and suggestions for branch activities for next year will be discussed. Please spread the word so more of our members will attend and become involved in branch activities. Please plan to attend.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 276- MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 276, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the school hall of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Seventh Street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers for the new year. The election of delegates for the convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010, will also take place. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 290- RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 290, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. Please try to attend. Call Joe after 6:00 p.m. at 732/469-5256 for the location of the meeting.

Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director

BRANCH 293- LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 293, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Katherine Drexel Church Social Hall, 124 East Abbott Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. It should be noted that the election of delegates to the National Convention will take place at this time.

Anyone needing services or more insurance should contact: Robert J. Lakata, 527 East Bertsch St., Lansford, PA 18232, or leave a message at 570/645-4872.

Robert J. Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 320- STOCKDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 320, invite all their members to attend the next meeting of the branch on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 12:00 noon at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Since lunch will be prepared, please call Fran at 724/929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending. On the agenda will be the election of officers, a discussion of the upcoming convention, and the election of delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention. This convention will be held August 14 through August 18, 2010 at the Renaissance Cleveland, Hotel. Refer to Qualifications of Delegates in the Bylaws Section 11.03. Members of the various branches are

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urged to attend.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 380- CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Ignatius Society, Branch 380, will hold its Annual Meeting and Lunch on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Wendy's in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Members are urged to attend. The election of officers and election of convention delegates will take place.

Margaret Graytok

BRANCH 382- SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382, will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall of Holy Family Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports, correspondence, branch activities, insurance programs, and the 2010 FCSU Convention. A report on District 17 activities will be given. Branch members who were sponsored by Branch 382 and attended the FCSU Golf Tournament will report on the event. The election of officers for 2010 will also take place. Refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 393- HANNASTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Rizzo's Restaurant, Crabtree, Pennsylvania. The election of officers as well as delegates to the coming convention will take place.

Mary Ann Nalevanko

RANCH 401- EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 401, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at King's Restaurant, Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2010, the election of a delegate to the Convention, and a discussion on any new resolutions to be sent to the Convention Committee. Members are asked to please attend and express their thoughts for any improvements.

Rose Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 425- BARBERTON, OHIO

The St. Mark's Society, Branch 425, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at The Slovak Society of Barberton Club, 887 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton, Ohio. All members are welcome to attend.

Paul J. Slota, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 450- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold a meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jozef Valencik, 13501 Park Drive, Brook Park, Ohio. We plan to discuss the selection of delegates for the 2010 convention. All members are encouraged to attend.

Margaret Valencik, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 456- HAWK RUN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 456, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 12:00 noon at The Lincoln Slovak Club, Fourth Street, Hawk Run, Pennsylvania.

Alice PolloCK

BRANCH 493- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 493, will hold its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Election of Convention Delegates and Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. followed by a delicious dinner. If you plan to attend, please call the financial secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at 773/505-0117 or 502/244-6643 by November 24. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate checks.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 510- KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

The St. Anthony Society, Branch 510, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Casa Capri, Kenosha, Wisconsin. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of future events and an update on insurance and annuity products. The FCSU has good rates for investments that offer protection for your assets. There will also be a discussion of how to help St. Anthony's Parish prepare for its 100th anniversary in 2010. St. Anthony's Parish is the only Slovak church still active in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

There will be a light dinner available for those to attend the meeting. For reservations, call Joseph Scuglik at 262/654-7364.

Joseph Scuglik, President

BRANCH 553- AKRON, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 553, will hold a lodge meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio. We will be discussing Convention Delegates. Please attend and take an active role in your lodge.

Mark your calendars for the annual Vilija Dinner on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. All children 16 years and younger are invited to attend free of charge. Call Linda Hanko at 330/706-0151 or the Slovak J Club at 330/773-4978 for tickets. Get your reservations early. Come and join us and share in this rich Slovak tradition.

Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 567- ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 567, will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 North Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend meetings and take an interest in their branch. We will have nominations of officers at this time.

A Bake Sale of nut and poppy seed rolls will be held on October 29 in the Social Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

May God bless and watch over you.

Rosalie Favere

BRANCH 587- ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Alexander's Restaurant in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. All members are invited to attend for the election of officers for the coming year. The election of delegates to the 49th Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in August 2010 will also take place. For reservations, call Albert Valo at 724/375-2287 by October 25.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 600- LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Mary Society, Branch 600, will hold its yearly meeting for the Election of Officers on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at John's Tours Office, Route 66 in the Village of Riverview. All members are invited attend.

John Mago, President

BRANCH 670- DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 670, invited all their members to attend the next meeting of the branch on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 12:00 noon at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers, a discussion of next year's convention, and the election of delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention. This convention will be held August 14 through August 18, 2010 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Refer to Qualifications of Delegates in Bylaws Section 11.03. Members of various branches are urged to attend.

Dorothy Petrus, President

BRANCH 682- YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. George Society, Branch 682, will hold its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Material Research

Lab, 290 North Bridge Street, Struthers, Ohio. A meeting will also be held. The convention will be discussed. The election of officers and convention delegates will also take place. All members are encouraged to attend.

Andrew J. Hirt, President

BRANCH 716- NEW YORK CITY

The St. Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Nepomucene Church Hall, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, election of officers for 2010, election of delegates for 49th Convention in Cleveland, and a discussion of plans for the coming year. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH 731- YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 731, will have a Mass celebrated for the deceased members on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Following the liturgy, we will have a meeting at St. Matthias Church Rectory. The meeting will include the election of officers for 2010 and the election of delegates to the 49th International Convention.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 743- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a 2009 financial report, approval of the 2010 budget, a discussion of branch activities and other business pertaining to the branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of branch officers will also take place. In addition, there will be the Nomination and Election of Delegates to the 49th Convention of the FCSU to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The annual meeting will follow the Mass in the Church Social Hall. Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

Members who need assistance with their policies or need to change their address or beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087 or phone 586/254-0225.

Joseph C. Rimarcik, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 746- LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will host its annual Jednota Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Msgr. Komar Hall at Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the popular band Kontakt. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For tickets and additional information, please call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 780- SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 780, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at 2280 Taft Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602. Nominations for branch officers will be taken. If a member wishes to give a name but is unable to attend the meeting, they may mail a note to the above address or call 989/792-0186.

Catherine Karlsen, Secretary

BRANCH 785- TORONTO, ONTARIO

The St. John Society, Branch 785, will hold a joint Annual Meeting with the Msgr. Michael Shuba District on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. All members are encouraged to attend. The election of officers as well as election of delegates for the 2010 Convention in

Cleveland will be conducted.

Milos Mitro, Regional Director

BRANCH 796- EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Main Street, Egypt, Pennsylvania. A social with Slovak food will be held after the meeting. All members are cordially invited to attend and have a good time. The election of officers, promoting of new members and the selecting of delegates will be on the agenda. God bless all.

Jerry Lloyd, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 853- ELLSWORTH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 853, will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner Christmas Party on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Regos Restaurant, Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Due to seating, reservations are required. To make your reservation, please call 412/341-1577 and leave your name, phone number and number of adults and children attending. Since Santa always leaves a gift for the children, the age of the child is requested. There will be no cost to branch members attending. Non-branch members will be charged \$13 per person which will be payable at that time.

After the luncheon, the branch meeting will be held. At this meeting, all Convention business will be discussed. This includes the election of the branch delegate which will be held at this meeting along with the election of branch officers. Please bring your suggestions for Bylaw amendments to this meeting.

Branch 853 wishes all a Blessed Christmas Season.

Monica Rodacy Boone

BRANCH 855- PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Carrie Cerino's Restaurante, 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio. The election of Officers for 2010 and the election of Delegates to the Convention will take place. We will also have a discussion of branch activities for 2010. Members are asked to please call for a dinner reservation by November 15, 2009. Call Linda Kolesar at 440/886-0206.

See you there!

Linda L. Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 856- WASHINGTON, D.C., VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND

Our Mother of Sorrows Society, Branch 856, will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the home of Katherine Nowatkoski, 12127 Westwood Hills Drive, Oak Hill, Virginia. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of branch activities, and a report on the District meeting. The election of officers will also take place. In addition, there will be the nomination and election of a delegate to the 49th FCSU Convention to be held in Cleveland, August 14-18, 2010.

Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and take an active part in their fraternal organization. For more information call Stephen Matula at 703/671-3013 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 703/860-1693.

**Katherine Nowatkoski,
Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 888- WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next two meetings one on Sunday, November 15, 2008 and another on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Both meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. On the agenda will be a treasurer's report and a discussion of future Branch activities and other topics of mutual interest. All Branch members are invited to attend. For directions and further information contact President David Rafaidus at 561/776-0449 or email at jednota888@yahoo.com.

David Rafaidus, President

Obituaries Announcements

Francis E. Pipak Sr.
Branch 199
Hostetter, Pennsylvania



Francis E. Pipak Sr., 84, of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, died Friday, September 25, 2009, in Excelsa Health, Latrobe Hospital.

Born July 2, 1925, in Pipetown, he was a son of the late John M. and Anna S. Marichko Pipak.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Hanushovsky and Pauline Guzik; and a brother, Andrew Pipak.

He was an active member of St. Florian Catholic Church, United. A World War II veteran, he served in the Navy. Prior to retirement, he was employed by PPG Industries of South Greensburg.

Frank was a lifetime social member and volunteer for Norvelt Volunteer Fire Department, including bingo calling. His memberships included St. Vincent Senior Citizens, American Legion Unity Township Post 982,

Norvelt Golf Club, Hecla Sportsman's Club, and past executive secretary of First Catholic Slovak Union.

He is survived by his "bride" of 61 years, Sophie B. Emerick Pipak; five children, Francis E. (Michelle) Pipak of Pittsburgh, Susan M. (Jack) Owens of McKean, John M. (Bonnie) Pipak of Norvelt, Thomas F. Pipak of Kecksburg, and Barbara A. (Bob) Patula of Norvelt; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Helen (Jackson) Palko of Pipetown, Joseph (Gloria) Pipak of Longview, Texas, Richard (Sally) Pipak of Greensburg, and Nancy (Charles) Tripoli of Unity Township.

He will be remembered for his love for his family and his sense of humor. Frank was a passionate Notre Dame fan.

Family and friends were received at the Jay A. Hoffer Funeral Home, Norvelt. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Florian Church with the Rev. William McGuirk as celebrant. Interment was in St. Florian Cemetery, Trauger., with military honors

accorded by Amvets Post 94 of United and Armbrust Veterans Association.

John M. Emerick
Branch 199
Hostetter, Pennsylvania



John M. Emerick, 91, of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Jefferson Hills Borough.

He was born October 21, 1917, in Whitney, Pennsylvania, a son of the late Valent and Mary Gaca Emerick.

Mr. Emerick was retired as an inspector with the Bureau of Mines in Bruceton.

He served in the Army Corps during World War II, where he was captured by the Japanese on the Bataan Peninsula of Manila in the Philippines, and was a survivor of one of the cruelest chapters in American history, the Bataan Death March.

Mr. Emerick was a 50-year member of the American Legion Post 613 in Finleyville, a

member of VFW Post 6664 in Library and St. Francis of Assisi Church in Finleyville. He was a past national adjutant of the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and was very active in all aspects of veteran's affairs.

Surviving are three sisters, Mary Bratberg of North Dakota, Sophie Pipak of Norvelt, and Josephine Curci of Greensburg; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are his wife, Theresa Emerick, who died in 2004; a brother, Joseph Emerick; and two sisters, Helen Wisniewski and Margaret Hritz.

Friends were received at the Kegel Funeral Home Inc., Finleyville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Francis Church, with the Rev. Robert J. Boyle as celebrant. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in McMurray. Full military honors were accorded by Mon Valley Honor Guard. Memorial contributions can be made to Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, c/o Joe Vater, 18 Warbler Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Sophie Pipak

INTERRUPTED LIVES: *Catholic Sisters under European Communism*

In some parts of the country ABC channels offered this Documentary on Sunday, September 13, as part of the Vision and Values program. In some areas it was offered that day at a reasonable time, but in more than two-thirds of the United States, "Interrupted Lives" was not only not mentioned in the TV listings, it was aired between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

This is a story which most Catholics in our country have never heard. The general population has frequently heard about the Holocaust, which of course, was an atrocity. However, they have never been informed of what happened to more than one hundred MILLION Christians who lived under atheistic Communism.

We, the descendents of immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe, should be informed of what happened in our ancestral land. Had our parents and/or grandparents had not risked their ocean voyage, poverty, and hardship, we might have been among those caught in the throes of an unreasonable government.

The documentary, "Interrupted Lives," which was recently released to the public by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is the result of several years of research by two Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas, Sister Margaret Nacke and Sister Mary Savoie. Both Sisters, former College Professors, spent ten summers after the fall of Communism, assisting the Sisters in Romania as they tried to restore the lives in community.

Although the American Sisters did not understand Romanian, they began to piece together some of the experiences the Romanian Sisters were sharing with each other. They realized that what the Sisters had experienced between 1950 and 1989 had to be made known.

Sisters Mary and Margaret came to understand that religious in other countries had had similar experiences during the Communist regime. In some cases, what had happened to religious in other countries was even worse.

They returned to the States with determination to do something about it. The result is an hour-long documentary which, hopefully, will reveal the faith, courage, and trust in Divine Providence which sustained thousands of religious women in the second half of the twentieth century.

From the cover of the documentary case we read:

They were Greek and Roman Catholic Sisters of Eastern and Central Europe. At the end of World War II, Stalin seized control of their countries, imposing a forty-year reign of atheistic rule, suppressing religious practice and disrupting the Sisters' individual and community lives.

"Interrupted Lives" explores the experiences of these Sisters through interviews with survivors as well as with the "Secret Sisters" who joined religious life during this time. They lived out their vocations in the underground until after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Many of these Sisters endured imprisonment, forced farm and factory labor, deportation, exile to Siberia, expulsion from their convents and seizure of their schools and hospitals.

Filmed on location in Ukraine, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, and the United States, "Interrupted Lives" is a powerful testimony to the faith, courage, and endurance of these women and all those who still today undergo persecution for political or religious beliefs.

The documentary is available on a DVD, shipping and handling included, for \$25.00. (No postage charge if the DVD is received in person.)

Anyone interested in procuring a DVD may call or write to:

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On Way to UN, Minister Lajcak Visits Washington

John Karch

During a working visit in the nation's capital on Monday, September 21, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Dr. Miroslav Lajcak, devoted the day and evening in serious discussions with representatives of the U.S. Administration and with others. This visit was timely and productive, given the landscape, the considered issues, the Minister's image, and his hosts' expertise and responsibilities. See the Press Release below.

Minister's Profile

Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak was born March 20, 1963 in Poprad. He is married and has two children. His higher education began in 1988 when he was enrolled in the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Relations. He then attended Comenius University, Faculty of Law, in Bratislava. He concluded his formal education at the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

His professional career began at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia in Prague during 1988-91. His next two years were at the Embassy in Moscow as Third Secretary. In 1994 he was Director of the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Slovakia in Bratislava. During 1994-98 Dr. Lajcak was Slovakia's Ambassador in Japan and the following three years in Bratislava as Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

During 2001-2005 he was Slovakia's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (later Serbia and Montenegro), Republic of Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Belgrade. From December 2005 to May 2006, he was assigned as Personal Representative of the EU (European Union) High Representative for CFSP [Common Foreign and Security Policy] to facilitate the Montenegrin dialogue. During the next two years, Dr. Lajcak was Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bratislava. In July 2007, he was named High Representative of International Community and EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. On January 26 of this year he was named Slovakia's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Press Release

The following Press Release was issued September 23, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and can be viewed at the Ministry's web site www.mzv.sk. "The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic Miroslav Lajcak held talks with the representatives of the U.S. administration in Washington, D.C. on 21 September 2009. Key issues discussed were deployment of troops in Afghanistan, the issue of missile defense system as well as the latest developments in the Western Balkans. The representatives of the Department of State, the Department of Defense and National Security Council were interested in Slovakia's perception and assessment of countries of the Eastern Neighborhood Partnership, especially in the Ukraine and Belarus, which are listed among Slovakia's foreign policy priorities. Given the experience of Minister Lajcak as the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, he briefed on recent developments in the countries. Bosnia and the Western Balkans were also discussed in the U.S. Institute of Peace, where Minister Lajcak met with the experts from the U.S. government as well as the representatives of influential think tanks. The participants appreciated the possibility of direct talks with Minister Lajcak and his expertise concerning their situation in the Western Balkans.

During the discussion with the adviser to Vice President Joe Biden, Minister Lajcak assured his counterparts that Afghanistan remains one of the top Slovak foreign policy priorities. The U.S. representatives highly appreciated Slovakia's commitment to ISAF [NATO's International Security Assistance Force] and overall reconstruction of Afghanistan. During the talk on issues of mutual interest of Slovakia and the United States, Minister Lajcak briefed about the current state of play of relations between Slovakia and Hungary. Although the U.S. pointed out the exclusively bilateral character of this issue, the U.S. welcomed the recent meeting of the countries' Prime Ministers, which led to an agreement on a concrete plan of cooperation. Minister Lajcak and his Hungarian counterpart Peter Balazs will further discuss the steps for implementation of this agreement in New York on Thursday."



Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Miroslav Lajcak (left) with John Karch at the Ambassador's Residence

Slovak Soccer A Historic Qualifier for 2010 World Cup

John Karch

Not only in Slovakia, but throughout the world the Slovaks must surely be ecstatic about the Slovak national team qualifying, for the first time in its history, to be among the elite soccer achievers in the world. Soccer—or spoken as football in some countries—is still THE MOST POPULAR SPORT internationally.

Personally, I grew up with soccer in my village of Velka Domasa where I played with the village team against a neighboring town during my summer visit in 1948. We won! I had played fullback at Temple U. Our son Paul grew up with soccer as well and played with the 13-15 year-olds with the SLOVAN Club in Bratislava in 1974 when I headed the U.S. Information Agency's "Progress and the Environment" exhibit there; Paul did well and was called "American" by his playmates. He phoned me with the news of the Slovak victory over Poland—achieved in the snow-lashed stadium—for the qualification.

To qualify for the World Cup is itself a great achievement. However, let's consider another valuable aspect of this winning for Slovakia. That is, image and after nearly seventeen years of independence, even name recognition. Already, internationally, there is an avalanche of media reporting and much information is available on various websites as well. On October 19, www.floridatoday.com headlined an article "Cup qualifying captivates he world."

During the tournament in South Africa next year, TV and radio reporters will cite Slovakia repeatedly, especially if the team wins its first game. I recall that years ago, a similar situation occurred with hockey. I taped that championship game. It was a pity that Slovakia lost but it had gained worldwide coverage as the Slovak soccer team is getting. Understandably, my family is elated as all Slovaks should be. Those of us who live in the U.S. can be proud of "our USA team" qualifying as well.

Road to World Cup

To get there is no easy task for any national team. Slovakia was not expected to qualify for next year's tournament in South Africa. However, in Group 3 Slovakia began its steep climb September 6, 2008 with a 2-1 victory over Holland and concluded October 14 of this year with a 1-0 win over Poland, having accumulated a surprising 22 points, the highest in Group 3. As of October 19, the qualifying European teams are: Denmark, Italy, Serbia, Switzerland, Slovakia, Germany, England, Holland, and Spain.

The team's Coach is Vladimir Weiss, 45, a highly regarded Slovak. Reuters reported from Bratislava that two days after Slovak qualification the Slovak football federation chairman said "It is impossible to imagine that we wouldn't offer Coach Weiss a contract extension." His son, also Vladimir Weiss, on the national team at 19, is a midfielder with the Manchester City Squad.

According to the Slovak Spectator "No one is under any illusions: Slovakia will be a significant underdog in South Africa next year. But this qualification, with a record of seven wins from ten matches and 22 goals scored is already a spectacular achievement." GO SLOVAKIA!

GO USA!

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

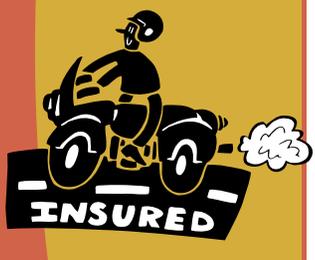
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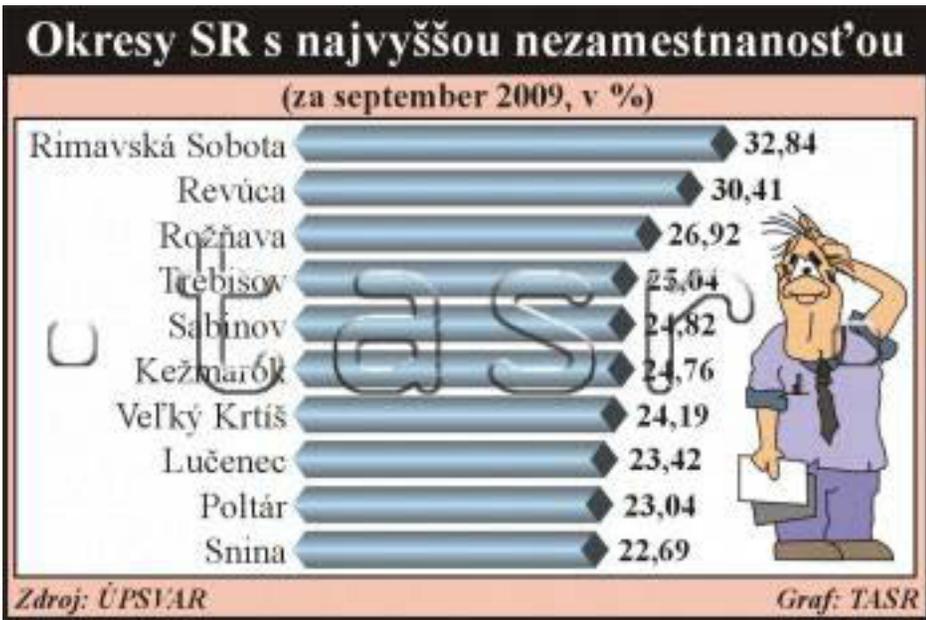
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Napriek kríze maloobchod na Slovensku rozširuje sortiment mäsa

Bratislava (TASR) - Napriek hospodárskej kríze maloobchodná sieť na Slovensku ďalej obohacuje trh o nové produkty, o ktoré zákazníci prejavujú veľký záujem. Niektoré obchodné spoločnosti už otvorili vlastné prevádzky napríklad aj na výrobu mäsa ako Tesco, Billa a Carrefour. V nich sa mäso spracováva, ochucuje, balí do hygienických obalov, ktoré predlžujú trvanlivosť výrobkov, a pod vlastnou značkou sa aj predáva. Trendom aj pre ostatný vybraný sortiment dennej spotreby bude rýchlo reagovať na požiadavky špeciálnej skupiny zákazníkov.

Začiatkom októbra vlastný mäsokombinát v 36 prevádzkach na Slovensku rozbehol obchodný reťazec Kaufland, ktorého sieť vznikla v Nemecku. "Vlastná prevádzka na výrobu mäsa, ktorú zaviedol Kaufland v niektorých mäsových výrobkoch, kopíruje nemecký sortiment. K slovenským zákazníkom sa tak dostáva širšia ponuka," uviedol analytik prieskumnej spoločnosti Terno Ľubomír Drahovský. Kaufland je prvý maloobchodný reťazec, ktorý má vlastný mäsokombinát. Dodávatelia mäsa na spracovanie pochádzajú hlavne zo Slovenska a Česka, ale v menšej miere Kaufland vykupuje mäso aj z iných krajín EÚ. Tie obchodné reťazce a maloobchodné prevádzky, ktoré už dlhšie ponúkajú mäso aj z vlastnej výroby, pridávajú aj úpravy mäsa napríklad podľa ázijskej kuchyne.



Archeológovia našli obilie staré najmenej 3500 rokov

Nižná Myšľa (TASR) - Obilie staré najmenej 3500 rokov patrilo k unikátnym nálezom končiac sa 33. sezónou archeologického výskumu osady a pohrebiska zo staršej doby bronzovej, ktorú v Nižnej Myšli v okrese Košice-okolie robí košické pracovisko Archeologického ústavu SAV v Nitre. Približne šesť kilogramov zuhoľnatého obilia našli v takmer dva metre hlbokéj zásobnicovej jame, ktorá bola priamo v jednom zo skúmaných príbytkov pri kupolovej peci. Ako začiatkom októbra informoval vedúci výskumu Ladislav Olexa, v tomto zrubovom príbytku našli výskumníci aj zdobenú amfóru, džbánky a rovnakú unikátnu prenosnú hlinenú piecku, takzvaný pyraunos. Podľa Olexu nález obilia môže dokumentovať, že už v tejto dobe poznali ľudia výrobu piva a alkoholu. Skúmanie veku objavených zrnoviny takzvanou uhlíkovou metódou pomôže veľmi presne datovať aj vek príbytku.

Tohtoročnú výskumnú sezónu zamerali archeológovia okrem obydlí hlavne na končiac sa odhalenie fortifikačného systému osady, ktoré trvalo štyri roky. Ako spresnil Olexa, chránila ju priekopa hlboká vyše štyroch metrov a široká 20-25 metrov, z materiálu ktorej navršili štyri-päť metrov vysoký hlinený val spevnený drevom a kamennou konštrukciou. Sezóna trvala štyri mesiace a vystriedalo sa pri nej niekoľko desiatok študentov z domova i zahraničia. Ako pripomenul Olexa, bola úspešná najmä vďaka finančnej podpore vlády SR. Archeológovia ju získali na základe doterajších výsledkov a úspechov, presahujúcich významom Slovensko i strednú Európu. Patril k nim aj vlni objavený zlatý poklad a preskúmaných bolo doteraz aj takmer 800 súvekých hrobov. Doterajší výskum lokality, ktorý je zhruba v jednej tretine, ukázal, že mala zastavanú plochu osem hektárov, pričom ďalšie dva hektáre tvorilo opevnenie. "Dokumentuje to, že takáto veľká opevnená osada v tom čase v Karpatovej kotline a v severnom Potísi nebola. Existovalo tam veľké sídlo remeselníkov, obchodníkov, zrejme aj bojovníkov, ako aj centrum náboženského kultu, čiže niečo ako naše malé Mykény," povedal Olexa. Archeológovia plánujú v spolupráci so samosprávou a finančnou pomocou vlády a eurofondov vybudovať v lokalite archeologický skanzen s obnovenými príbytkami a opevnením.

"Moderná európska muzeológia sa ubera práve týmto smerom - zriadením múzei pod holým nebom," pripomenul Olexa. Dodal, že skanzen priblíži návštevníkom bytovú kultúru a remeselnú zručnosť predkov, ktorí na kopci Várhegyi v Nižnej Myšli žili pred vyše 3500 rokmi a po 300 rokoch rozkvetu pravdepodobne po veľkom požiari či inej katastrofe miesto navždy opustili. Archeologická lokalita v Nižnej Myšli slúži aj ako školiace pracovisko pre budúcich archeológov zo Slovenska, Česka i Nemecka. Už 15 rokov ju pravidelne navštevuje a pracuje tam na vykopávkach ako archeoturista nemecký dôchodca Ulrich Fries z Mníchova. Miestne Archeologické múzeum, kde sústredili artefakty nájdené počas výskumu, navštevujú už 10. rok početní turisti a školáci.

Slovenské gymnázium v Kláštore pod Znievom otvorili pred 140 rokmi

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenské gymnázium v Kláštore pod Znievom sa radí spolu s revúckym a martinským medzi prvé tri na Slovensku. Založili ho 3. októbra 1869 a bolo jediným reálnym gymnáziom v uhorskej školskej sústave. V sobotu 3. októbra si pripomenuli 140 rokov od jeho založenia. V období po revolúcii v roku 1848 školskú politiku v Rakúsko-Uhorsku riadil český šľachtic, barón Leo Thun. Pod jeho vedením sa vypracovala vo Viedni v roku 1849 nová organizačná štruktúra stredného školstva. Jednotlivým národnostiam sa povoľovalo používať ako vyučovací jazyk ich materinskú reč. Podľa nariadenia z konca decembra 1861 sa malo na Slovensku vyučovať čisto po slovensky na štyroch katolíckych gymnáziách. Evanjelických gymnázií sa toto nariadenie netýkalo. Jedinou skutočne slovenskou školou sa stalo biskupské gymnázium v Banskej Bystrici. V úsilí o zavádzanie slovenčiny ako vyučovacieho jazyka sa mohol patrón tohto gymnázia biskup Štefan Moyses oprieť o pomoc vynikajúceho pedagóga Martina Čulena, ktorý tu pôsobil ako profesor matematiky a od roku 1862 ako riaditeľ.

V ostatných katolíckych gymnáziách sa slovenčinu ako vyučovací jazyk nepodarilo širšie uplatniť. Ešte horšia situácia bola v evanjelických gymnáziách – ani jediné sa neposlovenčilo. Táto situácia viedla niektorých evanjelikov-národovcov k tomu, že sa snažili založiť nové slovenské školy. Po veľkom úsilí sa im to podarilo - 16. septembra 1862 bolo založené evanjelické gymnázium vo Veľkej Revúcej, 1. septembra 1867 evanjelické gymnázium v Turčianskom sv. Martine a 3. októbra 1869 katolícke gymnázium v Kláštore pod Znievom. Tieto tri gymnáziá boli vybudované vďaka nadšeniu a s príspevom slovenského národa. Katolícke patronátne gymnázium v Kláštore pod Znievom bolo akoby pokračovaním banskobystrického gymnázia, ktoré bolo od roku 1867 rýchlo pomaďarčené. Penzionovaný Martin Čulen, ktorý medzitým pôsobil aj ako riaditeľ vyššieho kráľovského gymnázia v Levoči, prišiel do Kláštora pod Znievom koncom augusta 1868. Tu s pomocou richtára Jána Capka pripravoval projekt na založenie slovenského katolíckeho gymnázia. Slovenskí národovci pod Čulenovým vedením využili zákonnú možnosť garantujúcu cirkvám a obciam zakladať vlastné školy bez štátnej dotácie. Preto sa organizovala celonárodná zbierka. Sám Čulen venoval 100 zlatých.

V katolíckom patronátnom gymnáziu v Kláštore pod Znievom sa začalo s vyučovaním od 3. októbra 1869. Nikto neočakával, že sa prihlási až 73 študentov z celého Slovenska. Riaditeľovi Čulenovi sa podarilo vytvoriť kvalitný profesorský zbor, pôsobili tu prekladateľ a publicista Samuel Zachej, rímskokatolícky kňaz a spisovateľ Gabriel Zaymus, lekár a prírodovedec Matej Korauš a iní. V gymnáziu študovali viacerí predstavitelia slovenského národného života a kultúry, napríklad spisovatelia Ferko Urbánek a Anton Bielek. V škole sa kládol dôraz na zásadu spojenia školy so životom, priekopnícky sa tak realizoval projekt tohto prvého reálneho gymnázia v celom Uhorsku. V učebnom pláne sa kládol dôraz na reálne (prírodovedné) predmety. Od založenia do roku 1874 tu študovalo 669 žiakov z celého Slovenska, najmä z chudobných rodín. Tri slovenské gymnáziá boli trŕňom v oku maďarskej vláde i cirkvi. Začalo sa vyšetrovanie ich činnosti. Úrady zatvorili najprv revúcke (20.8.1874), potom znievske (30.12.1874) a nakoniec aj martinské gymnázium (5.1.1875). Martin Čulen odišiel za farára do Častej, kde aj zomrel. Tri slovenské gymnáziá v čase zrušenia, čo potvrdili všetky úradné správy, patrili po stránke odbornej výchovy k najlepším školám v Uhorsku. V dejinách slovenského národa a školstva zohrali nezastupiteľnú úlohu.



Filozof Michael Novak ocenený čestným doktorátom KU

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život (zvlášť svadby) na dedinách, kde tkvie dodnes veľká sila Slovenskej kultúry a cti," povedal. Čestný titul doctor honoris causa KU je podľa jeho slov významným ocenením aj preto, že sa cíti byť zviazaný so Slovenskom a Slovákmi. „Moji starí rodičia neštudovali na univerzitách. A ani moji rodičia. Ale všetci moji bratia a sestry áno a aj všetky ich deti. Som nesmierne šťastný, že som prijal túto poctu dnes na Slovensku. Budem ju veľmi opatrovať.“

Michael Novak sa narodil v marci 1933 v Johnstowne v Pensylvánii v USA. Graduoval na Stonehill College v roku 1956 a o dva roky neskôr na Gregoriánskej univerzite v Ríme. V teologických štúdiách pokračoval na Katolíckej univerzite, v roku 1966 získal vzdelanie v histórii a filozofii náboženstva na Harvardovej univerzite, kde neskôr pôsobil. V rokoch 1965-1968 pracoval ako Assistant Professor of Humanities na Stanfordskej univerzite, neskôr prednášal na Experimental College at SUNY Old Westbury. V rokoch 1973-1974 vytvoril nový študijný program pre Rockefeller Foundation. V roku 1976 sa stal riadnym profesorom a zároveň pracoval ako Ledden-Watson Distinguished Professor of Religion na Syracuse University. V súčasnosti okrem iného pôsobí na American Enterprise Institute vo Washingtone ako Director of Social and Political Studies.

Profesor Novak zastával rôzne významné politické funkcie, bol ambasádorom U. S. Delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, vedúci U. S. Delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Je nositeľom mnohých vyznamenaní za vedecké aktivity, za publikáciu The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism mu cenu odovzdávala Margaret Thatcher, za vedecký progres v skúmaní náboženstva obdržal v roku 1994 prestížnu Templetonovu cenu. Medailou T. G. Masaryka ocenil jeho prácu prezident Českej republiky Václav Havel, na Slovensku si z rúk prezidenta prevzal vyznamenanie - Rad Bieleho dvojkríža II. triedy.

Novak vo svojich knihách a prednáškach priekopníckym spôsobom analyzoval dôležité a páľivé problémy našich čias. Ide najmä o otázky demokracie a jej vzťahov ku ekonomike, etike, viere a cirkvi. Svojimi názormi a postojmi dlhodobo ovplyvňuje vzdelancov na Slovensku a aj na KU. Významným počínom sú napríklad letné inštitúty The Slovak Seminar on the Free Society vedené Michaelom Novakom. Náplňou seminára bolo napríklad poznávanie troch pilierov slobodnej spoločnosti - politického, ekonomického a morálno-kultúrneho systému - v sociálnej náuke Svätého Otca Jána Pavla II., v encyklike Centesimus annus, ako aj v základných amerických dielach o demokracii - v Listoch federalistov, v diele Alexisa de Tocquevill a iných. Viaceré ročníky sa uskutočnili na Spišskej Kapitule. Novakove diela boli publikované v mnohých jazykoch. Jeho kniha Duch demokratického kapitalizmu bola tajne publikovaná v Poľsku v roku 1984 a mnohí ju považujú za jednu z kníh, ktoré zmenili svet. Recenzie a eseje boli publikované vo významných amerických a svetových časopisoch, založil a editoval časopisy (This World, Crisis, First Things).

K jeho zásluhám patri aj iniciatíva a pomer pri vzniku, rozvoji duchovno-vzdelávacieho projektu mladej slovenskej katolíckej inteligencie Spoločenstva Ladislava Hanusa so sídlom v Bratislave. „Veríme, že udelenie čestného titulu doctor honoris causa okrem ocenenia života a diela profesora Novaka prinesie nové formy spolupráce medzi univerzitou a inštitúciami, v ktorých pôsobí a otvorí tak pracovníkom, študentom nové inštitucionálne možnosti odborného a graduačného rastu na Slovensku a v USA," dodal rektor KU.

Mgr. Vladimír Buzna
Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku

Génius z Tajova



Prof. Juraj Sarvaš obradníkom poetického večera pri sviečkách.



Hudobno-dramatická kompozícia o svetovom vynálezcovi, umelcovi a rodoľubovi, Rev. Jozefovi Murgašovi pri príležitosti 80. výročia jeho úmrtia. Na snímke zľava: M. Šajgalík, rozprávač; J. Fedešová, speváčka; P. Fabík, spevák a fujarista; J. Pivko; Juraj Sarvaš, režisér a scénarista programu.



Na snímke členovia Klubu Jozefa Murgaša: zľava Branislav Longauer; Július Murgaš, prezident; Prof. Juraj Sarvaš; Anna a Jozef Biroš.

Pod názvom „Génius z Tajova“ sa konala 28. septembra 2009 v Bratislave hudobno-dramatická kompozícia o svetovom vynálezcovi umelcovi a rodoľubovi Jozefovi Murgašovi. Vpreplnenej miestnosti Domu kultúry na Kramároch bol to už v 19. sezóne v poradí 106. poetický večer pri sviečkach. Celú réžiu a scenár viedol vynikajúci herec, profesor Juraj Sarvaš. Prítomné boli aj viaceré osobnosti Slovenska ako je spisovateľ Ladislav Ťažký, aj niektorí poslanci hlavného mesta Bratislavy a zástupcovia Tajova na čele so starostom obce, pánom Petrom Spevákom.

Z knihy „Z doliny prerástol hory“ od Jozefa Vranku, za doprovodu krásnych piesní a hraním na fujare sa tiahlo pásmo zo života nášho slávneho rodáka Jozefa Murgaša. Na tento večer bolo vybrané motto nášho známeho básnika Milana Rúfusa.

V dnešnej dobe, žiaľ ktorá je naklonená pre nesprávne hodnoty, o to je väčšia potreba prerázať smer pre trvalejšie hodnoty, ktoré sú ozajstným vzorom hlavne pre mládež. A preto si začiatkom tejto sezóny aj z dôvodu 80. výročia úmrtia Jozefa Murgaša vybrali toho, ktorý má vždy čo v tejto dobe, povedať mládeži. Jeho všestrannosť záujmov ako maliara, zberateľa ale hlavne vedca v oblasti rádiotelegrafie, môže byť príkladom ako majú užívať talenty, ktoré Boh vložil do každého človeka, a tak pokrok vo vede, v umení a v rozvíjaní ducha odovzdávať ďalším generáciám. Nežiť len pre seba, s cieľom momentálneho vyžitia a honbe za materiálnymi hodnotami, ako učia niektoré programy televíznych staníc. Pominuteľné hodnoty sú ozaj dymom, ale stavať na trvalých hodnotách, ktoré robia človeka človekom. A o toto sa snaží aj prof. Juraj Sarvaš, v poetickom štúdiu v Dome kultúry na Kramároch. Vďaka vám majstre! Kiež by vás bolo viac a mali aj širší priestor pre poslucháčov.

Anna a Jozef Biroš

Slovenský automobilový priemysel má najhoršie časy za sebou

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenský automobilový priemysel má najhoršie časy za sebou, domnieva sa prezident Združenia automobilového priemyslu (ZAP) Jozef Uhrík. Ako konštatoval 1. októbra na otvorení 17. ročníka medzinárodného Autosalónu 2009 v Nitre, prvýkrát po dlhšom období sa zastavil pokles objednávok a boli zaznamenané ich prvé prírastky. Celková kríza však neobišla nitrianske výstavnisko Agrokomplexu, kde sa predstavuje zhruba sto firiem s ponukou osobných, nákladných, úžitkových vozidiel, autopriľušenstva, garážovej techniky a služieb. Pre porovnanie, vlani sa na autosalóne prezentovalo vyše 200 priamych vystavovateľov. Podľa Uhríka bol automobilový priemysel často označovaný za problém Slovenska. “Čísla za prvé tri štvrtky roky dokazujú, že práve automobilový priemysel vyšiel pri všetkej stagnácii v priemyselnej výrobe najlepšie. Za osem mesiacov tohto roka dosiahol 38-% podiel produkcie z celého objemu priemyselnej výroby,” uviedol. Toto odvetvie zaznamenalo najnižší podiel uvoľňovania pracovníkov z výrobného procesu. “V súčasnosti máme skôr opačný problém, aby subdodávatelia stačili s dychom pre našich finalistov,” tvrdí Uhrík.

Vlani sa na Slovensku vyrobilo 571,000 vozidiel, v tomto roku by to malo byť o 70,000 menej. “Prvý štvrtrok bol pritom hrozivý, no ďalší vývoj naznačuje, že sa nám podarí dosiahnuť polmiliónovú hranicu,” zhodnotil Uhrík. Ocenil opatrenia vlády, ktoré sa na Slovensku prijali vo forme šrotovného. “Za osem mesiacov tohto roka evidujeme nárast predaja osobných automobilov o 23 % oproti predchádzajúcemu obdobiu. Pre štátny rozpočet to v rámci dane z pridanej hodnoty (DPH) znamená zisk vyše 16.6 milióna eur (0.5 miliardy Sk).” Prioritou pre nasledujúce roky je podľa slov Uhríka dosiahnuť, aby sa z výrobných organizácií stali v budúcnosti výskumno-vývojovo-výrobné organizácie. “Týka sa to najmä subdodávateľských firiem. V spolupráci s rezortnými ministerstvami robíme všetko pre to, aby sme do procesu zapojili najmä technické vysoké školy.”



Forbes: Krízu nespôsobilá Wall Street, ale zlé rozhodnutia vlády

Bratislava (TASR) – Hospodársku krízu nespôsobili Wall Street ani iné akciové trhy. Čo sa stalo na burze cenných papierov, je dôsledok a nie príčina zlých fiškálnych a monetárnych rozhodnutí vlády, povedal 8. októbra na Orange biznis fóre v Bratislave šéfredaktor amerického ekonomického magazínu Forbes Steve Forbes. “Globálna hospodárska kríza je výsledkom série katastrofických omylov monetárnych politík,” zdôraznil šéfredaktor. Medzi nimi spomenul nedostatok likvidity a rozhodnutie Federálneho rezervného systému natlačiť veľké množstvo peňazí do obehu. Ekonomický systém by podľa Forbsa bol schopný absorbovať aj zlé hypotéky, keby sa neaplikoval princíp nadhodnocovania skutočnej hodnoty aktív. V súčasnosti nerastie americká ekonomika tak, ako by mala. Dôvodom je, že kreditný systém nefunguje stále v plnej miere. “Pre malé firmy a spotrebiteľov závislých od bankových úverov kreditný systém vlastne neexistuje,” vysvetľuje Forbes.

“Neexistuje dôvod, prečo by svetová ekonomika mala upadnúť do rokov stagnácie a nulového rastu a nezotaviť sa z krízy,” konštatoval ďalej. Ak budú štáty podľa neho dodržiavať základné pravidlá, ako vymožitelnosť práva, garancia súkromného vlastníctva, stabilita meny, uľahčenie podnikania a odstraňovanie bariér v obchode tak by uzdravenie ekonomiky nemalo trvať dlho.



Ministri obrany V4 chcú vytvoriť spoločnú bojovú skupinu EÚ krajín V4

Budapešť (TASR) - Ministri obrany krajín V4 majú záujem vytvoriť spoločnú bojovú skupinu Európskej únie krajín Vyšehradskej štvorky (V4). Zhodli sa na tom na svojom pravidelnom rokovaní, ktoré sa 8. októbra konalo v Budapešti. Informoval o tom hovorca Ministerstva obrany SR Vladimír Gemela s tým, že na rokovaní nechýbal ani šéf slovenského rezortu obrany Jaroslav Baška. Na zasadnutí sa ministri V4 venovali najmä otázkam, ktoré sa týkali operácií NATO v Afganistane, operácií Európskej únie v Afrike či novej strategickej koncepcii NATO a strategického partnerstva medzi NATO a EÚ.

V súvislosti so záujmom o vytvorenie spoločnej bojovej skupiny EÚ krajín V4 Gemela poznamenal, že z rozhodnutia vzišla zároveň úloha pre náčelníkov generálnych štábov krajín V4, ktorí majú pripraviť štúdiu o realizovateľnosti tohto rozhodnutia. Spoločná bojová skupina V4 by podľa návrhu ministrov mala vzniknúť najskôr po roku 2015. Ďalším bodom rokovaní bola otázka preskúmania možnosti účinných mnohonárodných riešení pre spoločný rozvoj spôsobilostí a redukciu nákladov prostredníctvom zdieľania výdavkov v rámci aj mimo rámca EDA. Touto problematikou by sa v krátkom čase mali zaoberať národní riaditelia pre vyzbrojovanie krajín V4. Ministri sa tiež dohodli na pokračovaní v podpore reformných procesov na Ukrajine ako základu pre úspešnosť jej euroatlantických snáh.

V rámci zasadnutia sa uskutočnilo aj pracovné stretnutie ministrov obrany V4 s ministrami obrany Bosny a Hercegoviny, Macedónskej republiky, Čiernej Hory, Srbskej republiky a Ukrajiny na tému euroatlantickej integrácie týchto krajín. Minister Baška zdôraznil, že Slovensko je pripravené pomôcť balkánskym krajinám v oblastiach, v ktorých má skúsenosti z úspešného integračného procesu a následného členstva v NATO a EÚ.

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu v Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Okres Princa Pribinu pozýva všetky spolky na svoju schôdzu, ktorá sa uskutoční v nedeľu 1. novembra 2009. Podujatie začne o 15:00 hodine slovenskou svätou omšou v kaplnke sv. Jána Bosku pri St. Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Bl., Bellflower, CA 90706 na ktorej si pripomenie modlitbam i pamiatku Všetkých svätých, za našich milovaných zosnulých. Po svätej omši bude schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu a za tým bude nasledovať spoločné posedenie s priateľmi pri káve a šiškách. Na programe je príprava Výročnej schôdze, ktorá sa bude konať 20. decembra 2009 a oboznámenie sa s Konvenciou Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty plánovanou na august 2010.

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 8. novembra 2009, o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia sa uskutoční výročná členská schôdza v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City.

Program schôdze bude zameraný na prípravu plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie; voľbu úradníkov na rok 2009; voľbu delegátov na 49. Konvenciu IKSJ, ktorá sa uskutoční v Clevelande, Ohio ako aj podanie finančnej správy. Vyzývame všetkých členov aby sa tejto výročnej schôdze zúčastnili. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta Daitová, tajomníčka

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu, č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 15. novembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby láskavo poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Program schôdze bude zameraný na prípravu plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie, finančnú správu, voľbu úradníkov a taktiež voľbu delegátov na 49. konvenciu IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia Spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta Daitová, tajomníčka

Ročná schôdza Spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 22. novembra 2009 o 12:30 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančné správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie. Za tým budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na budúci rok. Úctivo Vás žiadame o účasť na tejto výročnej schôdzi.

Ďakujem a s pozdravom

Mária Juráši, pokladníčka

Plánované podujatia v osadnej hale

Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N.Y.C.

- Oberačková zábava v nedeľu dňa 25. októbra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia. Usporiadateľom je Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ
- Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v nedeľu dňa 8. novembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia.
- Výročná členská schôdza Msgr. Krasuľu č. 16 IKSJ v nedeľu dňa 15. novembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia.
- Mikulášske odpoľudnie pre deti našich farníkov v nedeľu dňa 6. decembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia. Usporiadateľom je Farská rada a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ.
- Štedrovečerná večera – Vigília v nedeľu dňa 20. decembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia. Usporiadateľom je Farská rada a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ.



Jednotárska zábava v Linden, New Jersey

Spolok sv. Jána Krstiteľa číslo 746 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pri kostole sv. Rodiny v Linden N.J. srdečne pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na tanečnú zábavu v sobotu 21. novembra 2009 v Msgr. Komar Hall 2806 Parkway Ave, Linden, N.J. . Večera sa podáva od 8 -9 hodiny, preto prosíme návštevníkov aby prišli načas. Do tanca aj na počúvanie bude hrať známa hudobná skupina Kontakty. Príďte medzi nás, o dobrú zábavu bude postarané! Vstupné za osobu je \$ 25 v čom je aj večera započítaná. O bližšie informácie a zakúpenie lístkov volajte na telefónne čísla: Mary Karch (732) 572-2331; Mary Tkáč: (908) 862-2782.

Mary Karch

J e s e ň – 2009

Jeseň sa nám ukázala v plnej svojej nádhere,
celá príroda sa v krásu mení a klope na dvere.

Či ste kedy videli, maliara malovať, bez farby a štetca?

Ráno sa zobudíte a celá príroda je oblečená do
nevidanej krásy,

lesku dodávajú jej vtácie, štebotavé hlásky.

Celá príroda sa teší, krásnemu východu
slnka,

v raji krásy tu zablúdila nesmelá,
poplašená srnka.

Ach, čože tu hľadá ošedivelá, stará vrana?

Starenka celá udivená sa pýta: čo sa to urobilo
do rána?

A kto je to? Kdeže sa podel ten záhadný, nevidaný maliar?

Či nie sme mu dlžní, nejakú tú korunku a či strieborný dolár?

Či príde aj zajtra, pozajtra? Veď tak robí celé roky a roky.

Nič nežiada – svet mu je veľa dlžný a má pridať aj úroky.

Nuž, ktože je ten maliar, čo bez farby a štetca maluje?

Áno ... On je náš a sveta „Stvoriteľ“, čo nás a celý svet miluje.



Jozef Smák

Šesťdesiat percent domácností v EÚ má pripojenie na internet

Brusel/Luxemburg (TASR) - Dovedna 60 percent domácností v Európskej únii má pripojenie na internet, hoci medzi jednotlivými regiónmi existujú veľké rozdiely. Uvádza sa to v nedávno zverejnenom súbore štatistík Európskeho štatistického úradu Eurostat venovanom európskym regiónom. Štatistika porovnáva regióny EÚ vytvorené na základe druhej úrovne rozdelenia územia členských štátov EÚ na tzv. štatistické územné jednotky (NUTS 2). EÚ sa tak delí na 271 regiónov, Slovensko pozostáva zo štyroch.

Nad 75 percent domácností s internetom možno nájsť v 35 z 271 regiónov v EÚ. Do tejto skupiny sa zaraďuje najmä Holandsko, Veľká Británia, Nemecko, Švédsko, Luxembursko, Dánsko a Nemecko. Na prvých piatich miestach v rebríčku sú pritom len holandské regióny, kde sa podiel domácností s internetom pohybuje okolo 90 percent. Na opačnom konci rebríčka sú bulharské a grécke regióny so 17-21 percentami domácností s internetovým pripojením. V prípade Slovenska je najvyšší podiel domácností s internetom v regióne označovanom ako Bratislavský kraj (62 percent), najmenej v regióne Stredné Slovensko (56 percent).

Zo štatistiky tiež vyplýva, že 23 percent obyvateľov EÚ vo veku 25-64 rokov má ukončené vysokoškolské vzdelanie. Najviac takýchto osôb má britský región Vnútrošľach Londýn a belgický región Brabantské Valónsko (48 percent), najmenej portugalské Azorské ostrovy a český región označovaný ako Severozápad (sedem percent). Podiel absolventov vysokých škôl je vyšší než 35 percent v 20 európskych regiónoch, pričom v ôsmich prípadoch ide o hlavné mestá. U Bratislavského kraja Eurostat uvádza 29.1 percenta, zatiaľ čo Stredné Slovensko je s 12.3 percenta slovenským regiónom, ktorý má najnižší podiel obyvateľov s ukončeným vysokoškolským vzdelaním.



Mikulášske odpoľudnie v New Yorku

Farská rada pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, NYC a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ srdečne pozývajú slovenskú verejnosť na Mikulášske odpoľudnie s Mikulášskou nádielkou, ktoré sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 6. decembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia vo veľkej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East 66th Street v New York City. Prosíme rodičov, ktorých deti by mohli spestriť toto Mikulášske posedenie s básničkou, spevom alebo iným vystúpením, nech zavolajú vo večerných hodinách pani Henrietu na tel. čísla (201) 641-8922. Vstupné na toto podujatie je voľné ako aj občerstvenie bude zabezpečené.

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Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Strojnícka** fakulta Slovenskej technickej univerzity (STU) v Bratislave a spoločnosť Volkswagen Slovakia, a. s., (VW SK) 28. septembra podpísali zmluvu o spolupráci. Na tlačovej konferencii obe strany potvrdili, že jej výsledkom bude vytvorenie študijného zamerania "Automobilová produkcia" v rámci študijného programu Výrobné systémy a manažérstvo kvality a taktiež spolupráca vo vedecko-výskumnej oblasti. V najbližších troch rokoch plánuje VW SK do tohto projektu preinvestovať viac ako 300,000 eur (9.038 milióna Sk). Dekan Strojníckej fakulty STU Ľubomír Šooš uviedol, že tento projekt je výsledkom dlhoročnej spolupráce vo výchovno-vzdelávacej, vedecko-výskumnej a realizačnej oblasti. Vytvorenie študijného zamerania Automobilová produkcia je prvým krokom, neskôr chcú vytvoriť samostatný študijný odbor a ako posledný krok označili práve vytvorenie štúdia Euroinžinier v automobilovom priemysle na medzinárodnej úrovni. Na študijný program Výrobné systémy a manažérstvo kvality so zameraním Automobilová produkcia sa budú môcť študenti podľa slov dekana prihlásiť v školskom roku 2010/2011. Študenti by časť prednášok absolvovali priamo so špecialistami vo VW SK. Možnosť uplatnenia je veľmi veľká, pretože ide o vzdelávanie v odbore na výrobu automobilov. Nie je to špecifikované pre jedného výrobcu vozidiel ale pre automobilový priemysel vo všeobecnosti.

• **Slovenské** medoviny sú jedny z najlepších na svete. Medovina Bohemiana, agátový med a Včelovina sú produkty slovenských výrobcov, ktoré si priniesli zlaté medailky z 3. ročníka svetovej súťaže medov a medoviny Apimondia 2009 vo Francúzsku. Slovensko patrilo k najúspešnejším krajinám na podujatí, na ktorom sa zúčastnilo spolu 200 vystavovateľov, 500 odborníkov a vyše 10,000 návštevníkov z viac ako 100 krajín sveta. Zástupcovia Slovenska zaznamenali na tejto výstave historický úspech, keďže získali dovedna 11 medailí, z toho 5 zlatých, 3 bronzové a 3 strieborné, čím sa stali spolu s domácim Francúzskom najúspešnejšou krajinou na výstave. V slovenskej delegácii si najlepšie viedli výrobcovia zo západných okresov. Slovenská medovina získala ocenenia aj na predchádzajúcich dvoch ročníkoch Apimondie, a to v roku 2005 v írskom Dubline a v roku 2007 v austrálskom Melbourne. To dokazuje, že ani tohtoročné ocenenia nie sú náhodné, ale sú dôkazom svetovej úrovne slovenských výrobcov tohto tradičného nápoja starých Slovanov. Výhercom je udelené právo označovať až do nasledujúceho kongresu v argentínskom Buenos Aires v roku 2011 svoje výrobky nálepkami s logom Apimondia a vyobrazením získaného ocenenia.

• **Členské** krajiny Európskej únie 30. septembra potvrdili nomináciu slovenského veľvyslanca pri EÚ Maroša Šefčoviča na post slovenského eurokomisára. Vo funkcii nahradí od 1. októbra do konca mandátu terajšej Európskej komisie jej doterajšieho slovenského zástupcu Jána Figeľa, ktorý rezignoval po svojom zvolení za predsedu Kresťanskodemokratického hnutia (KDH). Šefčovič preberie Figeľovo portfólio, ktorým je školstvo, mládež, kultúra a odborný výcvik.

• **Slovenský** plynárenský priemysel postaví do roku 2011 pri Košiciach geotermálnu elektrárňu za 30 miliónov eur (900 miliónov korún) s výkonom 3.5 megawattov. Elektrárňu využije vrty v lokalite Ďurkov, kde sa v hĺbke troch kilometrov našla horúca voda. Výstavba zariadenia, prvého svojho druhu v krajine, začne na budúci rok. Zariadenie začne elektrinu vyrábať koncom roku 2011. Automatická elektrárňu vytvorí v regióne približne desať nových pracovných miest, na jej výstavbe bude pracovať niekoľko desiatok ľudí. Podobné elektrárne existujú napríklad na Islande. Plynárne kontrolujú geotermálne vrty už približne desať rokov. Skoršiemu využitiu výdatných zdrojov horúcej vody, ktorá má pod zemou teplotu 140 stupňov Celzia, bránili neúspešné rokovania so spoločnosťou Tepláreň Košice, ktorá chcela teplo z vrtovej využitiu na vykurovanie Košíc. K dohode však ani po niekoľkých rokoch nedošlo. SPP chce výstavbu zariadenia a vyvrtanie štvrtého hlbinného vrtu financovať z vlastných zdrojov a úverov z bánk.

• **Viac** ako tretina redaktorov Radia Slovakia International (RSI) dostala výpoveď z dôvodu nadbytočnosti. Zároveň sa plánuje znížiť počet jazykov, v ktorých RSI vysiela, ako aj počet vysielačích hodín. Financovanie RSI by totiž mala riešiť Zmluva o obsahoch, cieľoch a zabezpečení služieb verejnosti v oblasti rozhlasového vysielať (tzv. zmluva so štátom), o jej konkrétnom znení sa však zatiaľ Ministerstvo kultúry (MK) SR a SR zatiaľ nedohodli. Jedným z dôvodov rozviazania pracovného pomeru s konkrétnymi redaktormi bolo aj to, že mali podpísané zmluvy na dobu neurčitú. Jednoročné zmluvy s redaktormi RSI podľa neho zodpovedali doterajšej praxi vo financovaní vysielať, kde štát uvoľňoval peniaze vždy na jeden rok. V prípade podpisu zmluvy so štátom bude možné v budúcnosti podpisovať pracovné zmluvy na päť rokov. Zároveň nevyklúčila, že niektorých z prepustených redaktorov bude môcť rozhlás v budúcnosti zamestnať na iných pozíciách.

• **Podpredseda** vlády a minister školstva SR Ján Mikoš 6. októbra slávnostným pretrhnutím pásky v bratislavskom Národnom tenisovom centre otvoril najväčší študentský veľtrh na Slovensku. Na veľtrhu sa zúčastňuje viac ako 180 vystavovateľov v 63 stánkoch z radov univerzít a organizácií z 20 krajín z celého sveta. Na 13. ročníku veľtrhu vzdelávania Akadémia a 11. ročníku veľtrhu práce a cestovania Vapac môžu záujemcovia o štúdium, študenti i absolventi nájsť široké spektrum informácií. V jednotlivých sekciách vystavovatelia predstavujú možnosti štúdia na Slovensku, v zahraničí, pracovné príležitosti, štáže, študijné pobyty, jazykové kurzy a pod.

• **Obmedzenie** fajčenia v reštauráciách vyhnalo ľudí z mnohých podnikov. Týka sa to najmä menších zariadení, ktoré okrem nápojov a zákuskov ponúkajú aj teplé jedlá. Ak podnik neprestavali a fajčiarov nevyčlenili do osobitnej miestnosti, museli zakázať fajčenie. Návštevníci reštaurácií vnímajú zákaz rozpačito. Nefajčiari ho vítajú, fajčiari zatínajú zuby, ale musia sa prispôbiť. Za porušenie zákona prevádzkovateľom stravovacích zariadení hrozí pokuta od 331 eur do 3,319 eur. O 331 eur môže prísť aj zákazník, pokiaľ si zapáli cigaretu v reštaurácii mimo fajčiarskej miestnosti.

• **Mormónska** cirkev prenáša na mikrofilmy cirkevné matriky na Slovensku. Po 18 rokoch od uzavretia dohody prišiel rad aj na archív mesta Bratislavy. Len zasvätení vedľa, na čo mormóni potrebujú údaje zo slovenských matrik. A na čo všetko ich raz použijú. Dohodu medzi Slovenskou archívnu správou a Genealogickou spoločnosťou pri Cirkvi Ježiša Krista Svätých neskorších dní (tak znie oficiálny názov mormónskej cirkvi), uzavreli v januári 1991. Mormónov zaujímajú cirkevné matriky stáročia dozadu: katolícke, evanjelické i židovské. Tretiu kópiu si mormóni berú do svojej knižnice rodinnej histórie v Salt Lake City v štáte Utah v USA. Ide bezpochyby o najväčšiu genealogickú zbierku na svete. Obsahuje mená a osobné údaje takmer miliardy zosnulých ľudí. Krajne negatívny je postoj rímskokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku, ktorá upozornila všetkých kňazov, aby znemožnili mormónom prístup do matrik v ich farnostiach.

• **Novovzniknutá** spoločnosť MSC Electronics SK, s.r.o., chce v Prešove vytvoriť 100 pracovných miest. Firma vznikla ako spoločný podnik nemeckého výrobcu elektroniky MSC Microcomputers Systems Components Vertiebs GmbH a spoločnosti Elcom, s.r.o., Prešov v júli tohto roka, s cieľom rozšíriť doterajšiu spoluprácu v oblasti vývoja, predovšetkým však výroby špičkovej elektroniky. Vstupná investícia je rozdelená na tri roky a predstavuje sumu asi 7.3 milióna eur (219.92 milióna Sk). Prvých 50 pracovných miest vytvorí v súčasnom závode Elcomu na Jesennej ulici a výroba by sa postupne mala presťahovať do areálu priemyselného parku IPZ Prešov – Záborské, ktorého 100 % vlastníkom je mesto Prešov.

TASR a slovenské časopisy



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V najväčšej budapeštianskej tržnici Nagyvásárcsarnok sa začali 19. októbra 2009 Slovenské dni. V rámci trojdňového podujatia zorganizovaného Veľvyslanectvom SR a Slovenskou agentúrou pre cestovný ruch (SACR) prezentujú Budapešťanom a návštevníkom maďarskej motropoly slovenské výrobky a rekreačné možnosti na Slovensku.

A 3-day Slovak Days exhibition opened October 19, 2009 in the largest market in Budapest. The exhibition was organized by the Slovak Embassy and the Slovak Agency for Travel and featured Slovak products and recreational facilities in Slovakia.



Arcibiskup Hrušovský čestným doktorom Katolíckej Univerzity v Ružomberku

Čestným titulom *doctor honoris causa* ocenila Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku v stredu 30. septembra 2009 emeritného arcibiskupa Dominika Hrušovského a profesora Júliusa Paštéku. Slávnosť sa uskutočnila pri príležitosti otvorenia akademického roka 2009/2010 na Katolíckej univerzite, spojeného so zhromaždením akademickej obce a zasadnutím vedeckých rád univerzity a fakúlt.

Podľa slov rektora Katolíckej univerzity prof. Tadeusza Zasepu obe osobnosti ocenené čestným titulom *doctor honoris causa* reprezentujú všetko to, čo je úlohou Katolíckej univerzity v spoločnosti. „Od vzniku našej univerzity ju charakterizuje úsilie okrem vzdelávania študentov, najmä vychovávať ich a formovať. Sme pozvaní k tomu, aby sme slúžili Pravde, Dobru a Kráse“, podotkol.

Arcibiskup Msgr. Dominik Hrušovský, pápežský nuncius na odpočinku, dlhoročný rektor Slovenského ústavu sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme, patrí medzi najväčšie osobnosti slovenského katolíckeho života v posledných desaťročiach. „Jeho celoživotný zápas za slobodu katolíckej cirkvi, ako aj za práva Slovákov ho radí medzi tie slovenské osobnosti, ktoré sa najvýznamnejšou mierou zaslúžili o výrazne kultúrne, cirkevné a národné povznesenie Slovákov“, uviedol rektor.

Literárny vedec, profesor Július Paštka je aktívny tvorca kresťanskej kultúry, ktorý sa významne zaslúžil o pozdvihnutie národného, no zároveň medzinárodného povedomia o Slovensku, našom národe, našej kultúre, vede a viere. „Jeho význam, ako slovenského katolíckeho vedca umenia, tkvie v jeho prínose pre slovenskú kultúrnu sféru prostredníctvom jeho tvorby, akademickej činnosti a života“, vysvetľuje rektor Katolíckej univerzity.

Na slávnostnom akte sa zúčastnili zástupcovia viacerých slovenských univerzít, hostia zo zahraničia, predstavitelia slovenského verejného života, miestnej správy, Žilinského samosprávneho kraja, ex-prezident republiky Michal Kováč, poslanci M. Fronc, P. Hrušovský, Fr. Mikloško a J. Rydlo, podpredseda Zahraničného výboru Národnej rady Slovenskej republiky.

Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku vznikla v roku 2000, vzdelanie poskytovala na dvoch fakultách – pedagogickej a filozofickej. O dva roky neskôr sa stala verejnou vysokou školou. Predchodcami KU boli ružomerský Pedagogický inštitút sv. Ondreja Trnavskej univerzity v Trnave, neskôr Katecheticko-pedagogická fakulta Žilinskej univerzity v Žiline. Na štyroch fakultách – Pedagogickej, Filozofickej, Teologickej a Fakulte zdravotníctva dnes KU vzdeláva 8 000 študentov, väčšinu v dennej forme štúdia. V novom akademickom roku 2009/2010 oslávi 10. výročie od svojho vzniku.

Jozef Rydlo



Zlatá futbalová trofej pre víťaza majstrovstiev sveta zavíta na Slovensko

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krajinách afrického kontinentu, ktorý obide do konca roku 2009. Po chvíľke oddychu na prelome rokov odštartuje druhú časť svojho turné 17. januára 2010 v juhokórejskom Soule a cez Vietnam, Thajsko, Indonéziu, Malajziu, Novú Kaledóniu, Brazíliu, Čile, Argentínu, Peru, Venezuelu, Panamu, Honduras, Mexiko, Írsko, Veľkú Britániu, Francúzsko, Švédsko, Rusko a Ukrajinu sa v sobotu 27. marca 2010 dostane až do Bratislavy - Národného tenisového centra.

Zo Slovenska sa potom 6 kilogramov vážiaci pohár, ktorý symbolizuje dvoch hráčov, ktorí v momente víťazstva dvíhajú ruky k zemeguli, presunie cez Chorvátsko, Srbsko, Taliansko, Rumunsko, Grécko, Turecko, Kazachstan, Indiu, Japonsko, Kanadu a USA až do Juhoafrickej republiky. Celkovo sa teda okrem afrických krajín predstaví zlatá trofej fanúšikom v ďalších 32 krajinách.

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V nedeľu 27. septembra sa v PNC Bank Center v Holmdel, NJ uskutočnil 32. Festival slovenského dedičstva, na ktorom sa za nepriaznivého, daždivého počasia zúčastnilo približne 4,000 návštevníkov ako aj niekoľko popredných predstaviteľov Slovenskej republiky. Účastníkov Festivalu zaujali predajné, informačné a výstavné stánky, medzi ktorými nechýbala ani Prvá Katolícka Slovenská Jednota. Na snímke sú pri stánku IKSJ zľava: hlavný pokladník IKSJ, Juraj F. Matta; predsedkyňa Spolku č. 746 IKSJ, Sabina Sabados; hlavný predseda IKSJ, Andrej M. Rajec; tajomník Spolku č. 290 IKSJ, Štefan J. Minarovich; podpredseda IKSJ, Andrej R. Harcar; člen Spolku č. 290 IKSJ, Adam J. Minarovich a oblasť riaditeľ pre I. oblasť IKSJ, Jozef F. Minarovich.



Filozof Michael Novak ocenený čestným doktorátom KU



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Profesor Michael Novak

RUŽOMBEROK – Čestným doktorátom za zásluhy o pokrok a šírenie kresťanských ideálov, ktoré vyvolali celosvetový ohlas, ocenila Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku (KU) politológa a filozofa, profesora Michaela Novaka. Titul doctor honoris causa mu udelila v stredu 14. októbra počas zhromaždenia akademickej obce a zasadnutia Vedeckej rady KU v Sieni rektorov rektorátu KU. Rektor univerzity prof. Tadeusz Zasepa uviedol, že profesor Novak patrí medzi uznávané osobnosti vo svete so silným vzťahom k Slovensku, z ktorého pochádzajú jeho predkovia. „Dosvedčujú to aj jeho skutky v prospech našej krajiny a univerzity,“ podotkol rektor. Ako ďalej uviedol, KU si všima a so záujmom vníma osobnosti, ktoré šíria kresťanské ideály v spoločnosti. „Bola doba, ktorá je už, našťastie, za nami, kedy sme nemohli pozvať a ukázať Slovensku takéto významné osobnosti. Tešíme sa spoločne s Michaelom Novakom, že dnes k nám prišiel, je to pre nás veľká česť.“

Profesor Novak vo svojom príhovore k akademickej obci spomínal na príbeh vysídlenia jeho predkov zo Slovenska do Ameriky. „To, že som sa narodil medzi dvoma kultúrami je pre

mňa veľký dar – poučil som sa aj zo slovenskej i americkej skúsenosti. Obe krajiny majú bohatú kultúru a tradície nevyčísľiteľnej hodnoty. A okrem toho sú celkom zlučiteľné. Slováci nemali s adaptáciou v Amerike vážnejšie problémy. Američania, ktorých poznám, zistili, že je pre nich veľmi ľahké cítiť sa na Slovensku ako doma, tešiť sa z pôvabov Tatier a pochopiť každodenný

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Zlatá futbalová trofej pre víťaza majstrovstiev sveta zavíta na Slovensko

Slovenskí futbaloví fanúšikovia sa už teraz môžu tešiť na 27. marec 2010, kedy na Slovensko zavíta najprestížnejšia, najcennejšia a najobľúbenejšia zlatá futbalová trofej pre víťaza majstrovstiev sveta. Za 225 dní (od 21. septembra 2009 do 4. mája 2010) navštívi 86 krajín sveta, päťkrát bude križovať rovník a prejde tak spolu neuveriteľných 134,017 kilometrov. Pre mnohých fanúšikov na celom svete je to jedinečná príležitosť vzhliadnuť najprestížnejšiu zlatú trofej a odfotografovať sa s ňou. Historicky najdlhšiu cestu 36.5 cm vysokého „pohára“ z 18-krátového zlata sponzoruje firma Coca-Cola. Jej putovanie odštartovalo slávnostným ceremoniálom v Zürichu odkiaľ trofej vypravádzali prezident FIFA Joseph S. Blatter a výkonný riaditeľ spoločnosti Coca-Cola Muhtar Kent. Prvú zástavku mala trofej v egyptskej Káhire, odkiaľ pokračovala jej cesta po všetkých 54

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Elektronická tabuľa s barážovými dvojicami



The world cup trophy in front of a screen showing the results of the European play-off draw for the 2010 Soccer World Cup in South Africa at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, 19 October, 2009. (KEYSTONE/ Patrick B. Kraemer)

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Elektronická tabuľa s barážovými dvojicami, ktoré sa pobijú o štyri miestenky z Európy o postup na budúcoročné futbalové majstrovstvá sveta v JAR 19. októbra 2009 v Zürichu. Žreb v sídle Medzinárodnej futbalovej federácie v Zürichu určil dvojice Írsko - Francúzsko, Portugalsko - Bosna a Hercegovina, Grécko - Ukrajina a Rusko Slovensko. V popredí trofej pre víťaza futbalových MS.