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Message From the President

Greetings to all our Members.

April, May and June have been busy months. I traveled to a number of places for meetings and events. I attended the Slovak Catholic Federation meeting. I visited our Middletown properties for two days on my return trip. I also attended the President's meeting of the National Fraternal Congress in addition to the 75th Anniversary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Mississauga, Canada.

In addition I was able to attend several local Branch and District meetings and other Slovak events in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Others are on my calendar for July and August.

As you know the Society Convention year is 2010. Our Board asked the Executive Com-

mittee, myself, Ken Arendt, Andy Harcar and George Matta to investigate potential convention locations. We closely looked at several cities and arrived at potential sites in Las Vegas, Nevada and Cleveland, Ohio.

After requesting and receiving bids, meeting our size and quality requirements, the Executive Committee determined, with the approval of the Board, that the 2010 Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held Saturday, August 14 - Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The call to the Convention is in this issue of Jednota.

This is a home-coming in a sense, because the last Convention in Cleveland, the site of our

founding and our Home Office, was in 1934. We will do our utmost to make this Convention fruitful for the Society and pleasant for all our delegates. We also intend to open a banquet night for members who are not delegates.

Please note that section 11.06 (b) of our By-laws, requires that the Convention must be held in a state where the FCSU has a Branch. The FCSU currently has no Branches in Nevada and many other Western and Southern states. As part of our long-term plan, we are in the process of obtaining licenses to sell products in at least 13 additional states to expand our ability to grow and attract new members.

On another topic, the financial markets have somewhat stabilized. Our 1st quarter financial

results continue to show positive net earnings and our current investment philosophy is proving sound. The amount of annuity premium has increased more than 37% thru June 2009 over 2008, as Members, new and old, show continued confidence in the First Catholic Slovak Union, with good reason. My request for ideas and input in the April 29,



Andrew M. Rajec

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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 schedule 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

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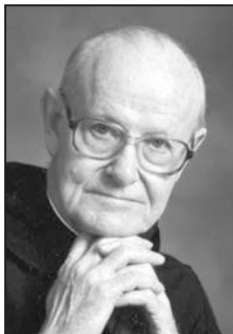
July 19, 2009

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 6:30-34

Gospel Summary

We can almost picture the disciples telling Jesus excitedly about how busy and successful they have been. They are tired now but also elated. In a contemporary setting, we might well expect Jesus to say, "Well done. Keep up the good work. In fact,



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

you might want to pick up the pace just a little." But he says instead, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

These words of Jesus suggest something much more profound than simply, "Let's take a break." They are reminiscent of the passage in Deuteronomy where God asks Israel to keep his presence always in mind: "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise" (6:6-7). The words referred to contain the revelation about the reality of God's existence and of his passionate love for us.

As it turns out, Jesus and his disciples don't succeed in finding a respite from the crowd. But just planning to do so is already therapeutic and sets a boundary between our work in life and the equally important "remembering" of the Lord's gracious presence in our lives.

When Jesus notes that the people are like "sheep without a shepherd," he is saying, in effect, that they also need to be reminded of the primacy of God's love in their lives and of the need to feel affirmed by that love. Ultimately, it is not success at work that gives direction and meaning to life but rather it is the growing awareness of a powerful and loving One who asks us to come aside and bask in a Presence that truly makes life worthwhile.

Life Implications

The gospel story seems at first to suggest that we should separate ourselves from our work at times in order to find some peace and quiet. That is surely part of it, but something much more profound is at issue here. We must in fact find the quiet place in our hearts to which we can withdraw at any time, whether at work or at play.

It is in this quiet place that we first heard the baptismal words, "You are my beloved child," for these words of God, our loving Father, are spoken to all of us, just as they were to Jesus. They are spoken softly but very insistently. When we take time to hear them in that quiet place in our hearts, there is nowhere else that we would rather be, for they affirm us and liberate us to be all that we are meant to be. And when this happens, we are no longer like "sheep without a shepherd," no longer confused about the meaning of life or about our ability to live in peace and joy.

One may object that, if this happens, we will soon be "out of touch" or distracted or living in fantasy. But that is exactly what does not happen. For when we are thus in touch with God,



Apostleship of Prayer Intentions for July 2009

General Intention

Christians in the Middle East. That Christians in the Middle East may live their faith in complete freedom and become instruments of reconciliation and peace.

Pope Benedict XVI is concerned about the exodus of Christians from the Holy Land. Now less than two percent of the population is Christian in the land where Jesus was born, preached, died, and rose from the dead. Christianity has an architectural and archeological presence in the Holy Land, but the faith is in danger of losing its ecclesial presence.

Why are Christians leaving the Holy Land?

Like many others who leave the region, Christians are emigrating in pursuit of economic opportunity, democratic freedoms, and peace.

While understanding the good reasons for leaving the region, the Pope says the Holy Land needs Christians because it is torn by conflict. Of all the religions, Christianity is- or should be- the great reconciler. Pope Benedict's predecessor, Pope John Paul II, pointed out that there can be no peace in the Middle East without forgiveness. Jesus emphasized forgiving others as the way to peace with God and with others.

On the one hand, Christianity is unaffected by conditions in the Holy Land. Our faith doesn't depend on land or shrines or particular places for worship, sacrifice, or burial. Jesus Christ is "God with us," for he "lives in our hearts by faith," as St. Paul wrote. Since the first century, Christianity has welcomed all people with no requirements except to believe, repent, and be baptized. In Christ we are all one- Jew and gentile, rich and poor, male and female. The Spirit of God transcends all human and geographical divisions.

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we become far more attuned to what is real in life than do the so-called "practical people." The worst of all illusions is to think that it is normal to be a creature who has lost all contact with the Creator. The ideal situation is to be slightly distracted by the awareness of God's love and thus to be calmly focussed on the task at hand. This "benign" distraction is really a way to be in prayerful contact with God...and with reality.

July 26, 2009

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6: 1-15

Gospel Summary

Because of the signs Jesus was performing on the sick, a large crowd followed him as he went up on a mountain with his disciples. When Jesus saw the crowd, he said, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Philip answered, in effect, that he did not know. Another disciple said to Jesus, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good are these for so many?" Jesus had all the people recline. Then he took the bread, gave thanks, and gave it to the people, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. After the banquet, the disciples gathered twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that were left over. Since the people wanted to carry him off and make him king, Jesus withdrew to be alone on the mountain.

Life Implications

We can readily identify with the disciples' feeling of helplessness in the situation. The gospel is not about a reasonable response of compassion extended to a few people in need. Rather, it is about having no resources to match the needs of a huge crowd of people we do not even know. There is no difficulty in recognizing this situation in our own world. "Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger. 75% are children" (www.thehungersite.com). The shocking statistic suggests the image of an avalanche, impossible to stop and imperative to flee.

There are in fact many ways to distance ourselves from the countless people who are hungry and from the implications of this gospel. We can hurry on to the rest of this chapter in John's gospel, and devote ourselves to reflection about Jesus as the bread of life that satisfies our deepest spiritual hunger for eternal life. As spectators, we can reduce the mass of hungry people to the status of virtual reality on a screen. We can succumb to a kind of idolatry when we believe that absolute laws of the economy make it impossible for all people to have work, basic health care, and enough food to live.

The life implication of this gospel is simple: Jesus wants to work the miracle of feeding a huge number of people who are hungry; but the miracle will not happen without someone to provide five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus must have loved the boy who was willing to share what was really his to eat. The miracle of the gospel is as much about the boy as it is about Jesus. And today the boy is each of us who has something to offer the Lord. Jesus does not spiritualize the hunger of the poor, or postpone his love for them to the next world.

Dom Helder Camara, a Brazilian bishop, once said, "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist." Today the Lord asks all sorts of people who have influence in shaping public policy to make their contribution by keeping Helder Camara's question in the forefront of debate about political, social, and economic policies. The contribution of those who seek solutions to the very difficult question of Helder Camara is as essential as the contribution of those who are daily engaged in the immediate relief of starving people. And regardless of the effort, there will always be the feeling: but what good is this among so many?

If God gave us the natural resources, the brains and the will to achieve what we have in our country through science and technology, it is likely that with Christ we can also bring

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Message from the Chaplain

Dear Friends,

The Year of St. Paul recently came to an end on June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Throughout these twelve months our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, has encouraged the entire church to reflect upon the life of St. Paul and follow his example of discipleship and living the gospel message.

Paul spread the Good News to many cities, one of which was Corinth, a Mediterranean port city and a center of trade. Corinth was economically prosperous, but like many cities of that region of the world, many of its citizens bought into Greek culture of the day and lived a life of hedonism.

Paul challenges this way of thinking and living by telling the Corinthians in his first letter to "Glorify God in your body."

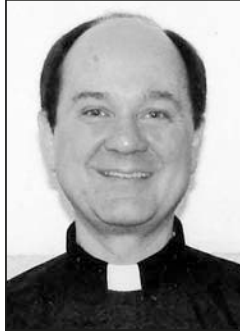
Though addressing in particular the Corinthians' inclination to sexual immorality, Paul's words are an invitation to conversion from that and other aspects of contemporary life where the message is not "Glorify God in your body," but rather has become "Glorify your body."

"Glorify your body" today takes one of two forms. One is the pursuit of the perfect body. The person with a flat stomach and slim waistline has become the envy of others. Many people will do anything to achieve the perfect body, including elective surgery. Take off something here, add something there. Add hair where it isn't; remove it from where it is.

Glorify your body also means expressing your individuality so others may take notice. Many of today's younger people draw attention to themselves by their multiple tattoos and/or body piercings on various locations over one's body, some in places that are rather unimaginable.

"Glorify God in your body" is more than good grooming, watching one's diet and getting regular check-ups with the doctor. It is about respecting one's body as a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is being modest in choosing one's clothing. It is remembering not to allow temptations to illicit and sinful behaviors to get the better of us.

Glorify God in your body, for it is this with which we live with faith and hope will be raised on the last day.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Sincerely,
Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt

The following is an update of the branches that did not qualify for a 2008 stipend:

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7
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032K	018K	006P	110K	189P	165K	083K
047K	040P	016P	122K	280K	268K	100K
053K	051P	027P	124K	315K	308K	109K
082K	061K	152K	127P	429K	319K	128K
098K	064K	237J	149K	434K	348K	163K
102K	114K	238K	189K	454K	353K	221K
121K	116P	240K	198P	465K	362K	224K
132K	131P	240P	211K	487K	373K	226K
159K	136K	258K	233K	580K	414K	296K
168K	144P	263K	299K	600K	472K	330K
201K	156K	321K	321P	618K	497K	358K
282K	175K	356P	322K	635K	654K	403K
324K	196P	368K	323K	701K	714K	404K
339K	215K	419K	333K	704K	741K	407K
340K	226P	461K	369K	733K	759K	408K
381K	270K		380K		777K	480K
499K	278K		388K		852K	500K
514K	294K		417K		862K	510K
517K	326K		512K		888K	543K
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EDITOR- JEDNOTA NEWSPAPER

After 13 Years of service as Editor of the Jednota newspaper Dr. Anthony Sutherland, PhD., has decided to retire upon reaching his 65th birthday in October 2009. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Because of his retirement, we are seeking applicants for the position of Editor, Jednota newspaper.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION OF EDITOR:

Edit the Jednota newspaper, currently 21 issues per year.

Generate and develop articles on fraternal activities and other articles of religious, historical, economic and social interest with specific emphasis on FCSU activities for members of both sexes and all ages.

Prepare for publication all communications from the Home Office and ranches.

Prepare for publication communications from individual members if they are proper for publication.

Rewrite and retype articles when necessary and correct all grammatical errors and misspellings found in articles and communication sent to the office for publication

Answer correspondence received from readers and answer questions.

Be familiar with and be able to use Microsoft Windows XP and be generally computer literate.

Knowledge of the history and traditions of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the fraternal system is very helpful.

Ability to speak Slovak desirable, ability to read and write in Slovak helpful.

Position will be located at the Home Office, Cleveland, Ohio

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Golf Tournament

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, KENNETH ARENDT:

The First Catholic Slovak Union 2009 International Golf Tournament will be held jointly with the Slovak Catholic Sokol on August 14-16, 2009 at the Clarion Oaks and Hi-Level Golf Resorts in Clarion, Pennsylvania. We are very excited at this opportunity to have a historic social event with the Slovak Catholic Sokol. We encourage all our members to get involved and come out and support this event. We are asking all our branches to consider being a sponsor for one or more of your members so they may participate in this exciting event. We look forward to seeing everyone on August 14th. Mark your calendars!

Registration entry form and further information detailing the packages available will be in the next issue of the Jednota Newspaper and on our Website.



49th International Convention

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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

Insights and Viewpoints

Homilies

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about the miracle of every child of God having enough to eat. Jesus feels so deeply about this that he said if someone is hungry, it is he himself who is hungry (Mt 25:31-46). As we celebrate our Eucharist today, let us recall the truth that Jesus is present in the total reality of his Body. The Body of Christ includes a large number of poor people. All are dear to him. Can we celebrate the Eucharist authentically and be indifferent to their plight?



Apostleship of Prayer

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Yet there is something special about the Holy Land. It is the setting for the events described in the Bible, the Word of God on which our faith rests.

We pray this month that Holy Land Christians may serve as a yeast of reconciliation, justice, and peace in that strife-torn part of the world. We are one with the Christians in the Holy Land. We pray that they may persevere in safety as they witness to the gospel.

Reflectio

How can you show your solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land?

Mission Intention

Humanity Reconciled. Through the witness of the faithful, may the Church be the seed and soil of a humanity reconciled to be God's one true family on earth.

In the mission intention the Holy Father extends the theme of reconciliation he speaks of in the general intention. He asks us to pray that all people become reconciled as God's one true family and that the Church may be both "seed and soil" of a reconciled humanity.

To be reconciled as the Holy Father's uses the word means to be united to God and to others. Our reconciliation or union with God starts with the seed, the Word of God that the Church scatters upon the earth. This is the preaching of the Gospel.

But we know from the parable that scattering the seed is not enough. The seed on dry ground never sprouts, rocky ground can't nourish it, and thorny ground chokes it out. What's needed is rich soil. Then the seed bears much fruit.

What is the rich soil that bears fruit? The Pope makes it clear: rich soil is the unity of believers. At the last supper, Jesus told his disciples: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). And he went on to pray that his followers would be as he and the Father are one. The purpose for their unity is missionary: "that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:20-23).

If Christians are divided and in conflict, how will the world ever believe that reconciliation is possible? Are there divisions in the Catholic Church? Are there divisions in your diocese or in your parish?

If we cannot show the world our loving unity, we are scattering seed to little purpose. To the extent we can unite in love will we be fruitful in our missionary efforts.

How do we accomplish the unity Jesus requires? We begin by loving each other, washing one another's feet, and respecting every single person as a person for whom Christ died. We pray for the reconciliation of all people into one great family of God.

Reflectio

To whom may you show love for the sake of Christian unity?

NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

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Project Rachel Exported to Slovakia

By John Karch

Part 2

The first article devoted to Ms. Vicki Thorn's requested participation in the 11th annual International Conference (CHOOSE LIFE), March 28-29 of this year in Rajecke Teplice, Slovakia appeared in JEDNOTA, May 13, p. 4). Ms. Thorn is a widely-known founder of Project Rachel and is a popular speaker abroad as well as in the U.S. She is also Executive Director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition to her—and her husband's—lectures and discussions at the International Conference, she was invited to share her ministry elsewhere in Slovakia.

Bratislava

In the Slovak Capital, Ms. Thorn addressed a group of university students following a Mass. She spoke about the Biochemistry of Sex. There was a great deal of interest in the group, she said, with several coming after the talk with additional questions. The Biochemistry of Sex talk, she explained, is also called The Biology of the Theology of the Body, when she speaks to a Catholic group. It is the science that supports Humanae Vitae (Human Life). She explained the impact of chemical contraceptives on causing women to choose a male who is too much like their father or brother in terms of immune system markers.

Vicki Thorn also met with writer Jaroslav Daniska who interviewed her for a magazine article, as well as with some social work students about the "wounds of abortion" in women and men, suggesting ways to help them.

Banska Bystrica

Ms. Thorn had an hour radio interview with Radio Maria that followed an interview she had done with them during the last visit (2008). This focused on Project Rachel. She presented a full day of Project Rachel training at the Pope John Paul II Center to clergy, mental health professionals, doctors, and interested others. Four people came from Austria and one woman came from Romania for this session. Also in attendance was an Hungarian priest who works in Slovakia but would like to take this ministry to Hungary.

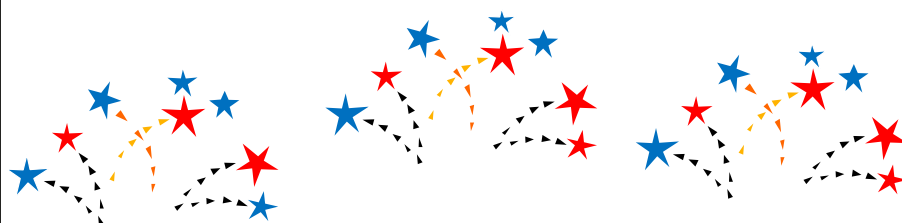
Vicki also spoke about abortion as a "human wound of a mother who has lost a child in a traumatic and unnatural fashion." She recalled her experiences in the Ukraine and Romania, including being told of the number of abortions reported to her by physicians. The training included a description of the symptoms one may see in a woman who has lost a child to abortion, the impact of abortion on a father, grandparents, siblings, and the component parts of the healing process.

In the evening, speaking to seminarians of the Diocese, her presentation included information from the biology of the theology of the body that will help them to prepare couples for marriage, speak to young people about abstinence, and understand their own maleness. She also briefed them about Project Rachel.

Kosice

In Kosice, Vicki Thorn met with the Greek Catholic Bishop who oversees issues of the family for the Slovak Catholic Bishops Conference. She explained the history of the ministry, how it is organized, and what the process of healing is. They spoke at length about these issues. She observed that "he was most gracious and most concerned about these issues."

Upon leaving the Bishop, she and her husband—Dr. William Thorn—went to the Roman Catholic Seminary where she spoke to the student body with a presentation that was very similar to the one mentioned above. Also present was the Auxiliary Bishop, an older man who, as a philosopher, found the information on the biochemistry of sex to be fascinating because he was very interested in natural law. They had a lengthy discussion over dinner with him and the Rector. Again, the students found the information presented "very helpful."



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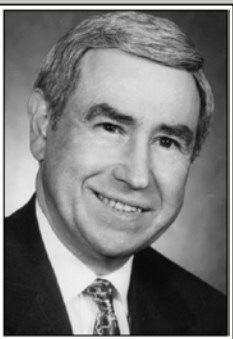
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- The "Park 2 Annuity" can be converted to any of the FCSU Annuity Plans at any time.
- The "Park 2 Annuity" is not applicable to any settlement option or interest option.
- Withdrawal Privileges—Funds withdrawn during the first two years are subject to an FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge. The charge is 6% the first year and 5% the second year. You may, however, withdraw up to 10% of your 'beginning of the year balance' with no FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge.
- Even though you may not incur an FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge, withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a federal tax penalty.
- Tax on the interest earned is deferred until the annuity funds are drawn.
- The minimum deposit is \$1,000.00.

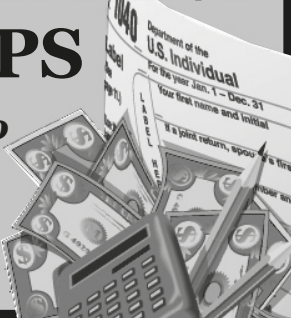
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MONEY MANAGEMENT & TAX TIPS



By *Joseph T. Senko*

Certified Public Accountant
Certified Financial Planner
Personal Financial Specialist
(AICPA)



Money-wise Advice for New Grads

At this time of the year, graduates are leaving collegiate life behind and embarking on their first real career. This is an exciting time, but it's also a time of new financial responsibilities. There are several money-wise steps to make sure recent grads start off on sound financial footing.

Set up a Budget and Savings Plan

Create a realistic budget that balances what you take home in your paycheck against your regular monthly expenses. Among your expenses, include a small amount to go directly into a savings account. Although your money may not stretch very far at first, it's important to make savings a habit. When you need the cash for an emergency- or for a well-deserved splurge- you'll be glad you have a savings plan.

Polish Your Cooking Skills

Many young people find they have little time or energy to prepare breakfast or dinner for themselves, or to pack a bag lunch to eat at work. That can become a big problem, because neglect in this area means these young workers end up with expensive takeout meals instead of the more economical, home-prepared meal. As an example, spending \$20 a week on takeout meals adds up to \$1,040 a year. That sum could be used to pay a month's rent or could be the beginning of a down payment on your first house. If you set aside time to plan and shop for each week's meals, food costs will drop sharply and you can make better choices with the money you save.

Keep Debt Under Control

While it may be tempting to run up a credit card balance to furnish your apartment, to build a work wardrobe, or to acquire some new electronics, it's not a good idea. Many recent graduates already have thousands of dollars in student loan obligations. Adding to that debt makes paying off these balances and beginning to save for your future more difficult.

If you do take on consumer or student loan debt, make your payments on time and in full. That will ensure a good credit rating, so you can get credit in the future when you need it. If you have a bad credit rating, you could be refused an apartment, be turned down for an auto loan, or even face problems in getting a job. Whenever you take on debt, be sure you're being realistic about your ability to pay it off.

Remember Retirement

Retirement may be a long way off, but you should begin contributing to a retirement account early. You will set aside more money over time and your nest egg will have more opportunities to grow. Begin contributing to your company's 401 (k) if one is available, or open an individual retirement account. Each choice offers tax-advantaged opportunities to build for your future.



Message From the President

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2009 Jednota issue resulted in over three dozen responses, most of them with very good suggestions. We will try to implement as many as possible as resources allow.

Our Jednota Editor, Anthony Sutherland, PhD. has announced his retirement after reaching his 65th birthday in October 2009. Dr. Sutherland has been a very positive part of the Society as Editor for more than 13 years. We thank him and will have more information regarding Tony in future issues. As a result of his retirement we are looking for a new Editor. The job description is in this issue.

Remember our joint Golf outing with the Slovak Catholic Sokol for August 14 – 16, 2009 at Clarion, PA. You will find all information and registration forms in the Jednota starting in the May 13th Jednota issue.

After much hard work and some difficult decisions, we are in the beginning stages of merging some Branches. This is an unwelcome and sometimes controversial task that must be done, and in many cases years overdue. It is being done in a manner that is in the best interest of the FCSU and its Members without political objectives. I want to say, "Thank you", to the Officers of all Branches for their years of hard work, and especially those Officers in Branches who worked for the Jednota for many years, and now for reasons, primarily age or disability, can no longer perform the duties.

I intend to visit as many Branches and Districts and attend as many Slovak events and activities as possible in the remainder of 2009. Often times several events fall on the same date. Unfortunately, there is only one Sunday a week.

Hope to see you soon.

**Fraternally,
Andrew M. Rajec
President**

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Announce Summer Festival

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius announce their annual Summer Festival to be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009, at Villa Sacred Heart, their Motherhouse in Danville, Pennsylvania. This year's festival is extra special for the Sisters as they are celebrating their centennial year as a congregation.

The day begins at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. with the Sunday Liturgy celebrated in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius.

A perennial favorite at the festival is the Sisters' Pantry with its assortment of baked goods among them homemade nut roll. Another popular spot is the Craft Shop where festival-goers can find a variety of crafts made by the Sisters and their friends. All the items make splendid gifts for every occasion. For those who have "a green thumb," a variety of plants, both annuals and perennials, will be on sale.

Games for children as well as games for adults, including Instant Bingo, will bring joy to the winners.

The auditorium is once again the place where flea market devotees can find valuable treasures for a reasonable price.

Besides the usual picnic fare, sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers and fries delectable ethnic foods will be served. This year fresh lemonade, corn on the cob, and walk-away waffles topped with ice cream are on the menu. Soda, ice cream and yogurt will also be available throughout the day. Once again the Sisters look forward to your presence at the festival in Danville on Saturday, July 11.



Happy Birthday

I am proud and oh so thrilled to announce the 85th Birthday of my father, Rudolph Gregus, on July 4th, 2009! Thrilled because this is a man who answers the question, "How are you Rudy?"...with... "Still living and still kicking!" And I'm thrilled he's still living and kicking! Not only living and kicking but involved in life...he still currently engages in a game of chess with his eager to learn grand children, exercises on the treadmill for 25 minutes twice a week, soaks up the daily politics of current events and continues to lead an independent life taking care of his and my mother's needs.

I'm proud of him, because he has set a wonderful example for my sister and I.

He has shown us intelligence, sensitivity and kindness and taught us lessons on how to be loyal and moral. And in addition to these lessons, I've learned one more... how to be a proud Slovak American. My father is a passionately proud Slovak American and has been an active, supportive member and leader of the Slovak American community ever since he immigrated to this country!

He thrives on his roots...

He's happy to be in this country...

He loves his family...

Maybe that's why he's made it to 85 and "still living and kicking!"



Rudolph Gregus

HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY to RUDOLPH GREGUS!

Publication Schedule for 2009

Issue Date	Deadline
January 7	December 23,
January 21	January 12
February 4	January 26
February 18	February 9
March 4	February 23
March 18	March 9
April 1	March 23
April 29	April 20
May 13	May 4
May 27	May 18
June 10	June 1
July 8	June 29
August 5	July 27
September 2	August 24
September 16	September 7
September 30	September 21
October 14	October 5
October 28	October 19
November 11	November 2
November 25	November 16
December 9	November 30

There will be no issues on: April 15, June 24, July 22, August 19, and December 23

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. and asked Vice President 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
 Damian D. Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2, by invitation of the President

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the April 2009 Executive Committee meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

Byron White from AQS Asset Management, LLC. joined the Executive Committee meeting via teleconference and presented his monthly report thru WebEx. When Mr. White completed his presentation, he answered the questions of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer presented a written monthly report and led a discussion regarding the monthly report. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK

The Executive Secretary presented the current rates offered by Federal Home Loan Bank and updated the Executive Committee on returns of ARC funds currently deposited in Key Bank.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

2009 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the 2009 First Quarter Financial Report and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The report will be published in the Jednota newspaper and sent to the Board of Directors.

SALES AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed our Sales Production Report in different Regions and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The Vice President also reviewed the Sales Production Report of our independent agents.

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the FCSU becoming licensed in all states. He stated that applications for licensing have been submitted to thirteen additional states. The Executive Secretary will update the Executive Committee as more information becomes available.

The Vice President led a discussion regarding the possibility of providing our independent agents with leads from the Home Office. This issue will be further discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting.

The Vice President further stated that we will continue with our advertisements in the Jednota newspaper and on our website and in all the mailings from the Home Office

The Vice President also updated the Executive Committee on the dates of the upcoming sale seminars.

BRANCH MERGERS

The President stated that first he, the Executive Secretary, and two members of the home office staff worked extensively on reviewing the Branches that have no Officers have less than 20 members, requested a merger with another Branch, and/or did not qualify for the 2008 Stipend. The next step they did was to look at maps and discuss what mergers made the most sense. The President stated that he and the Executive Secretary came up with a list of Branches for potential merger and that Ken Arendt will compose a letter to each Regional Director regarding Branch mergers and ask for their input. After getting the Directors' inputs we will further inform the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and proceed with mergers.

2010 CONVENTION

The President led a discussion regarding the site inspections in Las Vegas, Nevada and Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that after extensive study and comparing concerning the overall picture (food, cost, entertainment, accommodation cost, etc.) between the two cities, Cleveland was the better choice. The Executive Committee, then, unanimously decided to recommend the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, as the site of our 2010 Convention. A letter will be sent to the Board of Directors for their final approval.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT
MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES**

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

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

Disbursements for the month of April 2009	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$479,734.43
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$248,938.47

Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ - 0 -
Trust Fund	\$ - 0 -

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

MISCELLANEOUS

The President updated the Executive Committee on the improvement of our bi-weekly newspaper, Jednota, with the addition of a crossword and having English wording under pictures in Slovak section.

The President also informed the Executive Committee that he received a verbal announcement from our Editor, Anthony Sutherland, about his plans for retirement. Mr. Sutherland will send a formal retirement announcement.

The President further informed the Executive Committee about the letter from Lower Swatara Township requesting an extension for use of the soccer field on the Jednota property in Middletown, PA for one more season. The President said he will draft a letter to the Soccer Association and ask for current proof of Liability Insurance.

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 Kenneth Arendt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

 Andrew M. Rajec
 President

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary



Attention Members of MSGR. Andrew Hlinka District - District 12

ON SUNDAY, **AUGUST 2, 2009 AT 2:00 P.M.**, THE MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SALES SEMINAR AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 25 SMITA LANE, BENTLEYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

THIS SEMINAR IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR PRODUCTS AND SELLING THEM.

BECAUSE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, WE MUST START ON TIME AND NOT DEVIATE FROM THE PROGRAM. AT THE SALES SEMINAR, SALES BROCHURES AND RATE CHARTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

FORM A CAR POOL, LETS GET INVOLVED WITH SALES. PLEASE RSVP TO OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY KENNETH A. ARENDT BY JULY 30, 2009 AT 1-800-533-6682.

UNTIL WE MEET AT THE SEMINAR

**GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS!
 ANDREW R. HARCAR, SR.
 NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
 MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING CHAIRMAN**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

The First Catholic Slovak Union is pleased to announce that it can now accept credit cards for Insurance premium payments.

*Annuity payments cannot be made with credit cards.

NEW FROM FCSU

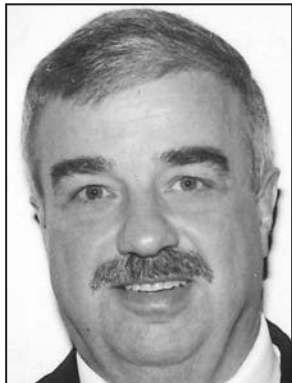
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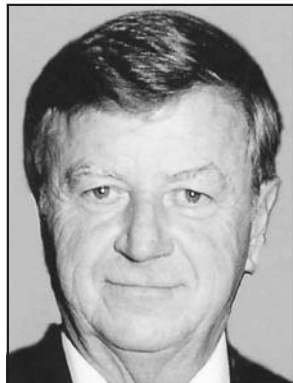
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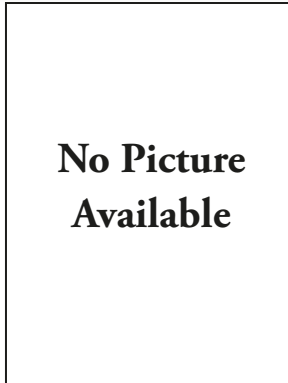
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Kenneth A. Arendt
First Place



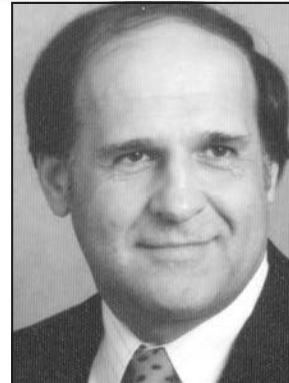
Andrew R. Harcar
Second Place



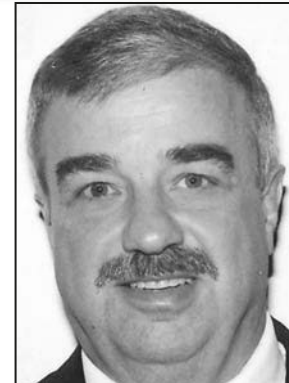
Kimberly M. Meekter
Third Place



Andrew R. Harcar
First Place



Carl J. Ungvarsky
Second Place



Kenneth A. Arendt
Third Place

Top proposers by Amount of Annuities Sold

Name	Branch	Annuities
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	\$221,107.98
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	\$219,126.93
Kimberly M. Meeker, Windsor, New York	166	\$183,200.00
Joseph John Lucas, Parma, Ohio	855	\$138,579.79
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	\$137,269.76
Roger T. Soltis, Massillon, Ohio	410	\$96,574.71
Joseph E. Rura, Coral, Pennsylvania	484	\$63,101.90
Vincent P. Ciganik, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania	635	\$50,000.00
Albert R. Valo, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	587	\$45,500.00
Rosemary Deliman, Philipsburg, New Jersey	417	\$35,400.00

Top proposers by Total Points

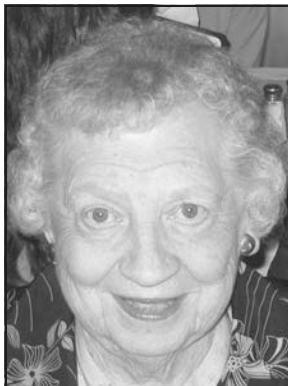
Name	Branch	Total Points
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	368
Carl J. Ungvarsky, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania	173	308
Kenneth A. Arendt, Vermilion, Ohio	228	221
Kimberly M. Meeker, Windsor, New York	166	182
George A. Sprock, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	181	157
Dorothy J. Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	147
Joseph John Lucas, Parma, Ohio	855	137
Mark Marmol, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	162	122
Albert R. Valo, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	587	100
Roger T. Soltis, Massillon, Ohio	410	96



Mark Marmol
First Place



Anna Magusin
Second Place



Dorothy Petrus
Third Place

Cleveland Radio Club Annual Slovak Picnic

The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will hold its annual Slovak Picnic on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at St. Sava Picnic Grounds, 2151 Wallings Road (between Broadview Road and State Road), Broadview Heights, Ohio. There will be Slovak food and pastries. Music will be provided by the Frank Moravcik Band. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. For more information call: 440/886-4828, 440/885-1994, or 440/845-0282. All are welcome.

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
Dorothy Petrus, Donora, Pennsylvania	670	\$155,000
Andrew C. Herman, Levittown, Pennsylvania	857	\$101,000
Michael J. Slovenkai, Scranton, Pennsylvania	382	\$85,000
Margaret A. Graytok, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania	380	\$51,000
John J. Mago, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania	600	\$50,000
Andrew R. Harcar, Streator, Illinois	40	\$41,000
Joseph C. Rimarcik, Sterling Heights, Michigan	743	\$40,000
Michaelene T. Smolleck, Latrobe, Pennsylvania	312	\$40,000
Joseph T. Scavina, Boardman, Ohio	682	\$40,000
Paul Skuben, Placentia, California	844	\$40,000
Joan S. Magee, Woodbury, New Jersey	175	\$40,000



Coming Events

July 26

-The Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 735, Annual Picnic from noon until dusk at Oaks Park in the Sellwood section of Portland, Oregon.

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- *10 Year Level Term
- *20 Year Level Term
- *Term to age 25
- *Annuities

**FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

Slovaks and Slovakia: Historic Photographs and Postcards

On July 13, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Branch Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Ohio, a photo exhibit celebrating the history of immigration from Slovakia to the United States will be officially opened. The photographs on display (courtesy of the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia) are part of an international collaborative project by the Getty Conservation Institute (Los Angeles), The Academy of Fine Arts and Design (Bratislava, Slovakia) and the Slovak National Library (city of Martin, Slovakia). The exhibit will remain on display for a period of one month.

Many photos in the exhibit include those of historical interest to Clevelanders and American Slovaks in Northeastern Ohio. They include: Ceremonial signing of the founding of the Slovak Institute in Cleveland (Benedictine Abbey); Group photos of members of the First Catholic Slovak Union (1910), and the Slovak Evangelical Union of Cleveland (1896); Famous American-Slovak personalities, e.g. Andy Warhol, actor-director Peter Lorre, actress Pola Negri, Dezo Hoffman (Beatles photographer), Michael Strank (U.S. soldier in famous Iwo Jima flag raising photo), and poet Dr. Karol Strmen (Professor, Cleveland State University) & Mrs. Olga Strmen leaving Italy for life in the U.S. (1947), and others.

At this official opening eve, a number of additional photographs and artifacts from the Slovak Institute and the newly established Carpatho-Rusin Museum (St. John's Cathedral, Carlton Rd., Parma), will be on display, as well.

The evening will begin with a brief cultural program at 7 p.m., introduced by Dr. Edward Keshock, Honorary Consul for Slovakia, State of Ohio. Following a brief video show of beautiful scenes of modern-day Slovakia, entertainment will be provided by both Slovak and Rusyn musical groups. Songs/music of the Rusyn culture (one of Slovakia's minorities) will be provided by the Karpato Rus' Children's Ensemble. The program will conclude with traditional Slovak music and songs provided by the Three-M Ensemble, a group of three Slovak-born lady vocalists and an accordionist, who have performed at numerous Slovak festivals and celebrations, both locally and outside the Cleveland area. The program will be followed by refreshments and a further opportunity to view the photos and artifacts.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Cleveland-Bratislava International Sister Cities Organization, and the Brooklyn Branch Library of Cuyahoga County. This event is graciously hosted by the Friends of the Brooklyn Branch Library.

Slovak Self-Taught

By Slavo Moravek

At the Bank

Is this your first deposit	Je toto váš prvý vklad?	(Ye toto vÁsh prvee vklad)
Give me a check book	Dajte mi čekovú knižku	(daYtYe mi chekovoo knYizYku)
Give him a bank book	Dajte mu bankovú knižku	(daYtYe mu bankovoo knYizYku)
Place your signature here	Tu sa podpište	(tu sa podpeeshtYe)
I wish to deposit this money	Chcem uložiť tieto peniaze	(Xtsem ulozYity tYYeto penYYaze)
Do you wish to withdraw your money?	Chcete vybrať svoje peniaze?	(XsetYe vibratY svoYe penYYaze)
Do you want this check cashed?	Chcete tento ček zameniť?	(XtsetYe tento chek zamenYitY)
We cannot cash this check	Nemôžeme ten ček zameniť	(nYemWOzYe me ten chek zamenYitY)
We do not know you	Nepoznáme vás	(nPoznÁme vÁs)
I want to borrow dollars	Chcem požičať dollárov	(Xtsem pozYichatY _dollÁov)
How soon can you repay the money?	Ako skoro môžete vrátiť peniaze?	(Ako skoro mWOzYtYe vrÁtitY penYYaze)
We close the bank at 3:00 p.m.	Zatvárame banku o tretej popoludní	(zatvÁrame banku o tretYeY popoludnYee)



Annual American Slovak Day at Kennywood Set for July 16

The 86th Annual American Slovak Day will be held Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Funday tickets are \$22.00. Tickets for seniors 55 and over are \$10.00

The Slovak Kitchen opens at 12:30 p.m. at Pavilion # 4.

The Program will take place in the Main Pavilion #5. There will be cultural displays including a Slovak costumes exhibit. Children's games and treats will start at 12:30 p.m. A performance of the children's folk dancing group "PAS" Jr. Folk Ensemble will take place at 2:00 p.m. Guests will be introduced at 3:00 p.m. on the Main Pavilion Stage.

The Eucharistic Celebration will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Main Pavilion Stage. The Rev. Joseph Grosko, Administrator of Holy Trinity Church & Saint Agnes Church in West Mifflin, will be the principal celebrant. Concelebrants will include priests from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Diocese of Greensburg.

There will be a performance of the Pittsburgh Slovaks and "PAS" Folk Ensemble at the Main Pavilion Stage following the liturgy.

For tickets and further information call 412/351-2381 or 412/466-6545.

SLOVAK CULTURE & HERITAGE DAY

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Church Hall

Location: 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH

Co-sponsored with

**Cleveland-Bratislava
International Sister Cities, Inc.**

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 25, 2009

On July 25 a "Slovak Culture and Heritage Day" will be celebrated at Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, located next to the Brooklyn Library at 4470 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Ohio.

Slovak food and pastries will be available for purchase from 12 noon to 2:00 PM. Doors will open at 11:00 AM. Proceeds will benefit the maintenance and beautification of the Slovak Cultural Gardens.

Rooms within the church hall will have on display Slovak photographs, artifacts and traditional apparel. Visitors are welcome to bring their own historical artifacts and family photos to show and discuss with others. Visitors are also welcome to wear Slovak folk attire if they wish to share their pride. DVD presentations will be shown continuously, including an actual Slovak wedding ceremony, various scenes from across Slovakia, and other facts and information about Slovakia.

Traditional Slovak folk songs and melodies will be provided as background for listening enjoyment. Interludes of live sing-along favorites will be provided by the Three-M ensemble.

Raffle tickets will be sold and freewill donations accepted for the benefit of the Slovak Cultural Gardens maintenance and beautification.

All are welcome. Admission: Free

For additional information: Mr. Joseph Olsavsky, mandjols@aol.com; 440-845-1886

Montreal Parish Has First Deacon



Divine Providence has ordained that the Slovak Parish of Sts. Cyril and Method in Montreal can be grateful for its first Deacon. On Saturday morning, June 6th, in a solemn ordination Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Ottawa, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast S.J. ordained three men to the Permanent Diaconate. One of these was James Gregory Kubina.

James' wife, Irena Konopacki, encouraged him in this undertaking during the four-year formation program for the diaconate and participated in the weekly class sessions. They have two wonderful children: Aaron (8) and Natasha (6). He is an electrical engineer, working at General Dynamics Ottawa as a Principal Systems Engineer for Air and Naval Systems.

James obtained his B. Eng degree from Concordia University and his M. Eng. in Electrical Engineering from McGill University. Our legendary organist, the late Prof. Michael Sinchak had a formative influence on James in his development of a special love for liturgical music. For over 20 years, he participated in and led the senior choir at St. Joseph's in Ottawa. He also acknowledges the influence of his Sulpician mentor, Rev. Guy Charland at CEGEP Andre-Grasset in Montreal and the late Fr. James Benish O.F.M. and Fr. Urban Koval O.F.M., our former pastors. During graduate school his spiritual nurturing benefited from contact with the Benedictines, principally the late Dom John Main. He continues to be a member of the Canadian Slovak Professional and Business Association in Montreal.

James Gregory is the son of Dr. Stanley J. Kubina and Lily Kubina. They are lifetime members of our parish and long-standing members of Jednota, branches 784 and 810 respectively. Their parents were founding members of the Slovak parish and supported both the Jednota and Canadian Slovak League initiatives in the Montreal Slovak Community. Dr. Stanley Kubina continues his function as Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Concordia University.

The photo shows the newly-ordained Deacon proclaiming the Gospel at the afternoon wedding Mass of his cousin Kathy Slamen and Eric Wrazen. Fr. Gerry Westphal who celebrated the Mass, was thrilled to have a newly-ordained deacon assisting him on this happy family occasion. Deacon James has been assigned by the Archbishop to minister to the homeless at the Shepherds of Good Hope and to serve at St. Joseph's parish in downtown Ottawa.

The entire family congratulates James on his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. They wish to express their pride in his willingness to accept this new addition to his vocation in life. They pray that God will continue to give him strength and inspiration to successfully carry out his multi-faceted vocation as father, husband and deacon.

Dr. Stanley J. Kubina Eng.

Saint Vincent Monks Celebrating Jubilees in 2009

LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA — Monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey who are celebrating jubilees in 2009 have provided a total of 745 years of service.

The list of jubilarians includes:

FIFTY YEARS ORDINATION

FATHER CAMPION GAVALER, O.S.B.

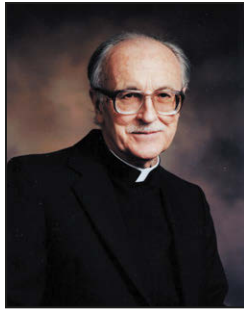
Father Campion Paul Gavalier, O.S.B., was born January 10, 1929 in Carrolltown, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Stephen and Susan Gavalier. He has three sisters, Mary Gavalier, Mrs. Paul (Catherine) Lieb and Ann Gavalier, all of Carrolltown; and one brother, John Gavalier of Pittsburgh.

He attended St. Benedict Parochial School, Carrolltown and is a 1947 graduate of Carrolltown High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from St. Francis College, Loretto, in 1950. He studied theology at the Collegio Di Sant' Anselmo, Rome, earning his S.T.L. in 1962. He also studied liturgy at the University of Notre Dame in the summers of 1958, 1959 and 1963, and chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh (1951-1952). Father Campion graduated from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1959.

He made simple profession of vows July 2, 1953 and solemn profession of vows July 11, 1956 at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. He was ordained a priest May 23, 1959 in Greensburg by the late Bishop Hugh Lamb.

Father Campion's service to the Saint Vincent community includes serving as a chemistry lab instructor at Saint Vincent College (1954-1960); member of the faculty of Saint Vincent College and Seminary and chaplain for the college (1962); chaplain of Saint Vincent Preparatory School (1963); chairman of the Religious Studies Department at Saint Vincent College (1964); academic dean at Saint Vincent College (1975-1980); visiting professor at Seton Hill College (1967, 1969); visiting professor at Pennsylvania State University (1971); provost of Saint Vincent College (1980-1985); acting president of Saint Vincent College (1980-1981). He is currently a member of the college faculty in religious studies.

Along with Father Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B., Father Campion has contributed a weekly Sunday Homily column to both the Archabbey web page and the newspaper Jednota, since 1999.



was published in The Bible Today. In June of 2009 Brother Ben was honored by the Saint Vincent Prep School Alumni for his success as a student and his commitment to faith, family and community.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS PROFESSION

FATHER THOMAS M. HART, O.S.B.

Father Thomas M. Hart, O.S.B., was born February 15, 1957 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is a son of the late Margaret E. (Walsh) Hart and Donald F. Hart, Sr. He is one of six children, including Donald F. Hart, Jr. of Newburg, Pennsylvania; Timothy J. Hart of Harrisburg, Joseph L. Hart of Middletown, Pennsylvania, John R. Hart of Hershey, Pennsylvania, and the late Mary M. May.

He is a 1975 graduate of Middletown Area High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in theology and philosophy from the University of Steubenville, Ohio, in 1981, and also attended Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. He earned a master of divinity degree with highest honors from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1987. He did graduate studies in biblical theology at the Catholic University of America.

He made simple profession of Monastic vows on July 10, 1984 and solemn profession of vows on July 11, 1987. He was ordained a priest on May 28, 1988 by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco of Greensburg.

At Saint Vincent he has worked as assistant to the director of Archabbey Public Relations (1984-1987); in the adult education program of Saint Vincent parish (1985-1988); moderator of the Seminary Speakers' Forum (1985-1988); assistant director of Oblates and moderator of the Latrobe Deanery (1985-1987); served his deacon internship at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette (1987-1988); and was named to the college faculty in 1993, where he was chair of the Religious Studies/Theology Department until 2007. In 2002 he was appointed assistant to the President for Mission, a position he held until 2008. In 2008 he was named Archabbot's Advisor for Educational Missions. He served as an advisor in the Saint Vincent College Chapter of Habitat for Humanity (1996-2000), and for the college chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (1997-2000). Father Thomas also served in the Religious Studies Department at West Virginia University from 1994 to 1997.

He has had articles published in The Bible Today, Q magazine, Share the Word and Hard Gainer. He has also contributed a review to Purity of Heart and Contemplation: A Monastic Dialogue Between Christian and Asian Traditions, a bulletin of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica.

Father Thomas holds memberships in The Catholic Biblical Association, Society of Biblical Literature and the C.G. Jung Center of Pittsburgh. He received the Thoburn Award for Excellence in Teaching at Saint Vincent College in 2003, the Student Association Faculty Award from the college in 1995. An article, "Living the Joy of Lent," received a third place Catholic Press Association Award for best essay, prayer and spirituality, in 2003.



FIFTY YEARS PROFESSION

BROTHER BENEDICT JANECKO, O.S.B.

Brother Benedict F. Janecko, O.S.B., was born November 22, 1938 in Marguerite, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Margaret (Kralik) Janecko of Latrobe RD 3 and the late Frank Janecko. He had one brother, the late Thomas Janecko.

He attended St. Benedict's Parochial School, Marguerite, and is a 1956 graduate of Saint Vincent Preparatory School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College in 1961. He studied at the Collegio di Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy, where he received his S.T.L. in theology in 1966, and at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, where he received his S.S.L. in Sacred Scripture in 1969.

He entered the Benedictine Monastic community at Saint Vincent Archabbey in 1958, made simple profession of vows July 2, 1959, and solemn profession of vows on July 2, 1962 at the Archabbey Basilica. He was ordained a deacon on July 4, 1964 in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, by Bishop Joseph Avack.

At Saint Vincent, Brother Benedict has served as Socius of Brothers (1959-1962); editor of the Saint Vincent Oblate newsletter (1961-1962). He taught Old Testament at Saint Vincent Seminary from 1969 to 2007. In 1970 he was assigned to the Religious Studies Department at Saint Vincent College, where he taught courses like Old Testament I & II and Mythologies of the Middle East. He spent the summers of 1970 and 1971 as a Visiting Scholar at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. From 1971 to 1981 he served as Dean of Men (Vice Rector) at Saint Vincent Seminary. He served as coordinator of workshops in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute and Latrobe Area Hospital. He took a sabbatical leave in Israel at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem, in 1981. In 1985 he was among 29 professors named a N.E.H. recipient of a grant to study "Judaic Studies" with Jacob Neusner and others at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. The grant entailed six weeks of lectures, discussions, library work and research on how Judaic Studies might complement the study of the Humanities and the teaching thereof. From 1990 to 1995 he was a member of the CBA Task Force on "The Old Testament and Ecology" headed by Lawrence Frizzell of Seton Hall University. Brother Benedict was promoted to the rank of professor at Saint Vincent College and Saint Vincent Seminary in 1995. He served as pool manager for Saint Vincent College for five years. In 2002 he was named assistant manager of the post office for the Seminary and Saint Vincent College, in addition to his duties on the faculty.

He is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association.

His publications include "Myth, History, God and Jesus," in the American Benedictine Review (1972); "Israel, Prophecy and Politics," in the Biblical Theology Bulletin (1978); The Psalms: The Heartbeat of Life and Worship, published in 1986 by St. Meinrad Abbey Press and reprinted in 2007 by Archabbey Publications; "Praying the Psalms" in Prayer Notes, published by St. Meinrad Abbey Press (1992); "The Wisdom Tradition and Mid-Life," in The Bible Today (1992); and "Ecology, Nature, Psalms," in a Festschrift presented to Joseph I. Hunt, The Psalms and Other Studies on the Old Testament, edited by Jack C. Knight and Lawrence A. Sinclair, printed for Nashotah House Seminary in 1990 by Forward Movement Publications, Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 2003, Brother Ben received a first place for best feature article, prayer and spirituality, from the Catholic Press Association, for "Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Genesis," which



S-ACC Annual Slovak Picnic to be Held August 2nd in Greenwich Point

The Slovak-American Cultural Center (S-ACC) will hold its 9th Annual Slovak Picnic on Sunday, August 2, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Greenwich Point, 1001 Shore Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Come and join the Slovak-American Cultural Center community for some fun in the sun filled with all things Slovak- music, food, beer, and fun sports activities. It is a fantastic place to spend the day with Slovak friends.

Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth 6-18. Children under 6 are free. To make reservations, contact Mr. Stano Krcmar at 973/357-1209, by July 14th. Send checks to S-ACC c/o Mr. Stano Krcmar, 33 Weasel Drift Rd., West Paterson, NJ 07424.

Greenwich Point is a beautiful 147-acre beach area. To reach Greenwich Point take I-95 to Exit 5. Turn right at the exit ramp/light and turn right again at next light onto Sound Beach Avenue. Continue passing a park on right/business area and residential area. Turn right on Shore Road and follow Shore Road over the causeway into Greenwich Point. Present your photo ID to the gatekeeper. Only those on the S-ACC reserved guest list will be admitted.

Catholic Pilgrimage at Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, New York

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 716, invites everyone to attend the annual Catholic Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at the Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, New York. The Marian Shrine is run by the Salesian Fathers of Don Bosco.

An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Priests will be available for confessions before the liturgy. After the Mass, a dinner will be served in the cafeteria or pilgrims may choose to bring their own food. The day will conclude with the recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m.

For more information call Jozef Bilik at 718/463-2084 or Henrieta Daitova at 201/641-8922. For information on the shrine, call 845/947-2200.

Baba's Slovak Cheesecake

CRUST:

6 TBL SUGAR
 ½ LB BUTTER (ROOM TEMP)
 2 CUPS FLOUR
 2 WHOLE EGGS
 1 TSP BAKING POWDER

PINEAPPLE FILLING:

2 LARGE CANS CRUSHED PINEAPPLE (IN IT'S OWN JUICE)
 1 CUP SUGAR
 6 TBL S MINUTE TAPIOCA

CHEESECAKE FILLING:

2 TO 3 PACKAGES CREAM CHEESE (ROOM TEMP)
 1 ¼ CUPS SUGAR
 RIND AND JUICE OF 1 LARGE LEMON
 ¼ CUP FLOUR
 3 CUPS WHOLE MILK
 4 LARGE EGGS (ADD ONE AT A TIME)
 VANILLA

PAN: 9" X 13" BAKING PAN

Step One:

Mix all Pineapple filling ingredients together in a heavy bottomed pan. Bring to boil and let simmer 10 minutes. Set aside to chill.

Step Two:

Cream together butter and sugar until fully mixed. Beat in eggs one at a time. Sift flour and baking powder together. Add flour and baking powder mixture gradually. Dough will be very soft and semi-sticky. Line baking dish bottom and sides to the top. The heat from your hands will allow you to spread the dough completely covering the inside of the pan.

STEP THREE

Cream together cheese and sugar. Add flour and blend in lemon. Add eggs one at a time. Add vanilla. Gently blend in the milk.

STEP FOUR

Evenly spread Pineapple mixture in pan. Place a large spoon on top of pineapple and very, very gently pour cheese mixture onto the spoon (this prevents pineapple from being washed away) It is important that you take your time when pouring. This should reach to the very top of the side crust. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake @300 for 1 ½ hours. Cool completely before serving.

Blueberry Buckle Cake

¾ cup sugar
 ¼ cup oil (vegetable)
 2 eggs
 ½ cup milk
 1 ½ cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
 ¼ teaspoon cloves
 1 ½ cups blueberries
 Topping
 ½ cup sugar
 1/3 cup flour
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ cup butter or margarine

Mix sugar, oil, eggs and milk until well blended. Stir in flour, baking, salt and spices. Sprinkle blueberries lightly with flour and fold into batter. Spread batter in a 9" by 9" pan. Combine the remaining ingredients and mix until crumbly. Sprinkle this over batter. Bake 375 for 45-50 minutes. When cooked, dust with powdered sugar. Enjoy!

Anne Zofchak, 628 Washington Ave., Linden, NJ 07036-2944

Pirohy

First, boil 4 potatoes with a small piece of onion in the water. After they are ready to mash, drain them –cut up cheese which is 4 oz. colbey and 4 oz. sharp and a little salt. Let the cheese melt then mash real good.

The dough is:

3 cups of flour
 1 ¼ blocks of oleo
 1 teaspoon baking powder.

Mix this like pie dough then add 1 cup of water (lukewarm). Roll ¼ of this dough on flour but not too thin. Take a cookie cutter or glass and cut out circles. Place a teaspoon of the cheese mixture in each circle. Fold again and press edges with your fingers to seal. Drop pirohy in boiling water for five minutes, then drain and pour melted butter on them.

Marcella Dobrosky, 1013 Green Glen Dr., DuBois, PA 15801.

YOUTH ROUND-UP



Kamden Emerson Dubber is the newest member of the St. Joseph Society, Branch 1 in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of Kevin and Delynn Dubber. Kamden was recently baptized at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Lakewood, Ohio. His parents and family are also all members of Branch 1.

Kamden Emerson Dubber



John Munoz with his Wii system and game.

John Emmanuel Munoz of Chicago recently celebrated his 14th birthday with family and friends at the Outback Steakhouse. John's big birthday gift was a Nintendo Wii videogame system. John is a member of the Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 493 in Chicago.



Robert Tapak Magruder, Bishop Dale Melczek, and Ryan Peters

Ryan Peters, an 8th grade student at Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond, Indiana, was sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit on May 16, 2009, by Bishop Dale J. Melczek of the Diocese of Gary. The rite of Confirmation took place at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Highland, Indiana. Ryan chose 'Philip' as his Confirmation name, and asked District 2 Recording Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder to be his Confirmation sponsor. Ryan is a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago.



Barbara Lachmanek

Branch 122 Members in the Class of 2009

Barbara Lachmanek has graduated with highest honors from Clayton College of Natural Health, Birmingham, AL receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Natural Health.

Victoria Lachmanek completed high school and graduated with highest honors from St. Scholastica School, St. David, AZ. She will continue her education at Cochise College, Sierra Vista, AZ.

Both are daughters of Paul and Amy Lachmanek, St. David, AZ. All are members of Branch 122, Export, PA.



Victoria Lachmanek



Andrew (Andy) Kester

Andrew (Andy) Kester of Bethlehem, PA, son of Julie and Tom Kester, recently graduated from Susquehanna University during their spring commencement with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry. Andy graduated Magna Cum Laude and attained both university and department honors. During his time at Susquehanna, Andy completed an honors thesis in medicinal natural products chemistry, and he spent the summer of 2008 in India on a university-sponsored volunteer project in medicinal horticulture. He also studied abroad in New Zealand during 2007 at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ.

Andy will continue his academic training at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, in the Fall of 2009 where he will enter the Masters International Program in Food Science and Human Nutrition. The CSU program includes 2 years of Peace Corps Service



The "Backwards" with members of the WPSCA.

The Backwards

Over 500 fans in the Pittsburgh area came to see and hear The Backwards from Kosice, Slovakia as they performed their award winning impersonations of the Beatles. The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association recently sponsored two shows, one at the Sokol Club in Pittsburgh and the other at the Palisades in McKeesport to showcase this world famous group again as they did in 2007. The audience joined in singing and dancing to many of the old Beatles classics.

These four young musicians, Dalibor, Miroslav, Frantisek and Daniel, defeated 36 other bands to win the International NY Beatlefest in 1998 and again in 2003. Besides Pittsburgh, the group appeared in New York and Chicago.



Uniontown Branch Makes Donation to St. Vicernt de Paul

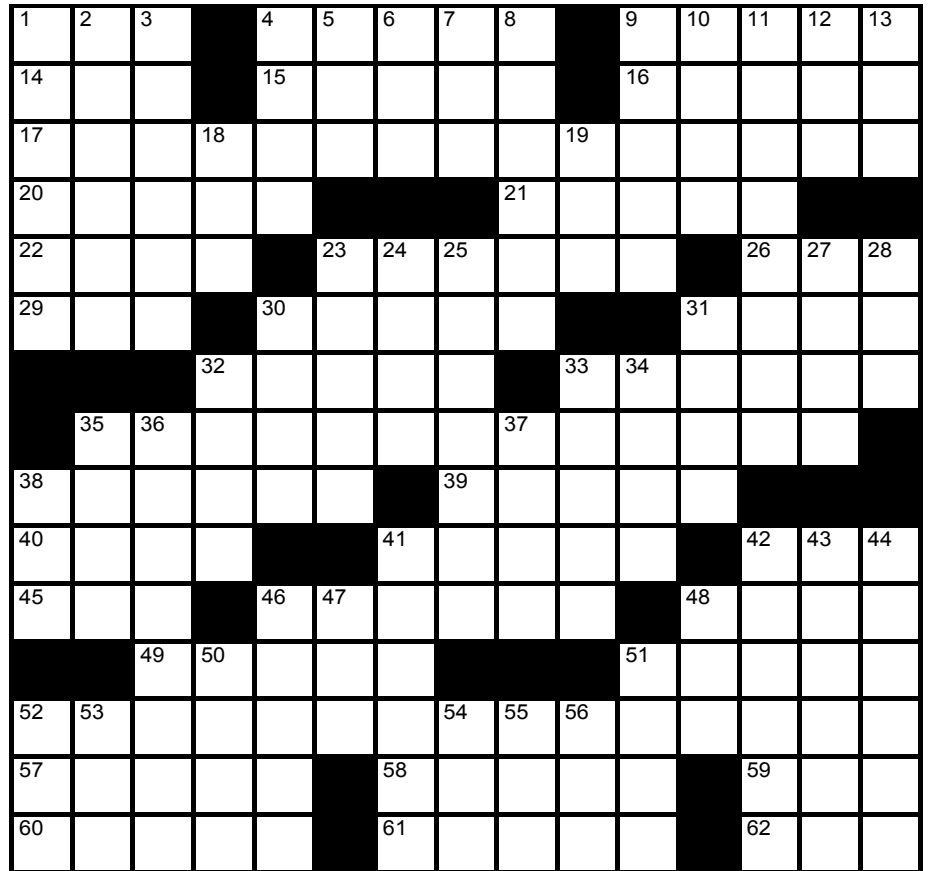
L-R James Marmol, President of Branch 162; Jane Rakas, President of the Board of Directors and Roy Sarver, Executive Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of South Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and Dolores Marmol, Secretary of Branch 162..



James Marmol, President of Branch 162, presented a check for \$500 recently to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Southern Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Accepting the check was Jane Rakas, President of the Board of Directors for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The check will be used to purchase a new laptop computer. Executive Director Roy Sarver will use the laptop for extensive work to help the poor of the region.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates at three locations in the area: the Thrift Store on North Mount Vernon Avenue, Uniontown; the used furniture store in Republic; and Vincent's Gallery, an art and crafts store on Route 40 in Hopwood. Vincent's Gallery provides unique and handmade gifts by local artists. The Society will be relocating Vincent's Gallery soon to the former Menallen Grange on New Salem Road. Additional information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be obtained by visiting any of the above locations. Patrons are encouraged to make donations to continue to help the poor. In addition to the above activities, St. Vincent de Paul will be sponsoring a religious radio station in the near future.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Soak
- 4 Small drum
- 9 Idolize
- 14 Wonderment
- 15 Open-mouthed
- 16 Steam
- 17 Feeling less than robust
- 20 Draws close
- 21 South American palm
- 22 *Rule Britannia* composer
- 23 Covert
- 26 Patriotic group (Abbr.)
- 29 Former ultra-fast airliner (Abbr.)
- 30 Emoted
- 31 Turkish monetary unit
- 32 Love (Fr.)
- 33 Lecture
- 35 Do-gooders
- 38 General assembly
- 39 Caustics
- 40 Route
- 41 Firearm
- 42 Convertible
- 45 Mil. mailbox
- 46 ___ Thursday
- 48 Roofing materia
- 49 Interlace
- 51 Smidgens
- 52 Long story
- 57 Soup
- 58 String
- 59 Small guitar
- 60 Mountain range
- 61 Talipot palms
- 62 Bittersweet

Down

- 1 Turkish baths
- 2 Proprietors
- 3 Scholastic
- 4 Mariners
- 5 Representative (Abbr.)
- 6 Exclamation of disgust
- 7 Unlock (Poet.)
- 8 Bounty
- 9 Cease, nautically
- 10 Information
- 11 Serpent
- 12 Caviar
- 13 Slip up
- 18 Before (Poet.)
- 19 Compass point
- 23 Griddlecake
- 24 Pocketbook
- 25 Sure
- 27 Electrical discharges
- 28 Cheer
- 30 Amo, amas, ___
- 31 Pasturelands
- 32 Handmaiden
- 33 Dear
- 34 Go by bus
- 35 Jalopy, to some
- 36 Unseemly
- 37 Played in one stroke

- 38 Watering hole
- 41 ___ Rico
- 42 Fruit type
- 43 Last Frontier
- 44 Redo a lawn
- 46 Chess moves
- 47 Prayer bead
- 48 Foot part
- 50 Fencing sword
- 51 Currier's partner
- 52 Numbers man (Abbr.)
- 53 4th century nomad
- 54 Shoe repair tool
- 55 Nothing
- 56 Genetic material

See Solution on Page 19

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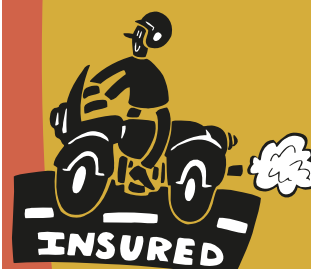
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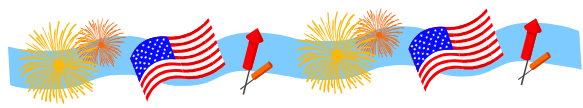
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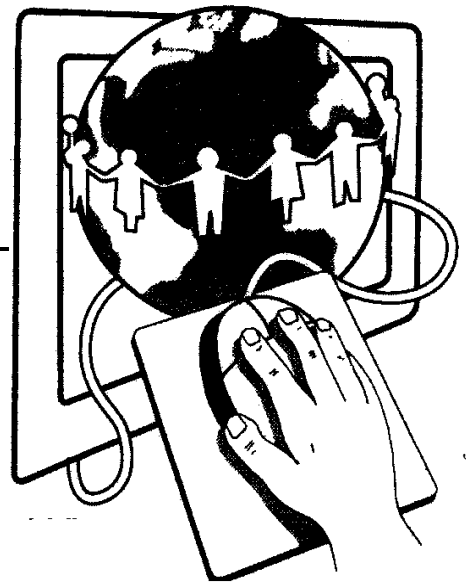
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July 4 – Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

In 1777, thirteen guns were fired, once at morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1931, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday. The residents of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated Independence Day for the first time since July 4, 1863, when the Siege of Vicksburg ended with a Union victory during the American Civil War.



July 2009



Challenge Space

Celebrate USA Sudoku



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Culture Space



The Feast of the Visitation is when Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth. In Slovakia, many pilgrims journey to Levoča to celebrate this feast.

A hill with spectacular views over the town and countryside above Levoča, Mariánska hora, is the location of the Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*in Slovak - Bazilika navštívenia Panny Márie*), built between 1906 and 1922. The church contains an ancient statue of the Virgin Mary.

A chapel has existed in this location since at least the 13th century. It is thought that the location was used as a refuge by townsfolk of Levoča during the Tatar invasions of the time; it may also have been attached to a hospital for sufferers from leprosy. The chapel was enlarged and rebuilt many times, including a Baroque church in 1766. However, the increasing number of pilgrims visiting the site necessitated a larger structure. Pope John Paul II, at the request of the local bishop, upgraded the church to a Basilica Minor in 1984, and visited the site himself on July 3, 1995, when about 650,000 pilgrims gathered for the occasion. The annual pilgrimage, on or around July 2 (the Feast of the Visitation), still draws a very large number of participants.

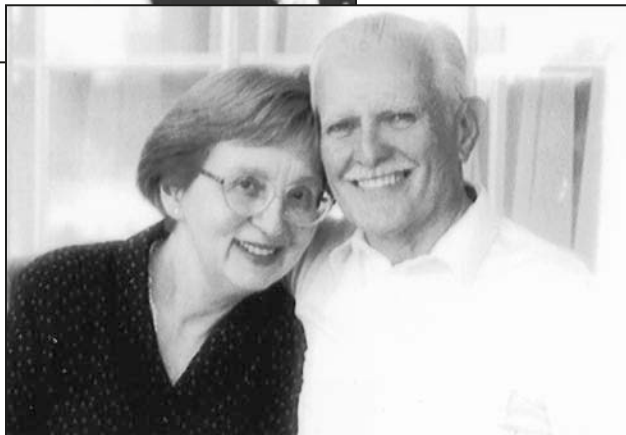


The 2003 Pilgrimage at Mariánska hora

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Michael and Mary Ann Likvan on their wedding day in 1949.



Michael and Mary Ann today.

Niles Couple Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage

Michael and Mary Ann (Balogh) Likvan of Niles, Illinois, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 21, 2009. Mike was born in Crabtree, Pennsylvania and Mary in Chicago, Illinois. They met through a mutual friend after Mike was discharged from the Navy and were married at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in Chicago. After their wedding, they lived in Greensburg, Pennsylvania until 1965, when they moved to Niles, Illinois where they currently reside.

Mike and Mary Ann were blessed with six children: Michele Bowen of Livermore, California, Kathleen (Fred Downing) Likvan of Missoula, Montana, Marlene (Vincent) Melesko of East Lyme, Connecticut, Michael (Jacqui) Likvan of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Mary (Robert) Lentzen of Lindley, New York, and Margaret (Robert) Rainone of Chicago; and three grandchildren: Danielle Likvan and Alexander and Nicholas Melesko

Mike has been a member of the St. Joseph the Guardian of the Lord Jesus Society, Branch 489 in Chicago since 1965, and has been a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union for more than 70 years.

Mike is a retired architect and Mary Ann is employed as a part time transcriptionist at Illinois Bone and Joint Institute in Glenview, Illinois.

◆◆◆ Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble to perform in England

The Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble based out of Sterling Heights, Michigan has had a promising start to year 2009. The Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble is comprised of young adults and has entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Founded in 1971, the ensemble is celebrating its 38th year. In March the group performed at a St. Patrick's Day party for Michigan Senator Mickey Switalski. The ensemble also performed at various cultural events held at Oakland University, as well as providing entertainment at the Arab International Festival located in Dearborn, Michigan.

Sarisan will be traveling to England this summer from July 29 to August 12. They will be performing at the Alnwick International Music Festival located in Newcastle, England. The festival's entertainment is comprised of approximately 300 entertainers from ten countries. Sarisan will be accompanying their sister group from Slovakia, Sarisan Presov.

Sarisan is very excited to begin their journey. Any financial contributions would be greatly appreciated in making this trip as successful as possible.

If your group or organization would like more information regarding our availability to perform at your event, or to make a donation for our trip to England, please contact:

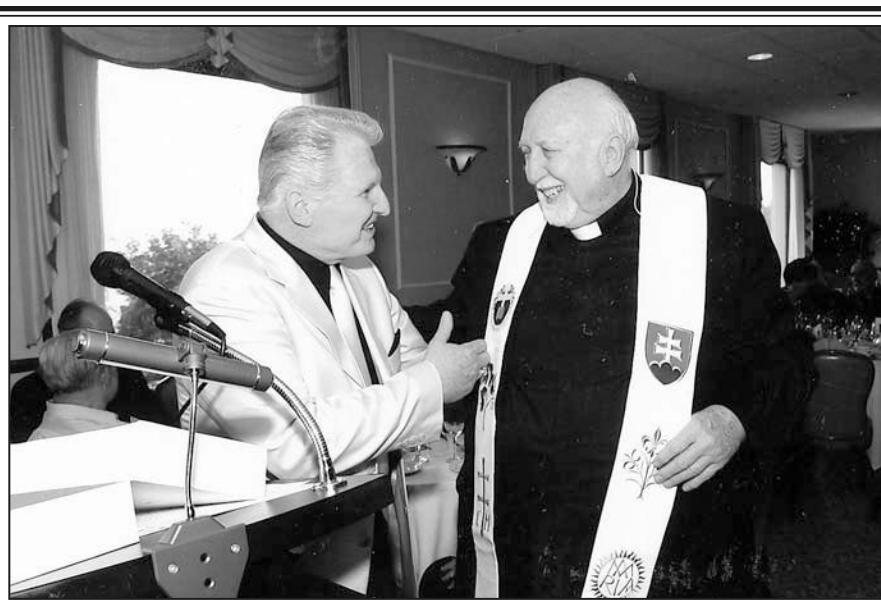
Milan Straka, Director
Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble
 mstraka@twmi.rr.com
 (248) 478-3818

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT-YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthias Rectory. The Slovak Summerfest will be the main topic on the agenda. All members are urged to attend.

Carla Peshek, President



President Andrew M. Rajec presented this beautiful Stole, made in Slovakia, to Father Joseph R. Grosko on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

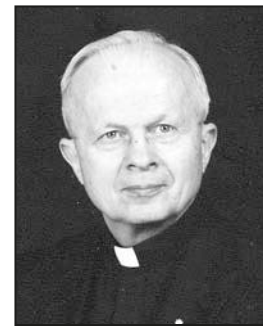
In his 50 years as a priest, Father Grosko has served as a missionary and as a Marine Chaplain with two tours in Vietnam. He has been for years, and is currently, Pastor of Holy Trinity Slovak Church in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

Father Grosko has been an exemplary priest and a strong supporter of Slovak Catholic fraternal and Slovak causes in general.

We wish Father Grosko many more fruitful and happy years in his priesthood.

Reverend Sylvester J. Bendzella Marks Golden Jubilee

Reverend Sylvester J. Bendzella, a priest of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, has marked the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Born in Barnesboro, Pennsylvania, he is the son of Joseph and Mary (Tomechko) Bendzella. He studied for the priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Catonsville, Maryland and Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1959 at St. Francis Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University in Loreto, Pennsylvania. One the following day, he celebrated his first Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Barnesboro.



Father Bendzella served in a number of Slovak parishes in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Father Bendzella served as chaplain to the Msgr. John Martvon District and the Cardinal Jozef Tomko District of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Father has made a number of trips to Slovakia to visit family. In 2008, Father retired after 49 years of service.

◆◆◆ Slovak Picnic in Cleveland

The American Slovak Zemplin Club will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at St. Sava Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio. Festivities begin at 12:00 noon and continue until 8:00 p.m. Traditional Slovak specialties as well as American picnic favorites will be featured throughout the day. Home baked pastries will be available for sale. Music for dancing and listening will be provided by the popular Johnny Pastirik Band. The popular Slovak beer Zlaty Bazant will also be available. There will be activities to please everyone. All Jednota members are cordially invited to attend. Come with your family and friends. Help us preserve our Slovak culture and heritage. For additional information call 440/885-5702.

◆◆◆ Address Changes?

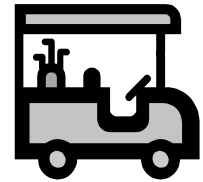
Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1/800-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

Correction

Wargo, Rachel
 Parents: Deborah and John Wargo
 Branch: 010K ~ Olyphant, PA
 College/University: Keystone College
 Major: Pharmacy
 Her Branch was listed as Br. # 110K.



Accent on Activities



2009 International Golf Tournament

May 2009

We are proud to announce that the First Catholic Slovak Union and the Slovak Catholic Sokol will be having a joint Golf Tournament this year. The Golf Tournament will take place August 14 – 16, 2009, at the Clarion Oaks and Hi-Level Golf Courses in Clarion, PA. The Holiday Inn hotel is adjacent to the Clarion Oaks golf course and located in the picturesque community of Clarion, PA. The surrounding area offers a selection of restaurants, shopping centers and other local amenities.



Both golf courses offer our members spectacular golf facilities with a professional driving range, putting greens and a slope rating of 127. Clarion Oaks is an established course with 18 holes and is ranked one of the best courses in the region. The second course is Hi-Level Golf club also has 18 holes and a wonderful clubhouse with many amenities. Both golf courses have several individual holes that gracefully cut through the country hills. We are working closely with the resort and golf management, to host a wonderful fraternal, golf weekend.

The cost for this year's event is \$285.00 for golfers which includes your three (3) full rounds of golf with carts, two nights lodging at the resort, two (2) breakfasts, (Saturday and Sunday mornings), one (1) wonderful dinner, (Saturday night) a sponsored hospitality evening on Friday night, a complimentary host bar on Saturday night, your tournament entry fee and prize money. (All taxes and gratuities are included)

The non-golf weekend package rate is \$140.00 (inclusive), which includes meals and lodging. Finally, for our local members who may not require the entire hotel and meal package, there is a golf only package for \$145.00, which includes entry and tournament expense fees. These are outstanding packages for the service, quality of meals and golfing that one will enjoy throughout the weekend.

All meals will be served at the Holiday Inn hotel, as well as the Saturday night victory banquet. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for those members that would like to purchase additional banquet tickets for Saturday night only. The banquet will feature a wonderful 4 course sit down meal with host bar. All of this is part of your golf or non-golf package. Holy Mass of obligation will take place shortly before dinner at approximated 5:30 pm followed by a cocktail hour. A short program will follow dinner including the announcement of our tournament leaders and a welcome from our keynote speaker.

You can expect to see your registration forms in the mail later this month.

This is a historic event that we hope shows that Slovak Fraternalists can work together and build stronger relationships that will result in benefits for all members. Come and be a part of history at this year's Golf Tournament!



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, AGES 12 - 18!

Get your cameras ready! We are starting a photography contest for those members between the ages of 12 and 18.

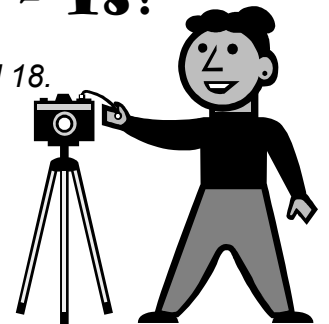
Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

People
Nature or Environment
Travel or Destinations
FCSU Fraternal Activity

Mail your entry to:

Susan Ondrejco
Photo Contest
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

postmarked by October 1, 2009.



Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned.

For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

\$50 – First Place
\$30 – Second Place
\$20 – Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, Branch number, age, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a **separate sheet of paper**. DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE

2009 Regional Picnics



Watch for notices of the Regional Picnics in your area this summer. Requirements for reimbursement of your regional picnic are posted at www.fcsu.com. Your Regional Director also has the guidelines for reimbursement. If your picnic qualifies, your district could be entitled to \$5 per member in attendance.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its Fall Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius School Hall, Lakewood, Ohio. Upcoming holiday activities and financial and business matters will be on the agenda. Hope to see our members at the meeting.

Mary Dubber

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

The joint meeting of Branches 5, 240, 263, and 419 scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2009, has been cancelled. The meeting will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Joseph Obester, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 24- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Members of the St. Andrew Society, Branch 24, are invited to the American Zemplin Club Picnic on Sunday, July 12, 2009 and

the Slovak Radio Club Picnic on Sunday, August 2, 2009. Both will be held from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at St. Sava Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Road (between State and Broadview Rds), Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Why not attend and meet with some of your fellow branch members? There will be plenty of Slovak food, music and dancing.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 40- STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Chippers Grill, 1733 North Bloomington Street, Streator, Illinois. On the agenda will be the presentation of scholarships and a discussion of the results of the Branch paying the first year's premiums as a fraternal benefit to its members for a \$10,000 JEP Policy. If you plan to attend, please call Maria Harcar at 815/672-6682 by Thursday, July 23, 2009. All members are urged to attend.

Maria M. Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55- PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 55, will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of the vice president, Steven J. Gerba, 188 DiMarco Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Reports of branch activities, the District meeting and general branch business will be discussed. Refreshments will be served. For further information please call the president, Helena T. Gaydos at 610/356-7956 or the secretary, Josephine E. Gerba at 215/637-6530.

Josephine E. Gerba, Secretary

BRANCH 75-SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its semiannual Meeting on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of President and Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. The agenda will include a discussion of various mid-year business topics. All members are requested to attend this semiannual meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 85- JESSUP, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Florian Society, Branch 85, will hold a Semiannual Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jessup American Legion Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, Pennsylvania. All members are welcome to attend.

Bernard Skovira

BRANCH 96- CARROLLTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 96, will hold a regular meeting on Sunday,

July 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Stella Papson, 138 Sunset Road, Carrolltown, Pennsylvania.

Stella Papson, President

BRANCH 153-CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Members of the St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, voted at the June 20 meeting to visit the Slovak Museum in Cudahy, Wisconsin. Members will visit the museum on Sunday, August 2, 2009. They will meet at the museum at 2:00 p.m. located at 3702 East Layton Avenue. All members are invited to attend. There will be a fraternal dinner after the visit. If you are interested in attending or want additional information call Dorothy at 773/763-0810.

Congratulations to member Joseph Ramsey for winning a Jednota Scholarship.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 169P- JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 169P, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Slivovsky residence, 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Betty Slivosky, Secretary

BRANCH 228- LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Society, Branch 228, will take off during the months of July and August to enjoy the summer and rest up for the work to be done in preparation of the FCSU Convention of 2010. Therefore, the next meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 30th and Broadway, Lorain, Ohio.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the American Slovak Club. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaws review during the December meeting as is done each December. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. There is a lot to be considered during the summer in preparation for the convention as various issues will be discussed and acted upon during this time. Any issues you would like to see discussed at the convention should be considered now so they may be properly presented for concern by the convention body. Also, now is the time to consider being a convention delegate. We expect to be able to send six (6) delegates to represent our branch. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as a delegate and the experience will never be forgotten. So enjoy the summer, rest up for the work to be done September, and visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for updates.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 320- STOCKDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 320, invite the members to attend the next meeting on Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 12:00 noon at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Since lunch will be served, please call Fran at 724/929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 327- POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 327, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church Social Room, 370 South Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend.

Elmer Pollock, President

BRANCH 410- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410,

will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Meloni's, 105 West Main Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. All members are invited to attend.

Geri Buchheit,

Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 430- SIMPSON, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 430, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, August 16, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth M. Pisarcik. Branch 430 held its last meeting on May 3, 2009 at the home of Elizabeth M. Pisarcik.

Elizabeth M. Pisarcik, President

BRANCH 493- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 493, will hold its Semiannual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 North Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, Illinois.

We will begin with a fraternal social period and refreshments at 1:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 2:00 p.m. A family-style dinner will follow the meeting.

If you plan to attend, please call Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at 773/505-0117 or 502/244-6643 by July 25th. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate checks.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 581- GARY, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 581, will hold its regular Luncheon-Meeting on Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverpoint Country Club, 8700 Country Club Road, Hobart, Indiana. On the agenda will be a discussion of future activities for the summer and fall. An outing to see the Railcats baseball team is being considered.

Within the past few years, the addresses of a few members have been listed as "unknown". The lost members of Branch 581 are: Michael Benyo, Helene Foss, Joseph Hrinca, John Mandula, David Medved, Elizabeth Rektorik, Mary Vrska and Joseph Vrska. If you have any information on these "lost members", please contact the Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA, or Ann Buczek, 8981 Norris Dr., Hobart, IN 46342, so updates can be recorded.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 644- MCKEES ROCKS, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 644, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Michael R. Jablonsky, 1215 Foster Avenue Apt. 305, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Michael R. Jablonsky, President/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 731-YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 731, is planning a baseball outing to cheer on the Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball team. The game is on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at the Eastwood Field, Niles, Ohio. The Scrappers will host the Staten Island Yankees at 7:00 p.m.

Branch 731 members attending will receive a complimentary box seat ticket and refreshments. Nonmembers are welcome to join us at a cost of \$20. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 30, 2009. Please call Grace Kavulic at 330/539-4886 for your tickets.

Jim Bobby, Secretary

BRANCH 735- PORTLAND, OREGON

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 735, will hold its Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 26, 2009, from noon until dusk at Oaks Park in the Sellwood area of Portland, Oregon.

We invite members, guests and visitors in the area who are of Slovak descent to meet for good food and fellowship. Bring your favorite picnic basket and friends for an enjoyable afternoon. Food and beverages will be available at nominal prices. Amusement ride tickets may be purchased at discount prices from president Herb

Hirst at the picnic.

Meetings are held in April and December on the second Sunday at 12:00 noon at St. Patrick's Church Hall, N.W. 19th Avenue and Savier Streets, Portland.

John Kovach, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 738- MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael Society, Branch 738, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Munhall-Whitaker VFW Hall, Whitaker Way, Munhall, Pennsylvania. Plans will be discussed and made for our Gala Party to be held in the fall of 2009. Branch matters will also be discussed.

Please make plans to attend the meeting on July 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Pat Guidish, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 743- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, would like to invite all FCSU members and their friends to the SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Festival and FCSU Michigan District on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 28, 29 and 30, 2009, on the parish grounds, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Festival hours are 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Friday (Alumni Night); 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Now that the Church construction is completed, attendees will be under the Big Tent once again. There will be bands, Slovak dancers, ethnic foods, adult beverages and much more. There are children's games, prizes, a dunk table, bake sale, crafts and a silent auction. Look for the Slovak specialties from the kitchen and grill! For complete and current Festival information, please visit the web-site at www.saintcyrius.org.

Come and enjoy the festival and meet with your fellow Slovaks!

Joseph C. Rimarcik, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 743- STERLING HEIGHTS/DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, is sponsoring a Detroit Tiger Baseball Game outing on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. against the Baltimore Orioles. Members will be in section 213 (upper deck-1st base side). This is also a Tiger promotion night, and the first 10,000 fans get a Tiger 2009 All-Star poster. The individual price for each ticket is \$15.00, however your cost will be only \$8.00. We have initially ordered only 40 tickets for this promotion. Therefore, there is a limit of 4 tickets per household. The deadline for ordering tickets is June 18. All purchases up to 40 tickets will be honored. If we do not sell all the tickets we will contact all ticket purchasers after June 18 affording them the opportunity to increase their purchase. However, there will be no refunds after June 18. Tickets will be mailed to you the first week in July. Send your check payable to FCSU-Branch 743 before June 18 to: Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087. Be sure to include your phone number and email address when ordering. Go Tigers!

Joseph C. Rimarcik, President

BRANCH 769- ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 769, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on July 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the residence of Henry J. Pochily, 2809 Smith Drive, Endwell, New York. The meeting will include a discussion of the value and benefits of membership in the FCSU. All members are encouraged to attend.

Henry J. Pochily, President

BRANCH 853- ELLSWORTH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 853, is please to announce a new School Stipend Program.

This program is designed for use by all members. The program will benefit the traditional

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younger members who are in the formal educational years. In addition, the program is designed to benefit members who are in the enrichment portion of their lives.

The Formal Education Portion of the program is designed for the person who is enrolled in school grades 1-12 in which you have to pay tuition. It is also designed to benefit those who are working toward their career goal in a post high school degree or certificate program

The enrichment classes can be any type of class from Bible Studies, to an ecological awareness class, to sewing, to yoga, and more. This encourages our members to keep active in their lives and to be active in the branch. Proof of taking the class, such as a copy of the class announcement and agenda, and proof of payment of the class (cancelled check) or other receipt is required. Attendance at branch meetings is also required.

All Branch 853 members are invited to use this new Program.

Monica Radocy Boone, President

BRANCH 855-PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will be sponsoring an outing on the Goodtime III on Sunday, August 30, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are limited. If you would like to attend, please call 440/886-0206 by August 21, 2009.

Linda L. Kolesar, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Our other of Sorrows Society, Branch 856, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2009, at the home of Financial Secretary Katherine Nowatkoski, 12127 Westwood Hills Drive, Oak Hill, Virginia. On the agenda will be a discussion of the District meeting, our branch lunch, and other business. Members are encouraged to attend. Please call Stephen Matula at 703/671-3013, or Katherine Nowatkoski at 703/860-1693. Hope to see more members at this meeting.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary



18th Annual Stefan Banic Memorial Skydive Dallas

The Stefan Banic Parachute Foundation announced that the 18th Annual Stefan Banic Memorial Skydiving celebration will be held Saturday, July 25, 2009 at SKYDIVE DALLAS, about one hour north of Dallas, TX. The venue is the same as previous years. Slovak Americans—Skydivers and observers—are welcome to attend this popular, enjoyable celebration honoring the Slovak American inventor of the parachute and holder of the first official U.S. patent for it in 1914.

This year's competition will be sanctioned as open class: Four-way star...no contact on exit; the jump will be made from 12,000 feet; the team has to make four different formations in 45 seconds in free fall; and each team must complete three jumps and on each jump, must perform four different formations.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning teams will receive Stefan Banic trophies (12 trophies). All participants will receive a Stefan Banic T-shirt, dinner and beverage. After the Stefan Banic event, there will be a celebration and open Casino for those who like to win or lose money.

This annual event is supported by Slavo Mulik, President of the Stefan Banic Parachute Foundation, and Dr. Lee and Carol Schlichtemeier, the owners of SKYDIVE DALLAS.

The legacy of Stefan Banic lives on within the skydiving community thanks to the efforts of many people like Slavo and Carol and Lee who sponsor this annual event honoring the pioneer Stefan Banic.



John Karch, Secretary Board of Directors

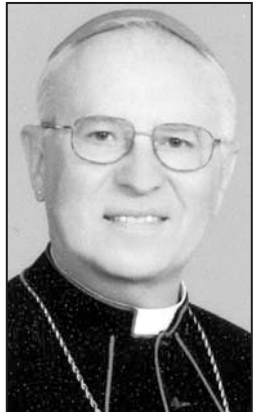
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For the Good of the Household

By Bishop Joseph V. Adamec



Summer Vacations

The wonderful season of summer is upon us. Children are out of school and will be home to challenge the ingenuity of parents. And so, to challenge the children, vacations are planned. When I was a child, summers seemed to last a long time. Now, they appear to come and go rather rapidly.

There was a lot of imagination that went on during the summer for us kids. Most of our parents could not take vacations and, of course, we had jobs such as delivering newspapers and mowing lawns. But, then, we planned our own activities for our spare time, such as an annual neighborhood carnival. Adults came and pretended to be entertained. We made money in the process. I marvel at parents that still take the time to encourage their sons and daughters to take advantage of summer to be kids. (There, actually, are some.)

As a young priest, I enjoyed spending time at Higgins Lake, especially on my 20-foot O'Day sailboat. Each summer, five sets of parishioners would take their families camping to one of the state parks. I would join them, spending the day in their company. But instead of sleeping in a tent, I would wade out into the lake to my sailboat anchored off shore and spend the night there (in quiet). Frequently during the day while the five men went fishing I entertained the rest with sailboat rides. There, gathered around the boat were the five wives, 16 kids, and me (the only man). Being a priest, they all called me "Father," That must have turned more than a few heads of others on the beach!

While my parents were not able to take me on vacations, I took them after becoming a priest and owning a car. We took two trips each year. My father never drove, but they enjoyed traveling. They did not care where, as long as they went. It was an experience for me. Our lodgings were usually Howard Johnson's. That way, the rooms always had the same layout. Not knowing English, my mother ordered her meals by how good the picture on the menu looked. My father insisted on leaving the spoon in the cup while he took a sip, embarrassing me. With a smile on my face and speaking in Slovak so no one else in the restaurant could understand. I reminded him to take out the spoon so that he would not poke out his eye. His response was simple. He had not yet finished stirring. I finally concluded that we are paying for the meal and he could drink his coffee any way he wanted.

My priests and deacons are kind to me and express their concern for my health. Consequently, I am asked if I will get away during the summer. At this point of my life, I would prefer staying home and doing some reading. However, even my summers appear like work. In August, I will be going to Slovakia to be the celebrant of the marriage of a cousin twice removed. (This is a legal term.) While it will be enjoyable, it will be work. As for traveling, I just soon not fl. Air travel was once classy and enjoyable. People dressed up as one would when being with others in social settings. Now, they seem to board the plane in their pajamas, carrying with them what appears to be their life's belongings. It is not the same. We have become gypsies.

The most important thing for us Christians to remember, when taking summer vacations, is that it is supposed to be a time away from regular daily routine but not from God. We would not want God to take a vacation from us. Neither should we want to take a vacation from him. Mass needs to be included in our planning, if at all possible. And, of course, even when eating in a restaurant, remember to make the sign of the cross before you eat.

Wisconsin Slovak-American Day

The Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee will sponsor the 79th Annual Slovak-American Day on Sunday, July 26, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, Wisconsin. A Slovak Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon by Father Louis Luljak. A program will follow at 2:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the JLF Band of Chicago. Slovak food, bakery and refreshments will be available. Admission is free. For more information, call Betty at 414/425-6137 or Ralph at 262/893-2972.

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Novým arcibiskupom Trnavskej arcidiecézy Róbert Bezák

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

„Začína sa nová etapa a s ňou prichádza aj nový elán,” povedal v homílii kardinál Tomko. Uviedol, že Katedrála sv. Jána Krstiteľa zažila mnohé vzácne chvíle. On sám v nej bol svedkom vysviacky predchádzajúceho arcibiskupa Jána Sokola v roku 1989, ktorému v kázni poďakoval za všetko dobré, čo vykonal. Ďalšou slávnostnou chvíľou bola za Tomkovej prítomnosti v roku 2003 návšteva pápeža Jána Pavla II. „Všetci čakajú na teba s očakávaniami,” obrátil sa na Bezáka. Podľa kardinálových slov má nový arcibiskup všetky predpoklady na to, aby povzbudil celú spoločnosť - veriacich i „tých, ktorí sa domnievajú, že neveria”. Po akte vkladania rúk a prevzatia biskupských insígnií zástupcovia veriacich priniesli novovymenovanému arcibiskupovi symbolické dary. Ďalšiu časť omše celebroidal Bezák a prvýkrát vo svojej novej funkcii podal prijímanie. V závere prevzal kánonické právomoci nad arcidiecézou.

Slávnosť na organe sprevádzal koncertný majster Stanislav Šurin. Katedrála sv. Jána Krstiteľa je metropolitným chrámom od roku 1977, od rozdelenia Bratislavsko-trnavskej arcidiecézy v roku 2008 plní opäť funkciu katedrálneho chrámu Trnavskej arcidiecézy. Je v nej umiestnený najväčší ranobarokový oltár v Európe, svätostánok je národnou kultúrnou pamiatkou. Po skončení slávnostnej omše sa konalo spoločenské stretnutie pozvaných hostí v budove Marianum v susedstve Arcibiskupského paláca.



Ivan Gašparovič sa opätovne ujal funkcie prezidenta Slovenskej republiky

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Slovenskej republike. Svoje povinnosti budem vykonávať v záujme občanov a zachovávať i obhajovať ústavu a ostatné zákony,” povedal Gašparovič s pravickou na Ústave SR. Odmietnutie tohto sľubu alebo sľub s výhradou by malo za následok neplatnosť voľby prezidenta.

Gašparovič sa ako prvý prezident v histórii SR ujal úradu druhýkrát po sebe. Občania o tom rozhodli 4. apríla v druhom kole prezidentských voľieb, keď zvíťazil nad protikandidátkou Ivetou Radičovou. Získal 1,234,787 hlasov, čo predstavuje 55.53 percenta. Radičová stratila na svojho súpera 11.07 percenta, keďže získala 988,808 hlasov, teda 44.46 percenta.

Americký konzul Hankinson: Slovenskí dovolenkári majú radi pláže na Floride

Bratislava (TASR) - V prvom rade chcú Slováci navštíviť v USA miesta, kde žijú ich príbuzní. Oblíbenou destináciou slovenských dovolenkárov je Florida, povedal Simon Hankinson, konzul amerického veľvyslanectva v Bratislave. Okrem floridských pláží však Slováci radi navštevujú aj New York, Las Vegas, Chicago i ďalšie veľkomestá či národné parky, uviedol 9. júna Hankinson. Dodal, že ekonomicky zložité obdobie sa do určitej miery prejavuje na počte slovenských turistov, ktorí chcú v lete cestovať do Spojených štátov - čísla sú nižšie, ako by mohli byť. V súčasnosti je najviac slovenských uchádzačov z radov študentov, ktorí chcú na rôznych miestach v USA stráviť pracovné prázdniny.

Vyššie pol roka funguje systém bezvízového styku medzi SR a USA - cestovná registrácia ESTA. Podľa Hankinsona stále ešte niektorí ľudia kvôli slabšej informovanosti zabúdajú vyplniť formulár. Prirodzene, nájdu sa aj klamári. „Myslím si, že pravdepodobne viac ako 95 percent ľudí, ktorí požiadajú o ESTA, je O.K.,” povedal americký konzul s tým, že ide o číslo porovnateľné s ďalšími novými siedmimi krajinami v systéme. Podľa odhadov veľvyslanectva USA v SR od nábehu ESTA doteraz nepustili imigrační úradníci do Spojených štátov asi 15 až 50 Slovákov. Išlo o osoby, ktoré mali kriminálnu minulosť, plánovali v USA ilegálne pracovať, alebo sa pri pohovore objavil iný problém, na základe ktorého nemohli vkročiť na pôdu Spojených štátov. „Vždy sa malý počet ľudí, z každej krajiny, bude pokúšať skryť svoj príbeh z minulosti, je to však veľmi malé číslo,” konštatoval Hankinson.



Udržujme a zveľaďujme slovenskú tlač

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prosperuje. To by malo zaujímať každého člena a pomáhať Jednote aby rástla a bola úspešná v jej všestrannej činnosti.

Vydávať dnes noviny, to nie je také jednoduché. To sú veľké finančné výdavky. Mimo toho treba mať dopisovateľov, ktorí zaplňujú rubriky novin a pomáhajú ich udržiavať na výške aby boli obsahom zaujímavé pre čitateľov. Nevrhať a nešomrať, ale perom i slovom treba osláviť svoj národ či už kultúrnou alebo národnou prácou a odzrkadliť vo vlastnom živote to najkrajšie z národnej duše – to je mierou a slávou slovenskej ľudskosti.

Vieme, že správy a novosti v Jednote sú písané väčšinou v angličtine. To je pochopiteľné. Ale predsa 4 až 6 strán je písané v slovenčine. Takže čitateľ sa dozvie, čo je nového v slovenskom živote v USA i na Slovensku. A to je dôležité pre Slovákov v Amerike.

Treba mať na pamäti, že noviny Jednota slúžili obdivuhodne a efektívne ako prameň komunikácie pre široko roztratených Slovákov v USA. Jednota pomáha a stále pomáha udržiavať slovenské dedičstvo otcov. Denný život Slovákov v Amerike bol chronicky zachytený v Jednote spôsobom, ktorý okrášľil meno Slováka a prezentoval ho aby bolo lepšie poznané, obdivované a rešpektované. Slováci sa dnes tešia, že slovenské meno je založené na vážnosti, ako aj že Slováci sú dobrí kresťania, lojálni občania, tvrdo pracujúci ľudia, na ktorých slovo sa možno spoľahnúť. Mimo toho Jednota už dlhé roky poskytuje štipendium pre študentov slovenského pôvodu. Za toto všetko si Hlavný úrad Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, redaktori, dopisovatelia a čitatelia zaslúžia náš úprimný vďak, pochvalu a uznanie. Zaslúhy Jednoty o slovenský život jak v USA tak aj na Slovensku sú nedoceneniteľné.

Pripájam svoj návrh, čo by malo byť v Jednote a čo by aspoň z časti pozdvihlo záujem a uspokojilo čitateľov. Vieme, že slovenský život v USA sa najviac sústreďuje pri slovenských farnostiach. Tu sa konajú schôdze, poriadajú zábavy, oslavy, kultúrne programy a iné. Pri každej, ale aspoň pri niektorých farnostiach by sa mal nájsť spravodajca, ktorý by referoval o činnosti. A to nielen podával oznámenie čo sa plánuje, ale aj ako také podujatie dopadlo. V referátoch by mohli byť správy o uzavretí manželstiev, krstiny, pohreby, okrúhle výročia zaslúžilých jednotárov, sokolov, členov Slovenskej ligy a iné udalosti týkajúce sa Slovákov. Kde je to možné, v osadných miestnostiach sa môžu konať šachové majstrovstvá, ping-pongové turnaje a iné hry, ktoré by pritiahli mládež. Treba zahrnúť i športové správy jak z USA, tak i zo Slovenska. Tí, ktorí sledujú správy a majú znalosť v ekonómii, kultúre a politike, mohli by tiež o tom písať a poučiť čitateľov v Jednote. Zo skúsenosti viem, že ľudia takéto správy radi čítajú, hlavne starší ľudia, ktorí podporovali slovenské farnosti a tam sa zoznámili i uzavreli manželstvá.

Som si vedomý, že dopisovateľov a ochotníkov je dnes málo. Ale keď chceme mať v novinách správy a články čo radi čítame, musíme sa o to sami pričiniť. Redaktor novin nemôže vedieť čo sa deje pri slovenských osadách, keď mu nik nedá vedieť o tom. A keď nemá dostatok správ, zaplní noviny ako najlepšie vie. Kritizovať je ľahko, hrdinstva na to netreba.

Píšem tieto riadky v nádeji, že sa nájdu ľudia, ktorí narábajú perom i ochotníci aby správami, humorom i vážnymi článkami okrášlili noviny Jednota a tým aj slovenský život v Amerike.

Rudo L. Greguš



Účastníci stretnutia

Malá náhoda – veľké stretnutie

V tomto príbehu ide o stretnutie rodiny. Pre jedných bezvýznamná pre iných veľmi vzácna rodinná udalosť. Rodina má viacero definícií. Podľa sociologickej definície je to skupina osôb, prípadne viac skupín osôb navzájom spätých pokrvnými zväzkami.

Skoro neuveriteľná náhoda bola počiatkom veľkého rodinného stretnutia. Môj priateľ Jozef Janek žije v USA už štyridsať rokov. Okrem iných komunikačných vymožeností udržiavame občas aj písomný kontakt. Keď mi ešte v minulom roku posielal obálku väčšieho formátu, čakajúc v rade pred poštovým priečinkom, prihovorila sa mu neznáma pani stojaca za ním. Ospravedlnila sa, že jej pohľad spočinul na adrese jeho obálky, ale že tá adresa ju veľmi zaujala. Adresát niesol priezvisko Sárossy a miesto doručenia Veľký Šariš, Slovakia. Vraj aj jej starý otec z matkovej strany sa takto volal a s touto adresou je totožné aj jeho rodisko. Ešte v tento deň mi priateľ Jozef zatelefonoval a rozpovedal tento príbeh. Keďže som vedel z rozprávania môjho starého otca Júliusa, že keď on bol v Amerike, na začiatku mu tam pomohol jeho najstarší brat Ján. Jeho brat Ján sa vystáhoval ako prvý a natrvalo sa tam usadil v roku 1890.

Ihneď som zozbieral dokumenty o našej rodine a odoslal priateľovi Jozefovi aby ich ukázal doposiaľ neznámej pani s menom Marjori Tyler. Aj ona poslala cez môjho priateľa svoje rodinné fotografie a kópiu cestovného pasu jej deda Jána pre mňa. Tak sme zistili, že sme naozaj spríbuznení cez našich dedov bratov Jána a Júliusa. Títo naši dedovia mali ešte ďalších troch bratov Eduarda, Štefana a Jozefa a dve sestry Karolínu a Máriu.

I nastala akási vzájomná túžba po bližšom spoznaní novoobjavenej rodiny. Tak, ako je uvedené v úvode citovanej definícii, aj naša rodina je zložená zo skupín osôb (sedem rodinných skupín) navzájom spätých pokrvnými zväzkami po meči aj po praslici. Dohodli sme si stretnutie a pozvánku zaslali aj nepoznanej rodine do USA v štáte Michigan usadenej pod michigenskou jazernou palmou. Myšlienka stretnutia bola prijatá a potvrdená účasťou členov rodiny nielen zo Slovenska a Čiech, ale aj z USA. 23. mája 2009 sa stretli potomkovia najstaršieho rodu z Veľkého Šariša, o ktorom písomná zmienka siaha až do roku 1272. Znakom rodu je živý strom – vivus arbor. (Šándor Tóth, Monografia Šarišskej stolice tr. 421).

Text a foto Štefan Sárossy



Slováci žijúci v zahraničí spoznávajú kultúru svojich predkov

Bratislava (TASR) - Jubilejný 20. ročník medzinárodného putovného poznávacieho tábora Putovanie za poznáním 2009 sa pre slovenských stredoškôľakov zo zahraničia uskutočnil od 2. do 11. júla.

Ako informoval Vladimír Dobřík z Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí (ÚSZZ), hlavným cieľom podujatia je poznávanie kultúry krajiny svojich predkov. Napríklad knižnej tvorby, pamätných miest slovenskej histórie, galérií či prírodných zaujímavostí Slovenska, ako aj výmena vzájomných skúseností medzi účastníkmi tábora. Plným gestorom tábora je ÚSZZ, zúčastní sa na ňom 40 študentov a pedagógov z Francúzska, Libanonu, Maďarska, Rakúska, Rumunska, Srbska, Ukrajiny a USA.

“Zámerom ÚSZZ je poskytnúť možnosť pobytu na Slovensku čo najširšiemu okruhu študentov z krajín, v ktorých sú aktívne slovenské komunity,” konštatoval Dobřík s tým, že krajanovia sa zoznámia s Košicami, Spišským Podhradím, Spišským hradom, Žehrou, Markušovcami, Spišskou Novou Vsou, Levočou, Kežmarkom, Vysokými Tatrami – Štrbským plesom, Popradským plesom, Bratislavou a Devínom.

Úrad zastrešuje starostlivosť Slovenskej republiky o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí a koordinuje štátnu podporu krajanov, najmä v oblastiach vzdelávania, vedy a výskumu, kultúry, informácií a médií.

V Prešove osadia desiatinový model najväčšej sochy Krista

Prešov (TASR) - Bratislavský sochár Martin Pala dokončieva v stupavskom ateliéri desiatinový bronzový model najväčšej 33-metrovej sochy Krista na svete, ktorej osadenie je plánované nad Prešovom. Na jej kópii v mierke 1:10 robí záverečné zvary a povrchové úpravy pred jej presunom do Prešova. Na Hlavnej ulici v Prešove bude desiatinová socha osadená 5. júna 2009. Tento model s výškou 3.3 metra bude aj s vymurovaným podstavcom pomerne mohutný, asi päťmetrový objekt v centre šarišskej metropoly. Niekoľkomilimetrová škrupina sochy je odliata a pozváraná z 18 bronzových častí a bude spevnená vo vnútri nerezovou konštrukciou kvôli statike.

Už prebiehajú prípravy na výstavbu podstavca, ktorý podľa predloženého projektu schválili pamiatkari, pretože nový atraktívny umelecký objekt bude stáť v mestskej pamiatkovej zóne. “Osadením tejto zmenšenej sochy vlastne spustíme verejnú zbierku občianskeho združenia Pro Kristi, ktoré vzniklo za účelom podpory výstavby 33-metrovej sochy nad mestom,” zdôvodnil Pala.

Ľudia budú vidieť jej zmenšeninu a môžu sa rozhodnúť, či podporia zbierku na osadenie najväčšej sochy Krista. Tento odvážny zámer schválilo mestské zastupiteľstvo v Prešove, ale nebude ho financovať. Potrebné prostriedky by mala zabezpečiť verejná zbierka. Podľa Palu zvolili takú štruktúru projektu, aby to bolo prehľadné. Za tým účelom vyrobil sériu 33 bronzových modelov veľkej sochy v mierke 1:60, ktoré sú číslované s certifikátmi. Sochár aj prešovský primátor Pavol Hagyarí oslovujú priateľov, zberateľov umenia a firm, aby sponzorsky odkúpili sošku za 5,000 eur (150,630 Sk). Z toho sa zaplatí odlievanie 33 malých modelov aj desiatinového. S ideou projektu najväčšej sochy sveta začal Pala s Hagyarim spolupracovať pred tromi rokmi. Pred dvoma rokmi urobil šesťdesiatinové modely a teraz dokončieva desiatinový.

Výsledný objekt bude mať o jeden meter viac ako socha Krista v brazílskom Riu, v čom je aj kus symboliky. “Súvisí to aj s vekom Krista, keď umrel, ja to robím ako 33-ročný a vyrobili sme 33 číslovaných odliatkov malých zmenšenín,” zdôvodňuje Pala. Zároveň dodal, že samotné osadenie nad Prešovom nebude len socha v lese, ale tam pribudne celý areál aj infraštruktúra. Už vzniká na to celkový projekt. Občianske združenie odkúpi pozemok, pribudne tam cesta, parkovisko a ďalšie potrebné zázemie na stretávanie ľudí. V budúcnosti sa z toho môže stať pútnické miesto a uvažuje sa aj o nejakom kostolíku. So zámerom súhlasia všetky štyri cirkvi v Prešove - katolícka, evanjelická, gréckokatolícka i pravoslávna. Avšak dokončený projekt bude ekumenickou záležitosťou.



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Slovenský kapitán Bostonu Bruins Chára získal ocenenie

Las Vegas - Slovenský kapitán Bostonu Bruins Zdeno Chára drží Norrisovu trofej pre najlepšieho obrancu NHL na slávnostnom oceňovaní najlepších hráčov zámorskej hokejovej ligy 18. júna 2009 v Las Vegas. TASR/AP

Boston Bruins' Zdeno Chara holds the Norris Trophy for best defenseman, at the National Hockey League awards in Las Vegas on Thursday, June 18 2009.

Vláda SR schválila materiál „Konceptia jednotnej prezentácie Slovenska v zahraničí“.

Vážení predstavitelia krajských spolkov, organizácií a médií,

dovoľte, aby sme Vás týmto informovali, že vláda SR schválila materiál „Konceptia jednotnej prezentácie Slovenska v zahraničí“.

V zmysle schválenej koncepcie zriadila vláda SR Radu vlády pre jednotnú prezentáciu Slovenska v zahraničí. Na práci predmetnej Rady vlády sa na základe nominácie premiéra SR Róberta Fica bude podieľať aj predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí. Keďže hlavným cieľom Rady vlády je zviditeľniť Slovensko a skvalitniť prezentáciu Slovenskej republiky v zahraničí, dovoľujeme si Vás požiadať o odpovede na nasledovné otázky:

1. Ako v súčasnosti vnímate obraz Slovenska v krajine, v ktorej žijete?
2. V čom vidíte hlavné nedostatky prezentácie Slovenska v zahraničí?
3. Čo by mohli slovenské komunity, spolky a médiá v zahraničí urobiť pre výraznejšie zviditeľnenie Slovenskej republiky v krajine, v ktorej žijú a pôsobia?
4. Aké formy prezentácie Slovenskej republiky vnímate ako najúčinnnejšie vo Vašej domovskej krajine?
5. Ako by podľa Vášho názoru mala vyzeráť „značka Slovenska“ prezentovaná v zahraničí?

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Katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, N. Y.

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Katolícku púť v nedeľu 16. augusta 2009 do Marian Shrine, Salesians of Don Bosco, West Haverstraw, New York 10983; Tel.: (845) 947- 2200. Pre tých, ktorí by chceli využiť možnosť svätej spovede, budú tak môcť urobiť pred svätou omšou. V programe Katolíckej púte je naplánovaná sväta omša o 11:00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed o 12:30 hodine dopoludnia a Ružencová procesia o 2:30 hodine dopoludnia.

Upozorňujeme, že tí ktorí majú záujem cestovať na túto púť autobusom nech sa prihlásia u brata Jozefa Bilika. Autobus bude pristený pri kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v meste New Yorku. Bližšie informácie o púti vám podajú na tel. číslach Jozef Bilik: (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová: ((201) 641- 8922.



79. Slovensko-americký deň v Milwaukee, WI

Federácia slovenských spolkov v štáte Wisconsin usporiada v nedeľu 26. júla 2009 Výročný 79. Slovensko-americký deň v Chorvátskom parku na adrese 9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, Wisconsin. Začiatok podujatia je o 11:00 hodine ráno. Za tým bude 12:00 hodine napoludnie Slovenská svätá omša, ktorú odslúži dôstojný pán otec Louis Luljak. Kultúrny program začne o 2:00 hodine popoludní zaspievaním Slovenskej a Americkej hymny a folklórna skupina Tatra Slovak Dancers sa predstaví so svojimi tancami, ktorými očarí nie jedného návštevníka. Program bude pokračovať s výstupom gymnastiky venca číslo 93 Slovenského Katolíckeho Sokola. Po programe budú rozličné hry pre deti. Do tanca bude hrať hudobná skupina z Chicaga. Počas celého dňa si budú môcť hostia zakúpiť slovenské jedlá, zákusky, koláče a vychutnať aj slovenské pivo. Pre bližšie informácie volajte Betty Valent: (414) 425-6137.



Časť účastníkov turnaja.



Výherci prvých troch cien: V. Šesták, J. Duch a J. Ofčanský.

Ping-pongový turnaj v New Yorku sa vydaril

Slovensko americké kultúrne stredisko usporiadalo 31. mája t.r. ping-pongový turnaj, ktorý mal pozoruhodný úspech. Turnaj sa konal v spoločenskej miestnosti sv. Jána Nepomuckého za účasti 12 hráčov, ktorí húževnato bojovali o prvenstvo. Početné obecenstvo asi 40 športových nadšencov ich búrlivo povzbudzovalo. Medzi prestávkami, hráči sa osviežili obloženými chlebičkami, pečivom a osviežujúcimi nápojmi.

Prvé miesto zase obsadil vlnajší výherca Ján Duch. Druhé miesto Vladimír Šesták a tretie miesto Jozef Ofčanský. Ďalší účastníci turnaja: F. Demek, Jiri Ermis, P. Pagáč, J. Zoričák, P. Lapar, V. Homola, F. Valenčin, G. Hlavinka a K. Ondrek.

Po odovzdaní cien bolo spoločné posedenie pri chutnom jedle, pečive a nápojoch. Tešili sme sa, že turnaj bol na vyššej úrovni ako minulý rok a počet záujemcov a prítomných bol tiež väčší ako v minulom roku. Preto možno očakávať, že ping-pongový turnaj sa uskutoční aj na budúci rok.

SAKS srdečne ďakuje správcovi osady Rev. Martinovi Svitaňovi za príkladnú spoluprácu a prenajatie miestnosti. Potom úprimný vďak a pochvalu si zaslúži športový referent Kultúrneho strediska Jaromír Zoričák, ktorý so spolupracovníkmi zorganizoval tento turnaj. Pochvalné uznanie patrí tiež výboru a členkám SAKS-u za bohaté občerstvenie, nápoje a ozaj priateľské stretnutie.

Rudo L. Greguš



Slovenský piknik 2. augusta 2009 v Greenwich Point, CT

V nedeľu 2. augusta 2009 Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko usporiada v poradí už 9. piknik v Greenwich Point, Connecticut. Začiatok je o 11. hod. ráno. Je to vynikajúce miesto – 147 akrov pri vode kde si možno zaplávať, hrať volejbal, soccer, football a iné hry.

Usporiadatelia obstarajú jedlo, pečivo, pivo a iné osviežujúce nápoje. Piknik sa môže konať aj v nepriaznivom počasí, lebo miesta na sedenie sú pokryté.

Vstupné pre dospelých je \$35.00, pre mládež od 6 – 18 rokov \$10.00 a pre deti pod 6 rokov je vstup voľný. Rezervácie si treba zabezpečiť do 14. júla a súčasne poslať šek na túto adresu: S-ACC % Mr. S. Krčmár, 33 Weasel Drift Rd., West Paterson, N.J. 07424. Tel.: (973) 357-1209. Šek vystavte na : S-ACC.

Ako sa dostať na piknik z New Yorku a Connecticut: Zobrať 1-95 až po exit 5. Pri exite 5 vybočiť na pravo – rampa/svetlo, potom zase vybočiť na pravo pri nasledujúcom svetle na Sound Beach Ave. Pokračovať po Sound Beach Ave. (na pravo je park) cez obchodnú a rezidenčnú štvrť až na koniec Sound Beach Ave. Na konci Sound Beach Ave. vybočiť na pravo na Shore Road. Pokračovať po Shore Road cez zvýšenú plochu (causeway) na Greenwich Point. Pri bráne ukázať dozorcovi ID foto. Lebo len tí budú pripustení na piknik, ktorí budú mať zaistenú rezerváciu a sú na listine prihlásených.

Usporiadatelia úctivo pozývajú každého, kto má záujem stráviť deň v prírode a v slovenskej spoločnosti.

Rudo L. Greguš

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

Tretím Slovákom, ktorý sa v Airbuse A330-200 zrútil do Atlantiku, bol mladý muž z Ipeľských Úľan Arnold Gergély (33). Mladý muž pracoval pre istú írsku leteckú spoločnosť a na niekoľkotýždňovej dovolenke v Brazílii bol spolu so svojim kamarátom. Tento Slovák v minulosti pôsobil aj ako ochrankár Úradu vlády SR. Medzi pasažiermi lietadla na linke Rio de Janeiro - Paríž, ktoré sa v pondelok 1. júna stratilo z radarov pri atlantickom pobreží Brazílie, bol údajne aj bývalý starosta Kozároviec v okrese Levice Daniel Benčať. Na palube s ním mal byť aj jeho kamarát a podnikateľ Michal Hudec. Stroj sa podľa francúzskych aerolínií zrútil, keď sa dostal do silnej turbulencie.

Slovenská republika bude pri vystúpeniach svojich zástupcov v Bruseli presadzovať používanie francúzskeho jazyka. Po slávnostnom podpísaní Memoranda o realizácii viacročného programu výučby francúzskeho jazyka v štátnej správe na Slovensku to uviedol 4. júna minister zahraničných vecí SR Miroslav Lajčák. Ako povedal, dokument, ktorý nadväzuje na memorandum z marca 2006, má prispieť k zlepšeniu znalosti francúzskeho jazyka u zamestnancov slovenskej štátnej správy.

V prvom štvrtroku tohto roka pracovalo v zahraničí 128.800 Slovákov. Z celkového počtu pracujúcich v prvom kvartáli pracovalo v zahraničí 5.4 %, čo v absolútnom vyjadrení predstavovalo 128,800 osôb, informoval Štatistický úrad (ŠÚ) SR. Ich počet sa medziročne znížil o 47,900 osôb, teda o 27.1 %. Najvyšší úbytok bol v Českej republike o 18,800 osôb a vo Veľkej Británii o 10,200 osôb. Najviac zamestnaných v zahraničí bolo z Prešovského a Nitrianskeho kraja, a to 48.1 %. Počet pracujúcich osôb v zahraničí sa znížil vo všetkých krajinách pri najvýraznejšom poklese pracujúcich z Prešovského kraja o 16,100 osôb. Najväčší počet zamestnaných v zahraničí našiel uplatnenie v stavebníctve 31.9 % a v priemyselných odvetviach 28.1 %.

Slovenská vláda uťahuje opasky farmaceutickým firmám. Ministerstvá financií a zdravotníctva pod vedením Jána Počiatka a Richarda Rašiho prinútili najväčších výrobcov škrtnúť ceny drahých liekov. Tie lieky, ktorým výrobcovia ceny neznižili, budú od októbra vyradené zo zoznamu liekov. Celkovo by sa na čiernej listine malo objaviť 22 druhov liečiv. Na znižovanie cien si posvietili oba rezorty koncom mája. Pri porovnaní cien liekov na Slovensku a v krajinách EÚ zistili, že v asi 600 prípadoch bola cena nadhodnotená.

Ministerstvo hospodárstva (MH) SR navrhuje poskytnúť automobilke Kia Motors Slovakia, s.r.o. investičnú pomoc vo výške 15 miliónov eur (451.89 milióna Sk). Finančné prostriedky by mali byť poskytnuté formou úľavy na dani. Investičným zámerom spoločnosti je výstavba novej motorárne v obci Gbeľany. V Žilinskom okrese, kde priemerná ročná miera nezamestnanosti dosiahla v minulom roku 3.35 %, by malo vzniknúť 274 nových pracovných miest. Celková výška investičných nákladov dosiahne podľa údajov v žiadosti do roku 2012 objem 110.5 milióna eur (3.33 miliardy Sk). Výrobná kapacita by mala stúpnuť na 450,000 motorov ročne a 90 % produkcie bude smerovať na export. Začiatok investície plánuje spoločnosť na 1. štvrtrok 2010, výroba by mala začať v 4. kvartáli 2011. Plánovaná priemerná mesačná hrubá mzda vrátane príspevkov a odvodov by v budúcej motorárni mala dosiahnuť 1,068 eur (32,175 Sk).

Takmer 200 pracovných miest vznikne v Centre excelentnosti pre testovanie, ktoré v Košiciach plánuje do konca roku 2010 zriadiť spoločnosť RWE IT Slovakia. Pri získavaní kvalifikovaných pracovníkov má pomôcť spolupráca s Univerzitou Pavla Jozefa Šafárika a Technickou Univerzitou v Košiciach. S oboma inštitúciami má investor podpísanú zmluvu o dlhodobej spolupráci v oblasti vedecko-výskumnej, vývojovej a vzdelávacej činnosti. Spoločnosť sa podieľa na vývoji a podpore softvéru pre svojich zákazníkov v Európe. Ten by sa mal vo veľkej miere testovať práve na Slovensku, s čím súvisí vytváranie nových pracovných miest. Od ideálneho testera sa vyžaduje perfektné logické myslenie, mal by ovládať podnikateľské prostredie klienta, poznať IT technológie, byť kreatívny a precízny. Okrem toho je nutná znalosť anglického a nemeckého jazyka, nakoľko zamestnanci pracujú na medzinárodných projektoch a veľa cestujú najmä do Nemecka a Veľkej Británie.

Na slovenský poisťný trh 9. júna oficiálne vstúpila prvá japonská poisťovňa – Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Group (MSIG), ktorá podniká v oblasti neživotného poistenia. Slovensko by sa pre spoločnosť malo stať východnou pozíciou pre jej rozširujúce sa aktivity v strednej a východnej Európe. Znamená to, že prostredníctvom MSI (Europe), Organizačná zložka Slovensko bude vyvíjať činnosť nielen na území SR, ale perspektívne aj Česka, Maďarska a Poľska. Na Slovensku, ako povedal generálny riaditeľ slovenskej pobočky Dušan Smoleňák, chce poskytovať služby svojim klientom, najmä japonským firmám podnikajúcim v tomto regióne a samozrejme ponúknuť svoju vlastnú kapacitu lokálnemu obchodu. Sústreď sa na poisťovanie rizík v priemysle. MSIG je piata najväčšia neživotná poisťovňa na svete s vyše 300 zastúpeniami a kancelármi v 40 krajinách. V súčasnosti zamestnáva približne 24,000 pracovníkov.

Slovenské Štrbské pleso má obrovskú šancu zaradiť sa medzi Sedem prírodných divov sveta. V internetovom hlasovaní o sedmičku najkrajších prírodných zázrakov sa totiž Štrbskému plesu podarilo prepracovať do elitnej jedenástky vo svojej kategórii. Slovensko má tam naozaj silných súperov - peruánske jazero Titicaca či Niagarské vodopády. Ak sa Štrbské pleso medzi elitou udrží do 7. júla, semifinále má Slovensko vo vrecku. Všetko závisí aj od toho, ako budú Slováci za svoje železko v ohni hlasovať. Internetové hlasovanie spustila švajčiarska spoločnosť New7Wonder v januári, nominovaných je spolu 261 prírodných úkazov. Z nich sa vyberá 77 semifinalistov, kam sa už momentálne dostalo aj Štrbské pleso. Hlasovať môže každý, a to priamo na stránke spoločnosti: <http://www.new7wonders.com/nature/en/nominees/europe/c/StrbskePleso/>.

Nezamestnaní Slováci zostanú bez podpory. Ide o slovenských občanov, ktorí si kúpili domy v susednom Rakúsku či v Maďarsku. Len v okolí Bratislavy ich žije okolo 1, 500. Takmer všetci pracujú na Slovensku, čo im môže spôsobiť problémy. Po prípadnej strate zamestnania sa budú márne uchádzať o podporu v nezamestnanosti, pretože slovenské úrady ich nezariaďujú do evidencie. Rovnako dopadnú aj v zdravotnej poisťovni - nebudú si môcť platiť poistenie ani ako dobrovoľne nezamestnaní a to aj napriek tomu, že riadne platili dane a odvody slovenským úradom. Ak úrad práce nezamestnaného do evidencie nezariaďuje, ani Sociálna poisťovňa sa ním nebude zaoberať. "V zmysle zákona o sociálnom poistení sa konanie nároku na dávku v nezamestnanosti nemôže v takomto prípade ani začať", reagoval hovorca poisťovne Peter Višvader. Ústredie práce priznáva, že sa už s takýmito prípadmi stretlo a skúma možnosti riešenia tohto problému.

Slovenská pošta (SP) vydá pri príležitosti inaugurácie staronového prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča v pondelok 15. júna známku s jeho portrétom v náklade 50,000 kusov. Jej nominálna hodnota bude jedno euro (30 Sk). Znáмка bola vytlačená termorazbou a autom výtvarného návrhu je akademický maliar Ivan Schurmann. Pošta zároveň vydáva aj obálku prvého dňa (FDC) v náklade 3,800 kusov. Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič tak bude mať už tretiu známku so svojim portrétom. Tradíciu slovenskej poštovej známky s prezidentským portrétom začala známka s podobizňou prvého prezidenta SR Michala Kováča. V oceľovomodrej farbe vyšla 2. marca 1993 v deň inaugurácie. S vyobrazením prezidenta v hnedočervenej farbe a s vyššou nominálnou hodnotou vyšla známka aj 3. novembra 1993. Druhý prezident SR Rudolf Schuster sa objavil na známke dvakrát, 15. júna 2000 a 5. februára 2003.

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Minister školstva SR Ján Mikolaj udelil kardinálovi Jozefovi Tomkovi Pamätnú medailu sv. Gorazda.

Aj my, malí Slováčkovia, môžeme čosi spraviť pre Európu a svet

Bratislava (TASR) - Veľkou medailou sv. Gorazda ocenili 4. júna Jozefa kardinála Tomka na Ministerstve školstva SR. Minister Ján Mikolaj mu odovzdal cenu za jeho celoživotné vedecko-pedagogické dielo a výrazný podiel na zviditeľnení Slovenska a slovenského národa. Zablahoželel mu aj k životnému jubileu - 85. narodeninám. Rezort medailou oceňuje vzácne osobnosti každý rok. "Aj na poli vzdelanosti my, malí Slováčkovia, môžeme čosi spraviť pre Európu a svet. Netreba ani veľké bohatstvo, ale treba priniesť naše ozajstné dedičstvo," povedal kardinál Tomko vo svojom príhovore. Dodal, že cena ho povzbudila do jeho ďalších úloh.

Kardinál, ktorý svojim prínosom šírili rozvíjanie slovenskej cirkvi a kresťanskej kultúry v zahraničí v čase komunistického útlaku, pripomenul, že Slováci by nikdy nemali zabúdať na svoje korene. "Naše dedičstvo je čosi vzácne a my sme vystúpili na pôdu európsku vďaka viere. Tá naša viera je geniálna," zdôraznil. Viera podľa neho nie je niečo, čo treba predávať alebo propagovať. "Lebo sa propaguje sama," dodal. Školstvo a výchova je podľa neho osvetou. Cirkve zase podľa kardinála buduje osvetu zvnútra, z duše. "My si to azda menej vážime, ako vždy, to čo je v kapse, to je naše, ľahko sa na to zabúda, ale to sú veľké hodnoty. Nám sa to všetko dostáva, tak by som povedal, zadarmo," pripomenul. "Iste sú búrky historické, ktoré sa nám to snažili pokaziť. Ale to zdravé, tie korene ostávajú," konštatoval.

Cena kardinála potešila aj v súvislosti s jeho ďalšou misiou v Grécku, kam ho vyslal pápež. "O toľko viac som vďačný, že toto sa mi udeľuje v mesiaci, keď mám nastúpiť po stopách Gorazda, pretože 29. júna ma posielajú Svätý Otec ako svojho zvláštneho vyslanca do Grécka, uzavrieť tam Rok sv. Pavla. A ja to svoje poslanie začínam v Solúne," priblížil. Kardinál uznamenal, že počas svojich stretnutí sa stretol aj diktátormi. "Moja cesta bola jednoduchá, slovenská, bola to cesta srdca, ľudskosti. My si túto našu slovenskú ľudskosť musíme zachovať a nechať ju platiť aj v spoločnosti," zhrnul. Jozef kardinál Tomko počas svojho pôsobenia absolvoval okolo sto ciest na rôzne svetadiely, získal viacero doktorátov na pápežských univerzitách. Významné je tiež jeho pôsobenie vo funkcii pápežského preláta.



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Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič (druhý sprava) s manželkou Silviou (tretia sprava) počas pešieho presunu po Kapitulskej ulici z Dómu sv. Martina po ekumenickej pobožnosti Te Deum do Miestodržiteľského paláca v deň jeho inaugurácie, ktorá sa uskutočnila v pondelok 15. júna 2009 v Bratislave.

President Ivan Gasparovic (second from the right) and his wife Silvia leave St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava after attending an ecumenical service and walk to the Presidential Palace for his inauguration on June 15, 2009.

Ivan Gašparovič sa opätovne ujal funkcie prezidenta Slovenskej republiky

Bratislava (TASR) - Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič sa 15. júna zložením sľubu do rúk predsedníčky Ústavného súdu SR Ivetty Macejkovej počas slávnostnej schôdze Národnej rady SR opätovne ujal na päť rokov postu hlavy štátu. Vstúpil do svojho druhého a zároveň posledného funkčného obdobia tak, ako rozhodli občania v prezidentských voľbách.

“Sľubujem na svoju česť a svedomie vernosť Slovenskej republike. Budem dbať o blaho slovenského národa, národnostných menšín a etnických skupín žijúcich v

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Udržujme a zveľaďujme slovenskú tlač

Andrew M. Rajec, prezident Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa 29. apríla t.r. obrátil na čitateľov novín Jednota s výzvou, aby sa vyjadrili a podali návrhy ako zvýšiť záujem a uspokojiť čitateľov tohto časopisu. Vo výzve sa spomína, že niektorí čitatelia vracajú noviny do redakcie. To je smutná novina. Takíto čitatelia by mali podať nielen návrhy čo by malo byť v novinách, ale aj sami by sa mali pričiniť a písať do novín zaujímavé a poučné články a správy. Máme dojem, že niektorí Slováci nemajú už asi záujem o slovenské tlačene slovo. Zdá sa, že u niektorých už slovenské slovo vybledlo a udusilo ho tnie a burina exilného života.

Treba si uvedomiť, že časopis Jednota je orgánom organizácie IKSJ. Činnosť, správy, novosti a oznámenia tejto organizácie sú na prvom mieste, to je predsa samozrejme. Členovia majú investície a životné poisťky v Jednote. Takže so záujmom čakajú noviny čo je nového a ako Jednota finančne



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Biskupská vysviacka trnavského arcibiskupa Mons. Roberta Bezáka.

Novým arcibiskupom Trnavskej arcidiecézy Róbert Bezák

Trnava (TASR) – Novým arcibiskupom Trnavskej arcidiecézy sa stal Róbert Bezák. V Katedrálom chráme sv. Jána Krstiteľa v Trnave ho 6. júna na slávnostnej omši vysvätil kardinál Jozef Tomko. Spolusvätitelmi boli apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku Mario Giordana a metropolita, bratislavský arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský. Na omši prijal od Tomka biskupské pomazanie, biskupský prsteň, mitru a berlu. Pápež Benedikt XVI. vymenoval 49-ročného Róberta Bezáka, bývalého provinciála Kongregácie Najsv. Vykupiteľa - rehole redemptoristov a doterajšieho správcu farnosti Radvaň v Banskobystrickej diecéze za arcibiskupa pre Trnavskú arcidiecézu 18. apríla 2009. V súčasnosti je najmladším slovenským arcibiskupom. Za svoje biskupské heslo si Bezák zvolil Zahŕňaj nás milosrdenstvom. Vo funkcii nahradí Jána Sokola, ktorý sa v súlade s kánonickým právom vzdal postu po dovŕšení veku 75 rokov v októbri 2008. Na slávnostnej omši v katedrále sa zúčastnili diecézni, pomocní a emeritní biskupi, kňazi, rehoľníci a zástupcovia iných cirkví na Slovensku, predstavitelia politického života, mesta a regiónu Trnava a početní veriaci.

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