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A Visit to Šaštín, 2014, Part I

The Pilgrimage Site of the Patroness of Slovakia: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows

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During the summer of 2014, I had the opportunity to visit Šaštín, one of holiest and most important of the several Marian shrines across Slovakia. The August 16th trip to Šaštín was part of Saturday day trip of the Slovak language summer school for foreigners, SAS (Studia Academica Slovaca), which I attended from August 4-23.

Šaštín is the home of the monastery and church of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (Panny Mária Sedembolestná), the patroness of Slovakia. Annual pilgrimages involving thousands of faithful from across Slovak and abroad take place at Šaštín several times each year, including on Pentecost, the feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius, and on the feast-day of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15).

Slovaks have long identified their trials and tribulations throughout history with Our Lady of Sorrows. The Virgin Mary and her sufferings came to be identified with the people of Slovakia, and the association with Šaštín dates from a miracle which occurred long ago in the 16th century.

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September 21, 2014

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Cycle A -- Modern**

Matthew 20: 1-16a

Envy is a major problem in today's society, and it shows no signs of abatement. We are accustomed to a very high standard of living compared to that which our recent ancestors enjoyed, and yet we never have enough. No



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

matter how well a person or a family is doing financially and socially, there is always another rung on the ladder that we gaze upon from afar and want to attain. "Keeping up with the Joneses" in an ever more consuming way is part and parcel of the American scene.

We even seem to have exported this vice to developing nations more quickly than we export productive ideas and life-saving innovations. In parts of the developing world smart phones are more common than childhood immunization shots or safe sources of drinking water.

Envy can be a powerfully destructive force in one's spiritual life as well: wanting to see a person "put in their place" or refusing to offer forgiveness to a person who has wronged us are two common bitter outcomes of spiritual envy. Desiring not only that we might succeed but that another might also fail is an appalling sin in the eyes of God. The scriptures we will hear at mass this Sunday speak to the point of spiritual envy or jealousy, and condemn it in unequivocal terms.

First, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways and thoughts are far beyond our own, and that we must be humbly willing to see his gracious hand at work in the lives of those for whom we may not feel natural sympathy—and we must imitate his reconciling generosity toward them!

Next St. Paul tells us "to me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Phil 1:21). These are hard words indeed, but they can snap us back to our senses when we have been beguiled by excessive worldly success and remind us that "we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14).

People who are envious are always pre-occupied with the visible and tangible things of life, and tend to forget what is abiding and eternal. In his letter to the Philippians Paul teaches us that the only life which will bring definitive joy and peace is one focused on Christ, and through his presence in our lives all of our other sources of happiness will be brought into even higher relief.

Moving on to the Gospel, the parable of the workers in the vineyard is one of the most powerful that Christ preached, since it so clearly exposes the envious way in which most of us, (alright, all of us), think at times.

The workers who responded early in the morning to the possibility of a day's wages are not upset at the landowner's generosity—until they discover that they will receive the same wage as those who came late to the scene. They fail to see that the Lord of the harvest has been just with them and generous with the latecomers.

Going further, we modern day hearers of this parable often fail to understand the point: that the Lord has been more than generous with all of us, granting us the gift of salvation in Christ which is completely free and unmerited, whether one welcomes it early in life or at the eleventh hour.

If we make an honest examination of our consciences the words of the owner of the vineyard will pierce us as well: "Are you envious because I am generous?" May we live our Christian faith seriously enough that we will not be envious of those to whom much is given—or forgiven—by the Lord, for with him "...the last will be first, and the first will be last".

September 28, 2014

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Matthew 21: 28 - 32

"Actions speak louder than words." This old saying is one that most of us have experienced some time or other. Numerous times when looking for volunteers to help on various projects I was impressed with the number of people who said that they would be there to help, only to find myself disappointed when only a few actually turned out for the project. Not everyone who expresses a desire to help, sometimes very enthusiastically, can be counted on to show up. "Actions speak louder than words," is a saying that we all understand and it sums up the message of our Gospel.

In the Parable of the Two Sons It seems that Jesus is telling the chief priests and elders that they are like the son who says he is going to do things God's way, but then does not do what God asks him. They fail to believe the message of John the Baptist and even when others began to listen to John and repent, the chief priests and elders did not change their minds. The chief priests and elders are the ones who say "yes" to whatever God asks of them. And their yes is made with much bravado and flair, but the way they live their lives and treat the people of Israel does not reflect their "yes." They have the reputation for living off the backs of the people, of enforcing the strictest interpretation of the law for others while finding loopholes for themselves. Jesus makes it clear that the chief priests and elders are like the son who says yes, but does not show up to do the work.

What probably angered the chief priests and elders most about what Jesus said is that, while they were not doing God's work, the tax collectors and prostitutes were praised because they were being moved to repentance. Even though they might have said "no" to God and chose lifestyles and professions contrary to the law of God, now they were coming around and saying "yes" by their actions. So in telling this parable Jesus is saying that the tax collectors and prostitutes are the heroes because they are actually turning their lives around to follow Jesus, while the chief priests and elders are the villains who speak loudly of God, but their observance of God's law cannot be seen or heard.

We can easily join in the chorus of those who look at the chief priests and elders and criticize, if not condemn them, while at the same time singing the praises of the tax collectors and prostitutes for the conversion that was taking place within them. But the more meaningful response we can have to this Gospel is to look deep within ourselves and ask the question, "Where am I in this Parable?" Am I the son who says "yes" but then does not follow through? Or am I the Son who says "No" and has a change of heart and does do what is asked of him? Or maybe I am the son who is not mentioned who says "yes" and actually follows through in what the Father asked. We are all one of these three. Which one are you?

Take time to look at how you respond to the Lord. When it comes to fidelity in prayer, awareness of the needs of family and friends, and attentiveness to the cries of the poor and disenfranchised, do I say "yes" and actually follow through with it? Which son am I most like? Do my actions speak louder than words in the way I want them to?



Fr. Killian Loch,
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A Prayer Request: President Emeritus Joe Kristofik

We would like to ask the brothers and sisters of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada to pause and offer prayers for President Emeritus Joseph Kristofik. His consciousness has succumbed to the fierce and terrible thief that is Alzheimer's disease. While Joe is safe and comfortable with his family by his side, his warmth, intellect and sense of humor will be sorely missed. We ask all who know and remember Joe to keep him and his whole family in your prayers as they walk this difficult path together.

- Robert Kristofik, District 5 President, and
Rod Meloni, Branch 633 Vice President

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Statement as of June 30, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**
ASSETS

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	308,943,406		308,943,406	300,535,784
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....			0	200,000
2.2 Common stocks.....	5,984,614		5,984,614	5,756,573
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	1,326,879		1,326,879	1,416,745
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,014,236		1,014,236	1,009,340
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	753,300		753,300	772,830
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	562,675		562,675	562,675
5. Cash (\$.....12,941,921), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0).....	12,941,921		12,941,921	11,129,071
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,069,402		1,069,402	1,046,960
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	11,504,749		11,504,749	10,133,875
9. Receivables for securities.....			0	
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	344,101,181	0	344,101,181	332,563,852
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	3,978,712		3,978,712	3,840,970
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	24,098		24,098	26,470
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums.....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	1,318	1,318	0	
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	348,105,859	1,868	348,103,991	336,431,292
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	348,105,859	1,868	348,103,991	336,431,292

Statement as of June 30, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	269,273,000	261,839,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	43,031,506	40,717,575
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	305,060	286,787
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	421,096	609,141
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	11,362	7,223
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	56,748	65,127
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	6,062	22,835
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	5,636,198	6,010,086
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	9,511	9,511
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,472,524	2,461,429
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....	506,723	
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	1,170,967	1,020,967
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	323,600,757	313,749,681
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	323,600,757	313,749,681
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	24,503,234	22,681,610
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	24,503,234	22,681,610
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	348,103,991	336,431,291

Statement as of June 30, 2014 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	9,118,231	11,250,900	22,216,307
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	7,354,229	6,392,457	14,149,981
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	225,000	150,000	380,661
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	3,390	183,597	203,442
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	16,700,850	17,976,954	36,950,391
10. Death benefits.....	1,510,409	1,399,014	2,430,466
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			3,270
12. Annuity benefits.....	4,450,968	3,858,573	9,947,089
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	318,441	345,939	823,140
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	82,695	125,366	211,732
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	7,434,000	10,151,000	18,690,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	13,796,513	15,879,892	32,105,697
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	81,688	113,325	263,752
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	1,731,984	1,655,445	2,840,415
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	97,084	144,185	127,719
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	(138,426)	(177,679)	(247,883)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	15,568,843	17,615,169	35,089,700
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	1,132,007	361,785	1,860,690
28. Refunds to members.....	127,294	124,339	405,055
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	1,004,713	237,446	1,455,635
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....	28,558	(25,143)	553,505
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	1,033,271	212,303	2,009,140
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	22,681,611	20,646,573	20,646,573
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	1,033,271	212,303	2,009,140
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	794,351	402,767	192,118
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	5,096	(2,978)	(22,573)
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	(11,094)	(21,028)	(111,361)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	0	(604)	(32,287)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	1,821,624	590,460	2,035,037
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	24,503,234	21,237,034	22,681,611

Pastoral Letter for the Year of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are entering a new year. Together we share the hope that this period of time which we receive as gift, will be a blessed time, a time to find peace in our souls and true joy in our lives. Let us remember that life has real meaning in and through our relationships.

Let us be aware of the wealth we have in the relationships we experience with those who love us. As we go through life, let us recall the moments we become fully aware of our relationship with God and His love for us. At those times we discover an interior desire to heal and renew the relationships which have been broken, weakened or impaired and whose healing and strength we intently desire. The most basic foundation of our relationships is the family.

At the beginning of Advent we were reminded of the destructive forces threatening the family from without. Destructive forces within families also exist, however, unless we make the effort to devote more time to family, and unless we beg God for assistance in renewing, healing, cleansing, reviving the relationships in our own family circle.

If we look for an external measure of family relationships, we can look at the statistics which reveal that in our own country eleven thousand marriages are dissolved each year. Consider, however, that beyond the statistics are real people with real destinies and relationships, who have enthusiasm and a deep yearning for love, but who also experience disappointments, traumas and pains as well as the desire for wholeness.

Although it is not easy for us to admit and we would prefer looking in another direction, we are forced to recognize the pain present in our lives which stems from a disruption in our relationships. We sincerely desire that the next year will provide an opportunity for healing. Bearing this in mind, we recognize the invitation to live out this time as the Year of the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. It is exactly 450 years since this devotion honoring Our Lady's Seven Sorrows was inaugurated. She has been for all these years the special patroness of our country. The beginning of this devotion is linked to the story of the healing of the marital relationship between the spouses Angela and Imrich Cobořev.

It occurred in the year 1564. As they were returning home to their castle in Sastin, strong words of disagreement erupted. This exchange, however, was an expression of a long-standing problem which had been undermining their relationship and destroying their marital love. The flood of reports regarding this event revealed that their relationship was impaired by Imrich's explosive behavior. Obviously this comment reveals only one part of the many dimensions of the relationship between Imrich and his wife. The violent exchange between the two erupted in 1564 when the angry husband ordered the coach they were riding in to be halted and demanded that his wife get out. Imrich proceeded on his way alone, leaving his humiliated wife behind. She certainly could have felt abandoned, insecure, apprehensive, and tempted to despair, and hopelessness. On the contrary, however, Angela turned to the Virgin Mary for assistance in

this trial. After all, Mary had stood beneath the cross of her Son, no doubt overwhelmed with sorrow, yet standing with hope, never giving way to despair. Undoubtedly, Angela agonized in her soul and prayed for God's help through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Indeed, Angela, experiencing her husband's betrayal, must have begged for the grace never to lose hope.

After some time a carriage arrived to take Angela home. A surprise awaited her there—her husband begged forgiveness. Both spouses felt the pain they had experienced turn to joy. As they later reviewed the event together, Imrich made a firm promise to Angela that he would erect a statue of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows as an expression of gratitude. It would be constructed at the exact spot where the conflict had occurred, demonstrating that the love of God's Mother had triumphed over anger.

How profoundly linked with the veneration of our Sorrowful Mother holding the lifeless body of her Son in her arms with this renewal of marital life and communication. Sometimes we hear that devotion to the Mother of Seven Sorrows can incline one to passive self-pity without positive motivation. Many individuals frequently meditate on Mary's sorrows—are they able to apply the results of prayer to their lives? Was Mother Teresa, a true devotee of the Blessed Mother, passive? Was Pope St. John Paul II, kneeling daily before the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, minimally active? Was it a minor accomplishment for Saint Maximilian Kolbe incarcerated in Auschwitz to offer his own life in the place of a man with a family who had been condemned to death? The path to healing our own family relationships can be achieved by meditation on the pain our Mother of Sorrows experienced. At the very moment on Golgotha, when her pain had reached its zenith, Jesus spoke the words, "Behold, your Mother." And then turning to her, he said, "See, your sons and daughters." These words with regard to family relationships hold true even after the resurrection. Consider that at the moment Mary heard Simeon's prophecy regarding the painful trials to come, she calls upon mothers and fathers to renew their mutual fidelity in good times and in bad, in health and in sickness. Likewise, Mary, on the journey to Egypt with Joseph, challenges parents to avoid neglecting their children, and instead protecting them from modern-day Herods. After searching for three days for her Son, Mary makes it clear that she understands the suffering of parents who have lost contact with children who have gone astray. Would that they find them soon in the temple in the presence of Jesus and God the Father. Mary, meeting her Son on the Way of the Cross as he is being led to crucifixion, invites us all to consider our daily crosses and carry them together in the Golgothas of our lives. Such trials can produce a joint experience for families, resulting in more mature and anchored relationships.

It is obvious that meditating on Mary's Seven Sorrows can provide the spiritual inspiration needed to deal with the re-



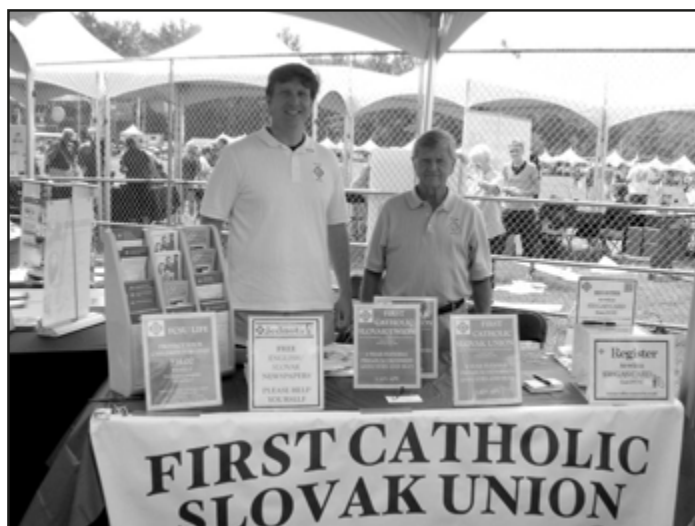
alities of life. In the interest of strengthening, blessing and healing relationships, we invite families to pray together the Rosary or any other Marian prayers. With prayer we can break through our preoccupation with self and through Mary's intercession open ourselves to God. We can also open ourselves to others and begin to heal our relationships. Let us encourage fathers, mothers, sons and daughters to heed, our Holy Father's message delivered a few months ago on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1, 2013): "It would be good if, especially in this month of May, we could pray the Holy Rosary together in the family...or some prayer to Jesus and the Virgin Mary! Praying together is a precious moment that further strengthens family life, friendship! Let us learn to pray more in the family and as a family." With these prayers, dear brothers and sisters, we prepare for solemnly entrusting Slovakia into the care of Our Lady of Sorrows. This solemn occasion will take place on her feast day, September 15, 2014, in the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in Sastin. She will teach us that pain and sacrifice are the path to authentic love, love that promotes good and renders our surroundings holy, a sure sign that the ultimate victory is Christ's. Jesus was victorious in the relationship of the Cobořev spouses, when together they witnessed to true prayer with love and understanding.

We ask for you, on this first day of the year, through the intercession of our heavenly Mother, God's generous blessing, great strength and assistance from the Holy Spirit in doing all that is good.

The Bishops of Slovakia

Translated by Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.

The FCSU at the FEST



Every year, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland holds a one-day, FREE family festival for all ages in Wickliffe, OH. The "FEST," as it is well known locally, was celebrated this year on August 3, 2014. A record number of participants - some 40,000 - enjoyed live, national Christian bands on stage, entertainment, games, shows, kids' areas, opportunities for inspiring prayer, festival foods and tents with vendors - including the First Catholic Slovak Union. FCSU Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and Home office staffer Andrew P. Rajec manned the booth throughout the day, offering information about the Society's insurance products and annuities.

(L - R) Andrew P. Rajec and Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., represented the First Catholic Slovak Union at the 2014 Fest.

Correction

Correction: FCSU Scholarship winner Brendan Patrick Nestor's name was incorrectly printed in the July 23 edition. Jednota sincerely apologizes for the error.



NESTOR, BRENDAN PATRICK

Parents: Michael and Mary Ellen Nestor; Branch: 419K; Mountaintop, PA; College: University of Pittsburgh; Major: Business/Law

First Communion for Branch 382's Michael Slovenkai, Jr.



Michael John Slovenkai, Jr. stands next to the statue of St. Ann following the special liturgy and his reception of First Communion on Sunday, May 4, 2014, in his home parish of St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton, Pennsylvania. During the liturgy, young Michael and his classmates participated in the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. Michael is a member of Branch 382K, Scranton, where his father Michael Sr. serves as its treasurer.

Branch 19's Veronica Daskam Anderson Graduates with Honors

Veronica Daskam Anderson of Meriden, CT, daughter of the late Irving Michael Daskam and Linda Dunna Matyasovszk, graduated from Lincoln College of New England Bachelor of Science Program in Funeral Service Management. Veronica received 4.0 College Honor Roll. Member of Phi Theta Kappa, Vice President, Mortuary Science Club, President, College Honor Society, Member of the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, CT Association of Realtors, Meriden Chamber of Commerce, Who's Who in Cambridge Professionals, Platform to Professionalism, Founder of American Cabin Girls Northeast Pennsylvania, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & College 2014. Veronica is the owner of Anderson Realty and a CT Notary Public. Veronica is a proud member of The First Catholic Slovak Union, St. Joseph's Branch 19, St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Bridgeport, CT and St. Stanislaw Church of Meriden. Veronica is employed by The Kenney-Luddy Funeral Home, New Britain, CT and The Brookside Crematory Berlin, CT, where she will complete her apprenticeship and continue her Funeral career.



Jubilee Celebration for Sisters of Ss Cyril and Methodius

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members:

Celebrating anniversaries were: Row 1, Sister John Vianney Vranak (60 years)

Row 2, L-R: Sister Susan Polchin (65 years), Sister Maria Theresa Hronec (55 years), Sister Paulette Lendacky (65 years), Sister Marilyn Pitonak (60 years), Sister Georgene Luther (65 years)

Row 3, L-R: Sister Philothea Fabian (50 years), Sister Judy Therese Holler (20 years), Sister Teresa Urda (50 years), Sister Roseanne Kmetz (60 years), Sister Irene Rose Kmetz (60 years), Sister Thomas More Dzurak (50 years)

Row 4, L-R: Sister Joseph Therese Pohorenc (55 years), Sister Michael Ann Orlik (45 years), Sister Mary Beth Makuch (45 years), Sister Suzanne Duzen (45 years), Sister Sara Swayze (45 years)

The celebration included a Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, followed by a dinner to which the friends, family and Community members of the celebrants were invited.

- Submitted by Sister Barbara Sable



(L - R) Sisters Terry Kuruc, Margaret Evancho, and Mary Gerics

Margaret Evancho Feted on Her 100th Birthday

Margaret Evancho – an historic figure in the development of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) in the Bridgeport, CT community – had worked tirelessly for over 40 years as the Eldress of the former St. Michael's Branch 14 which was transferred to St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, of Bridgeport. Margaret and her first husband, Geza Hudy, were true Jednota workers, increasing the membership and actively serving in the Society. After Geza's death, Margaret married George Evancho and relocated to Pennsylvania. Even then, Margaret was elected to the Supreme Court, and continued to work on increasing membership in the Bridgeport branch.

Margaret currently resides at St. Joseph's Manor in Trumbull, CT, and was recently visited by some of her membership and family to celebrate her 100th birthday. A Mass was celebrated in her honor prior to the festivities. Although Margaret is wheelchair bound, and takes her much deserved rest, she was coaxed and cajoled by the merry singing of Happy Birthday, and her cake. She even entered into a rousing rendition of "Ja Parobok z Kapušian" along with her sisters, Mary Gerics and Terry Kuruc. Terry is another hard working contributor to Jednota, having served as an officer of Branch 19 for many years.

The celebration at the Manor was followed by a barbeque at the home of Mary Gerics in Trumbull. Mary's son Greg, her granddaughter Kristina and friend Michael Coppola prepared the food. Mary's other children, including her daughters Mary Anne and Joanne from Tampa, FL, and Atlanta, GA, respectively; and sons Robert, David, and Joseph, and daughters-in-law Susan and Kathy Gerics, planned the many details. In addition, Mary's grandchildren Renee and Robert Lorys of Atlanta attended, as well as Joseph Gerics of New York, and Michael Levin and Nicole Hisler also made a surprise visit from Tampa. Also in attendance were Margaret's cousins Tina and Don Richards, Peter and Lee Tomascak, Albert and Cyril Tomascak, all from the Brookfield, CT area; and Sephen Tomascak from E. Haven, CT. Other Branch 19 members included her nieces and nephews, Branch 19 President Michael Kuruc, Ralph and Diane Fico, Patty and Mary Margaret Spodnick and Johanna Cinotti.

The afternoon was filled with reminiscences of the old days, and everyone – especially Margaret – enjoyed the day. We wish Margaret the very best and all of God's blessings in her remaining years.

- Submitted by Mary Gerics, Branch 19



Margaret Evancho, first row center, surrounded by family and other members of Branch 19 there to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Branch 493's Kelly Bobo to Wed

Kelly Bobo will marry Daniel Colao this October on the beautiful beach of Union Pier, MI. The young couple has chosen to celebrate their nuptials in an intimate ceremony with their closest family and friends in attendance. Kelly and most of her family are members of Branch 493 in Chicago, IL. She is a past recipient of an FCSU college scholarship.

May there be love, peace, joy, and happiness for all their future years to come.

- Submitted by Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary, Branch 493



Branch 278's Helen Cincebeaux to Feature Slovak Beaded Glory at Oct Virginia Festival



Branch 278's Helene Cincebeaux will exhibit her beautiful "Beaded Glory" collection of kroj at the Virginia Festival in October.

Everyone is invited to a Virginia Czech & Slovak Festival the weekend of Oct 11 and 12, 2014. The event is free.

The Virginia Czech & Slovak Festival will take place at the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center, 6406 Courthouse Rd, Prince George, VA beginning on Saturday, Oct 11, 2014, from 11 am to 4 pm. On tap are Polka bands, poppy seed rolls, sausage and sauerkraut.

Special this year will be an extensive exhibit of Czech & Slovak folk dress from the Baine/Cincebeaux Collection titled "Beaded Glory". The exhibit will be held inside the historic courthouse on Oct 11 from 11 am to 4 pm and will continue on Sunday, Oct 12 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Collector Helene Cincebeaux will lead exhibit tours at 2 pm and 3:15 pm.

This exhibit of beautiful village folk dress, all handmade, embroidered and beaded is from the

collection of Helene Cincebeaux who has shown it in many states and countries all over the world. We are privileged to have it available for our festival celebration. Don't miss it. The exhibit is free.

For more information on the event contact Marie Pearson, mariepearson@verizon.net or phone 804-731-8117.

United Slovak Societies to Host Two Events

Children's Halloween Party in October

United Slovak Societies will host a Children's Halloween Costume Bowling Party for ages 16 and under on Sunday October 26th, 2014 at 1:00p.m. at the American Slovak Club 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio. The party is for members and children of members of SCS Wr. 111, FCSU Br. 228, FCSLA Br. 114, NSS A. 160 and LPSCU Br. 77.



All children must be signed up by October 17, 2014, at the Club or contact, slovenska.hviezda@hotmail.com.

Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner in December

United Slovak Societies will host a Vilija, traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner, on Sunday December 7, 2014 at 5:30p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH. The cost of dinner which includes the award winning Ladies Auxiliary perch is \$20.00 and will include all the traditional delights.

Advanced tickets sales please contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236. The dinner is open to the public.



Members enjoying Vilija 2013 at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

Michele Mager
Secretary-United Slovak Societies



Attending the Mass and reception were: (L - R) George Onda District President-C Clarence Pfeifer; Secretary-Linda Gonta; Treasurer-Stephen Gonta; Branch 181 President-Darlene Patty; Vice President-Edward Mizikar; Supreme Council member-James Bench along with Helen Homulka, Barbara Mizikar, Geraldine Hricik and Kay Bench.



The Very Reverend Larry J. Kulick Invested as Monsignor

On August 10, 2014, The Very Reverend Larry J. Kulick, Chaplain of the George Onda District, was invested as Monsignor by The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD, Bishop of Greensburg, PA, by order of Pope Francis. A Mass of Thanksgiving and Investiture was held at Saint James Church, New Alexandria, PA, the parish Monsignor serves.

- Submitted by Linda L. Gonta, Secretary, George Onda District

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ATTENTION Deadline Extended to Oct 31

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2014 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc. has extended its acceptance of applications for its 2014 Scholarship Program to Friday, October 31, 2014.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who attends an Approved Post Secondary Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:

Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131

Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310

E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com

OR, download a scholarship application by going to: www.fcsu.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2014

*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

125th Anniversary and History

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, F.C.S.U.

Daniel J. Spegar, Branch 10 President

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Olyphant, Pennsylvania will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of its founding in 2014. Originally named, "The Olyphant Society of St. John the Baptist," it is one of the oldest Slovak societies in America, organized on September 20, 1889. It was founded and chartered one year before Father Stephen Furdek founded the First Catholic Slovak Union in Cleveland, Ohio in September 1890.

The peak of Slovak immigration to America occurred from 1880 to 1910. More than 550,000 Slovaks, about twenty-two percent of the total population of Slovakia, settled in the United States during this time period. The promise of freedom and opportunity was the driving force in this immigration. In America, they were able to improve their way of life and preserve their faith and the Slovak culture.

The majority of these Slovak immigrants arrived at the Port of New York, and settled in many cities and towns of the eastern United States. Almost every mill, factory or mine employed Slovaks. With a strong work ethic, they were valued employees. The inability to speak English was a constant problem, but there was someone in each Slovak neighborhood to translate and help. Attendance at night school to learn the English language was common.

Life in America was not easy for the immigrants. The European idea that the streets of America were "paved with gold" was soon lost. The dust, dirt and mud, along with overcrowded towns and households, were the reality. Homesickness also forced many families to second-guess their decisions to come to America. Work-related disasters, injuries and illnesses resulted in many families becoming destitute. Mining companies often required the oldest son of an injured or deceased miner to replace him so that coal production and output would continue. Mining companies measured the enormity of a mine disaster by how many mules were killed, not men. Mules had to be purchased; men were expendable.

The economic and social needs of this time led Slovaks to form groups called "lodges." These lodges provided fraternal help to families in time of sickness or death, and were also centers of social, cultural and athletic activities. Dances were common and many future couples met there. Athletic teams and events were organized, and provided outlets for friendship and entertainment.

"The Olyphant Society of St. John the Baptist" was founded on September 20, 1889 and was chartered and incorporated on December 6, 1889. The founders were Joseph Flesher, Andrew Friedel, Andrew Holomko, James Mura, and Joseph and Stephen Pendell. Joseph Flesher was elected "Předseda a Pokladník" (President and Treasurer). The Society had 26 members at the end of 1889.

The early years of the Society were difficult. Membership was down to three individuals at one point. Joseph Flesher did not give up, though, and worked very hard to preserve the Society. In 1891, a young man, Michael Bosák, moved from Hazleton, Pennsylvania to Olyphant and purchased the Glinsky Inn for \$75. He joined the Society and, with his background and abilities, became bookkeeper. He sparked new interest in the Society and, from that time, the



Athletic teams played an important part in the recreational lives of early Slovak immigrants. Pictured here is the Olyphant Slovak Miners baseball team on July 4, 1907. They were defeated on that day by the Bartel Brewery Drivers by a score of 9-8. Pictured in the front row, center, is John Bosák, holding a bottle of "Cold Spring Rye," the team's sponsor. Mr. Bosák was Financial Secretary of Branch 10 for 63 years, until his passing in 1976 at the age of 93.

Members of the St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10 K.J., First Catholic Slovak Union, headquartered at Olyphant, PA, at the Society's December 2013 Annual Meeting: Seated, Florence Nalevanko, Auditor; Standing (L – R): William A. Nalevanko, Secretary; Giza Mika, Vice-President; Carol Spegar, Auditor; Daniel Spegar, President; Mary Ann Spegar, Auditor; William Spegar, Treasurer. Not pictured: Donna Marie Mroczka, Auditor
Photo credit: Donna Marie Mroczka



organization grew in strength and numbers. Mr. Bosák served as President from 1906-1910. Because of his growing business and banking interests, he resigned the position of Branch 10 President, but remained active in the leadership of the First Catholic Slovak Union on the national level.

Mr. Bosák was elected Supreme Auditor at the national First Catholic Slovak Union Convention in 1901, followed by his election to Supreme Treasurer in 1902, a post he held for twelve years. He was instrumental in forming Junior Branches and was a leading advocate for the purchase, including assistance with financial arrangements, of land in Middletown, Pennsylvania – known today as the Jednota Estates. As his banking interests grew, he declined reelection at the 1914 Convention at Harrisburg. However, Mr. Bosák was appointed to Finance Committee chairman, a position he held until 1920, when he was elected Honorary President of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Michael Bosák went on to become the first American millionaire of Slovak extract, and was an advocate and signer of the 1918

"Pittsburgh Agreement" which sought autonomy for the fledgling Republic of Czecho-Slovakia following World War I. His investments allowed Branch 10 to become one of the wealthiest small town Societies in America. Despite the economic hardships of the Great Depression, the Branch still collects dividends from investments made almost 100 years ago.

John Bosák, a younger brother to Michael, also played an important role in the growth and development of Branch 10. John became Financial Secretary in 1911 and held this position for 64 years, until his passing in 1976.

Countless other members were very active in the affairs and success of Branch 10 from its 1889 beginnings. These individuals are honored and remembered each year, along with our current members, at our annual Communion Mass and Breakfast. Held in June on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. John the Baptist, the Society will celebrate the 20th anniversary of this special religious and fraternal event in 2014.

The Progress of Olyphant Slovaks Or Our Circumstances, and How the Times Change

John Bosak, Secretary
Translated by Fedor Salva

(Selected excerpts from the Souvenir Book on the 25th Anniversary of the St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, of the First Catholic Slovak Union)

Comparing the circumstances of Slovaks living in Olyphant and vicinity with those elsewhere, I became convinced that we can be proud about our Olyphant as a Slovak settlement. Here one meets his acquaintances and friends on the street every day, without the necessity of searching for them. One can speak to others in his own Slovak tongue and be answered in the same language.

In days past I traveled through the large and small cities and towns in various states of America, and had the opportunity to spend some time in cities where many times, due to the black soot-covered skyscrapers and the dark clouds of smoke, I couldn't even see the good Lord's sun. Our Slovaks also live in cities like that. Just think how long a Slovak would have to stand on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Smithfield Streets in Pittsburgh, or on LaSalle Avenue in Chicago, before someone would speak to him in the Slovak language. Well, how does a Slovak feel in a city like that, and how does he feel in such an instance in Olyphant? Let us even admit that some other Slovak would pass this man standing on the street corner. He does not know him, will not talk to him, and will not ask him what he wants or what he is looking for. If it

wasn't for some policeman who took pity on this stranger, he could stand there to this day. This is my own experience. It happened to me in San Francisco, California, where for hours I stood on Market Street and nobody talked to me, nobody asked me what I was looking for.

It is a strange world to us, and that is why I claim that there is no better town for a Slovak than Olyphant.

We can achieve anything provided we work for it united and in harmony. Others see this, they realize our strength. They sow mistrust among us in order to divide us. Disunity is our Slavic curse. Many among us mistrust their own people. They are jealous of their successful men and succumb to the divisive tactics of our antagonists. Therefore, I repeat again, that unity means strength. Remember our old Slovak saying: "The shirt is closer to us than a coat."

We have visible proofs of our Slavic strength in Olyphant. There is the Slovak Church, standing for over thirty years, the Slovak School, and a beautiful Convent for Slovak teaching nuns as well as the three Greek-Catholic Churches and one Polish Catholic Church. These are the memorials erected from the callouses of laboring Slavic hands.

At each parish in our vicinity there are societies affiliated with various organizations. Olyphant is our real Slavic home. It is only here that we feel at home. This I can say, because I have had the opportunity to come in contact with many people returning to

Olyphant. They left for other places with easy hearts, often without saying goodbye to their acquaintances and friends, not even knowing for sure where they were going. These people, on coming back, usually say it is good everywhere, but best at home.

Sunday morning or during other holidays you hear the sound of bells from the steeples, and the people hurry to their churches. You will scarcely find one of our people loitering on the street during the Mass. The more frivolous youths and young men would be ashamed not to attend the services. In some instances, the wife has her say in these matters, as she urges her husband to attend his church. But just think of large cities. How many people in them don't even know where their church is located? That is why our Slovaks in Olyphant are a quiet, humble, and religious people.

But the times change, and this can be seen best on the street. The boys are noisy at their play, but in this noise not a Slovak word can be heard. The church bell rings at twelve noon, the youngsters hurry home, but in their loud and merry talk not a Slovak word. Girls recently arrived from the old country were not at the dance tonight, because at the last dance nobody spoke to them in Slovak, and the orchestra played tango dances they didn't know. They will not come out until they also learn English so they, too, understand and take part in the conversations.

And so the times change.

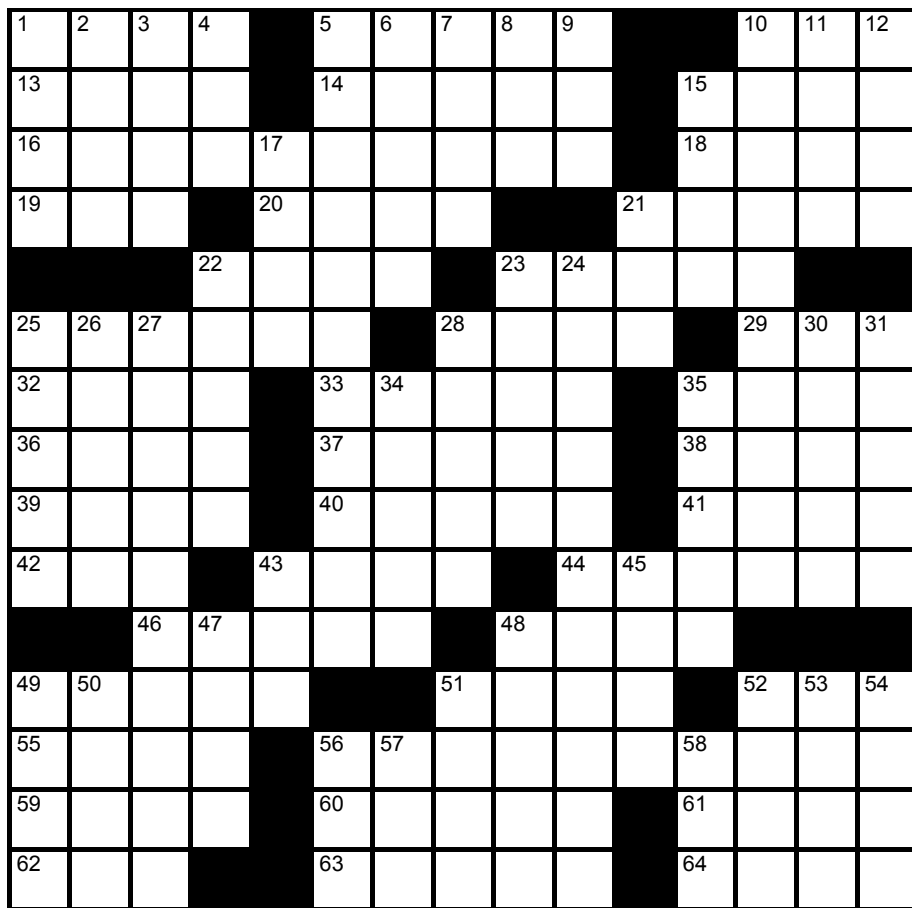
Branch 228's Brianna Trifiletti Graduates With Honors

Brianna K. Trifiletti recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of San Diego with a B.S. in Theology and Religious Studies and International Relations, receiving departmental honors in both. While at USD, Brianna was inducted into various honors societies, most notably Phi Beta Kappa, one of the oldest and most prestigious honor societies in the nation. Brianna was noted as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and the Alcalá 100, which recognizes the top leaders of the graduating class. Brianna was a visiting student at Blackfriars, Oxford University in the United Kingdom, and traveled to both Italy and Slovakia for academic work. Brianna participated in University Ministry and Model United Nations. She served as a freshman academic mentor and volunteer in the wider community, most recently with Alliance for Africa. She spent her summers working for Lorain County Metroparks as a camp counselor. In the coming year, Brianna will be teaching and coaching on the Colville Indian Reservation as a Para-educator with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest and plans to pursue graduate work in the future.



Brianna is the daughter of Tina Trifiletti and the granddaughter of Robert and Kathleen Trifiletti, all of Lorain, OH. Brianna is also a member of St. John the Baptist, Branch 228.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Gloomy atmosphere
- 5 Bouquet
- 10 Canine command
- 13 French girlfriend
- 14 Wall painting
- 15 Tender
- 16 Musical play, of sorts
- 18 Chester Arthur's middle name
- 19 Supplement, with "out"
- 20 Change for a five
- 21 African antelope
- 22 Abhor
- 23 Title holder
- 25 American elk
- 28 Allies' foe
- 29 High degree
- 32 Seed coat
- 33 Burdened
- 35 Couple
- 36 Fender blemish
- 37 Bridges in movies
- 38 Diarist Frank
- 39 Fraternity letters
- 40 Buenos ____
- 41 Lyra's brightest star
- 42 Dry, as wine
- 43 Genesis garden
- 44 Followed, like a dog
- 46 Acrylic fiber
- 48 Scuba gear
- 49 Luau dances
- 51 Bank claim
- 52 Barley brew
- 55 At a distance
- 56 Public transport
- 59 Went by taxi
- 60 Bawl out
- 61 ____ Preminger

Down

- 62 Al Jolson's real first name
- 63 Glazier's items
- 64 Applies
- 35 Covers a road
- 43 1997 U.S. Open champ
- 45 Fem. suffix
- 47 Pink, as a steak
- 48 Young lady, in France
- 49 Japanese statesman
- 50 Flying saucers
- 51 "Crazy" bird
- 52 Plays a part
- 53 Recent
- 54 Love god
- 56 Recipe amount (Abbr.)
- 57 Color TV pioneer
- 58 Not me
- 1 Stride
- 2 In a frenzy
- 3 Citrus fruit
- 4 Floral necklace
- 5 Poe's *The Cask of ____*
- 6 Indian coin
- 7 Mine finds
- 8 Deface
- 9 ____ maison (indoors) (Fr.)
- 10 Energy collector
- 11 Persia, now
- 12 Take care of, like sheep
- 15 Ad headline
- 17 Jacket
- 21 Naval officer (Abbr.)
- 22 Sword handles
- 23 Daisy variety
- 24 Auto parts
- 25 Walks in water
- 26 Narrow ridge
- 27 Coconut drink
- 28 Deck out
- 30 Flexible joint
- 31 Great fear
- 34 ET, for one

**SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

HOME OFFICE
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

The SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States of America and Canada will be held on Friday, October 17 - Saturday, October 18, 2014.

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 following the Board Meeting.

All correspondence relative to the Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt, and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to October 13, 2014.

For any additional information contact the Home Office at (216) 642-9406 or (800) JEDNOTA.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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CONGRATULATIONS

2014

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National Chaplain -- Rev. Thomas A. Nasta
 National President – Andrew M. Rajec
 National Vice President – Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
 Executive Secretary – Kenneth A. Arendt
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 Auditors – Raymond G. Lako, John J. Leskovyansky Jr.,
 and Leonard Zilko
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 Karen M. Engle Sterling
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 Secretary of the Supreme Court -- Joanne Engle Austin

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 Andrew P. Rajec.

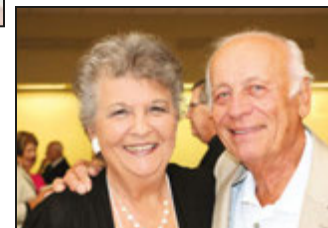
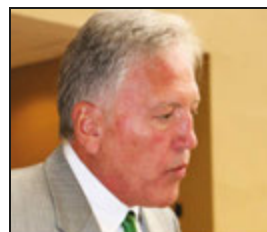
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Emeritus Awards:

The First Catholic Slovak Union recognizes and thanks the following officers for their years of service to the Society:

Regis Brekovsky, Regional Director Emeritus
 George F. Matta, National Treasurer Emeritus
 Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director Emeritus
 Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director Emeritus



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Quadrennial Convention of the the United States and Canada



coverage in the next issue of Jednota

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2014, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Ave., NE & 2nd Street. The agenda will include officers' reports, schedule of activities for 2015, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at 1:00PM.

The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2015.

Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

Mary Jo Rubino, Secretary

BRANCH 24- CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will hold a branch meeting at 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 23, 2014 at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd. (Rt. 21) in Independence, OH. Free parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square. Refreshments will be served.

The agenda will include the election of officers for 2015.

Please phone activities director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00 PM if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 153- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold our annual meeting on Saturday, October 11, at CHAMBERS, 6881 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 am with lunch to follow. All members are invited.

The agenda will include: Election of officers, Membership, Charitable Donations and other business. Please call (773) 763-0810, if you plan to attend.

In November, we remember our deceased members. In your prayers, please remember the following deceased members who have passed away during the past year:

Mary Massura
Ann Zigmond
Philip Kloster
Irene Kramer
Patricia Bade

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at 1:15 P.M., at Hibachi Grill and Sushi Supreme Buffet, Town Square Mall, 2433 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of the Convention in Philadelphia, the District Meeting and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8034 or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 23, 2014, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 169P – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Society, Branch 169P, will have a meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Slivosky resident: 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, PA. All members are welcome. The meeting starts at 1:00PM.

Betty Slivosky, Secretary

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold a meeting on September 20, 2014, immediately following the district meeting on St. Florian Church grounds, 4261 Rt. 981, United, PA, 15689. On the agenda: replacement of the treasurer.

Gerry Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 19, 2014, starting at 1:00PM. The meeting will be held at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Drive, Latrobe, PA, 15650. For more information, call 724-539-8326.

Micki Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382K, will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Branch President Frank M. Slovenkai, Jr. will convene the meeting at noon in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

The agenda will include reports of the officers. Delegates will report on the 50th Quadrennial Convention of the FCSU as well as the District 17 picnic and meeting. Information from the home office will be disseminated. The body will discuss charitable donations and future activities.

Election of officers for 2015 will take place. Refreshments will be provided.

All Branch 382K members are encouraged to attend. The officers remind all members that "Fraternalism is a family affair."

In addition to President Frank, the other Branch 382K officers include Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, vice president; Michael J. Czankner, secretary; Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., treasurer; and John J. Slovenkai, Sr., financial secretary.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President

BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 393, the St. Joseph Society, will hold a meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at the New City Buffet, 5142 State Rt. 30, Suite 175, Greensburg, PA, 15601. All members are invited. For reservations, contact Mary Ann Nalevanko at 724-834-6386.

Mary Ann Nalevanko, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553 will be holding the following events. Please mark your calendar now so you won't miss out on the activities of your branch.

September 28 - Branch Lodge Meeting will be held at the Slovak "J" Club 485 Morgan Ave Akron, Ohio 44311

October 1st - Branch 553 Spaghetti Dinner at the Slovak "J" Club from 4:30pm till 7:00pm.

October 4th - 2nd Annual Oktoberfest at the Slovak "J" Club with music by Eric Noltkamper.

Starts at 3:00pm till 7:00pm further details will follow at a later date.

November 5th -Branch 553 Monthly Spaghetti Dinner at the Slovak "J" Club from 4:30pm-7pm.

November 23 - Branch Lodge Meeting will be held at the Slovak "J" Club at 2:00PM for the election of officers.

December 7th - Annual Vilija Celebration - details will be published at a later date.

Hope to see everyone at these upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandie Klucar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Sunday Oct. 5, 2014, after the 9:30 mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall at 529 Grant Ave Ext. West Mifflin, PA. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Financial Sec.

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

September is here and so are many fall events at Tatra Hall. Remember burritos are the 1st and 3rd Thursday's. Breakfast is back on the 4th Sunday of each month. On the 2nd and 4th Friday's stop by for chili dogs or grill cheese and soup.

Respectively,

Cindy Bellefeuil, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 706 – ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS

The St. Anthony of Padua Branch 706 will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, October 24, 2014, at 3:00pm at the home of Arthur and Barbara Fayta, 1544 Rokosz Lane, Dyer, Indiana. If you plan on attending, please call Barbara at 219-864-8251, so arrangements for refreshments can be made. Dinner will follow the meeting. On the agenda discussion

on insurance sales and new business will be discussed. If you have moved or know of a member that has moved; please send us their address so we may update our files.

Fraternally,

Barbara Fayta, Vice President

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold an Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York City.

On the agenda will be a financial report and discussion of plans for next season.

Delicious refreshments will be served after the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH 746 - LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will host a meeting and Fall Luncheon in lieu of the annual picnic on Sunday, October 12 at 1pm at Luciano's Ristorante located at 1579 Main Street in Rahway, NJ. The meeting will commence promptly at 1pm followed by a luncheon. The meeting's agenda will include discussion of the 2014 Convention, upcoming Lancaster trip, and future branch activities. All members are encouraged to attend however, RSVP is required to Mrs. Mary Karch at 732-572-2331 by Monday, October 6th.

Sabina Sabados, President

The 2014 Lučina Slovak Gala...

An Evening in the Heart of Europe

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Holy Spirit Party Center
5500 W. 54th Street, Parma, OH, 44129

Featuring:

The Lučina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland

Lučinka Children's Ensemble

Veselica Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Chicago

TICKETS: \$50/Person

\$360/Table of 8

\$40/Person under 21

Limited Seating! Only 300 seats available. Advanced sales only.

No tickets sold at the door.

Ticket includes:

Entertainment

Full-course dinner with 3 entrees & Dessert

Open bar

Followed by live music from Veselica for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Raffles & gift baskets throughout the evening

Doors open: 6:00PM

Dinner: 6:30PM

Program: 7:30PM

For tickets call: Tom Ivanec, 440-668-7797

Christine Matis-Hearn, 440-655-8244

Jenna Allen, 440-439-4119



DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District will hold its Annual Meeting & Election of Officers on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Location: the Missionary Benedictine Convent at 5900 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. All branches are urged to send delegates to the meeting. We will enjoy a delicious catered dinner. Individual Jednota members who are interested in becoming more active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call District 2 President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810.

Robert Tapak Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT - WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2014. It will follow the 5:00P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. The meeting will take place in the Formation Room of the Convent. On the agenda: election of officers for 2015; discussion of the Convention outcome; and plans for our annual Stedry Vecer. We encourage all branches to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at Ss Cyril & Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314. The meeting is hosted by Branch 743. Refreshments will be served directly after the 11:30AM Mass in the Heritage Room. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM in the Heritage Room, followed by lunch. RSVP the number of delegates from your branch by October 15, 2014, to Joseph Rimarcik, Jr., at 586-254-0225. The agenda will include: report on the national convention; election of officers. District President Robert Kristofik encourages all branches to send delegates to represent their branch. Reminder: branches must attend these meeting in order to get branch compensation.

Anna Magusin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 - THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The annual Fall/Winter meeting of the FCSU/Pittsburgh District is still in the planning phase. The meeting will include officers' reports, discussion of district business, and planning for meetings and events in 2015. District Officers for 2015 will be elected at this meeting.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meeting, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library. Topics are: October 6: Slovaks of the North Side, November 3: Dances & Songs of Eastern Slovakia, December 1: Ellis Island, January 5: Wood Carvings, February 2: Researching and Publishing Slovak Family History, March 2: Slovak Easter Customs. Consider joining the WPSCA and get their newsletter.

** "Christmas in September," Saturday, September 27, 11 AM to 5 PM at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA

** 32nd Slovak Radio Hour Annual Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 4, at the Slovak Sokol Club, 2912 E Carson St, Pittsburgh, PA. Call 412-421-1204 for tickets.

** 4th Annual WPSCA European Beer Tasting, Saturday, October 11, from 1 to 4 PM at the Sonoma Grill at 947 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Call 412-343-5031 for information and reservations.

** The Pitt Slovak Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, November 2 at the Cathedral of Learning, noon to 5 PM.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in the fall & spring. Call Joe Senko at 412-956-6000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is open Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

Anyone with additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice should send information to manasta@verizon.net

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT - BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMERSET AND BEDFORD COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at Hoss's Restaurant, Wayne Avenue, Indiana, PA, beginning at 2:00PM. St. Joseph's Society, Branch 484 will host the meeting. For directions, phone 724-479-8181 or 724-479-2298. Earlier Holy Mass will be offered for the living and deceased members of the district. On the agenda will be the election of officers and reports on the national convention. Branches can pay their dues at this meeting. All branches are urged to send delegates to this meeting. Late October is a beautiful time in Pennsylvania, so enjoy the trip to Indiana.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at the K-2 Engineering Conference Room on Pittsburgh St., Uniontown, PA, at 1 o'clock P.M.

Details and the results of the convention will be relayed especially to those who were unable to attend the convention in Philadelphia. Fraternaly,

Barbara A. Holly, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 10 - REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

The final meeting for the Rev. Stephen Furdek District 10 will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311 at 2:00 pm. All members of District 10 are invited to attend, we will be electing our officers for the 2015 year. Come take an actively participate in your District, your participation counts.

If you are planning on attending this meeting please contact Linda Hanko to make your reservation:

Email	lhanko@neo.rr.com
Home	330-706-0151
J Club Office	330-773-4978

Please have your reservation in my Friday, October 10th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully submitted

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 - MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Time and place are 1:00 PM at the C.U. Club, 910 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226.

Headquarters personnel will present an Insurance Seminar and a luncheon will be served for all attendees. Each Branch of District 11 should plan to send at least one representative (officer, member, family member) to the meeting. Other Region V members involved or interested in Jednota insurance are welcome to come hear the latest information on products and sales.

We also cordially invite attendance by anyone from our neighboring Districts and Regions. All Branches representatives and others interested in attending the event, please identify yourselves to Grace Charney, District 11 Secretary, at (724) 664-7185 by Oct 20 for meal planning.

Reminders:

- Per FCSU By-Laws, Branch representation at one (1) District meeting per year is required to qualify for receipt of the annual Branch membership stipend and to be eligible for delegates to the quadrennial convention.
 - District attendance information is submitted to Headquarters in February each year.
 - There is no requirement that Branch representation at District meetings be by officers of the Branch; any beneficial member who attends District meetings satisfies this By-Law requirement.
- Thank you.

Grace M. Charney, District Secretary

DISTRICT 16 - MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA - NEW YORK CITY

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold an Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at 1:00PM in the Rectory, St. Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th, 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

On the agenda will be a financial report as well as a discussion of activities and other business.

We urge all district branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU - not just branch representatives - are welcome.

Delicious refreshments, compliments of Branch 716, will be served after the meeting. Fraternaly,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 17 - LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA AND BROOME COUNTY, NY

The District's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014, with Mass at 12:15PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, followed by dinner at 1:00PM; meeting at 2:00PM. Reservations should be made with President Michael Slovenkai at (570) 342-7562.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. If interested in holding a position you may be nominated from the floor and everyone has this opportunity. Branch members should plan to attend to be aware of District events and current Home Office information. Become interested and active. Are your District dues up to date?

Keep fraternalism alive!!!

Fraternaly,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

Mark Your Calendars:

The following FCSU Sales Seminar
has been finalized ...

An FCSU Sales Seminar will be held on:

- **Sunday, October 26, 2014** at the Slovak Club in Ford City, PA. The seminar will be held directly after the Monsignor Joseph Tiso District, District 11's, meeting at 2:00PM.

Editor's note: please watch for details of these meetings in upcoming issues of Jednota, as well as other pending seminars, time and place to be announced.





Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.



Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001P	Adam R Ugrlavitch Jr	085K	Andrew J Patrick	312K	Richard W. Dell, Sr.	682K	Frank J Gustinella
003K	John T Kordiak	086K	Frank J Brodak	313K	Richard J Furdek	682K	Mary A Repasky
005P	William J Loyack Jr	152K	Thomas B Velgus	313K	Joseph Mokos	738K	Andrew E Elias
006K	John S. Zajac	166K	Frank S Butkiewicz	315K	Barbara C Dudas	746K	Dorothy Wallis
010K	Theresa D Metrisko	166K	Mary Rose Krahula	382K	Mary Santoski	764K	Betty B Hake
016P	Alexander Steckman	181K	Leonard S Butala	388K	William J Forish Jr	855K	Mary J Thornton
023K	Gustave Laco	228K	Gerald D Boone	419K	David Peter Rowker	890K	Walter J Zarichak
023K	William E Smedo	238K	Joseph John Hudak	450K	Helen M Winn	900K	Margaret Cherniack
040K	Ralph B Kolesar	240P	Joseph M Fabian	493K	Anthony C Hlinka	924K	Louise K Rigger
040K	Wanda E Redd	240P	Mark J Prokopovitch	512K	George R Yurko	926K	Robert R Johnson
041K	John P Oleskovic	260K	Margaret C Urchak	543K	Sr Dorothy L Bendik		
060K	Arthur Brunazzi	293K	Joan M Lesisko	553K	Janet Lynn Kacsanek- Dougherty		
083K	Ann T Matejcek	294K	Michael R Dzurishin	567K	Stephen I Stupak		
085K	John Methodius Milko	299K	Roy E Kooney	633K	Ann M Popovich		

*Processed through the month of August 2014

OBITUARIES

JOHN J. PUSTI, JR.

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

John J. Pusti Jr., 84, of Hazleton, PA, passed away Wednesday morning, July 16, 2014.

Born Jan. 26, 1930, in Hazleton, he was the son of the late John and Pauline (Parish) Pusti.

A Korean War veteran of U.S. Naval service, he served aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB-42).

A second-generation funeral director, he was a graduate of the former Eckels College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia. He was the owner and operator of the John J. Pusti Funeral Home for 59 years.

He was a very active member of the former Holy Trinity Slovak Roman Catholic Church, and a current member of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 200, of Hazleton, the Hazleton Pioneer Fire Company No. 1, the American Legion Post 76, of Hazleton, the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, and the Luzerne County Funeral Directors Association.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary J. Barna, to whom he had been married for the past 64 years; his sons, John J. Pusti III, Hazleton; Robert J. Pusti and his wife, Maureen, Enola; and James E. Pusti Sr. and his wife, Mary, Hazleton; his daughter, Dr. Janine A. Pusti-Graver, M.D., and her husband, James, Hazleton; his grandchildren, John J. Pusti IV, Janet D. Neaman and her husband, Jeremy, Michele C. Pusti, James E. Pusti Jr., Jessica M. Pusti, Stacey K. Pusti and Michael R. Pusti; his great-granddaughter, Melody May Baldassari; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 19, 2014, in Holy Rosary R.C. Church, Hazleton, at 9 a.m. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Drums. As per John's wishes, there was no public visitation.

Arrangements are under the direction of John J. Pusti Funeral Home Inc., Hazleton.

- Submitted by Mary Pusti

GUS LACO

BRANCH 23 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

At 91 yrs., God has called Gus Frank Laco home on July 18, 2014. He was a lifelong resident of Johnstown since August 28, 1922. Predeceased by parents, Karol & Ethel Laco, wife of 66 years, Betty, daughter, Regina, brothers John, Charlie, Pete (Lt. Col. Retired, USAF) and sisters Mary & Ethel (Sister M. De-Lourdes). Survived by brother, Joe & wife Ruth, sister, Marge Gyauch; son, Frank & wife Elaine; 3 grandchildren, Frank, Steven, Kathy and 1 great grandchild, J.T. Also survived by many nephews and nieces. His wife Betty passed in May 2011. Betty was a renowned quilter. She earned many First Place Ribbons. Some of her handmade quilts were purchased and sent to nine states. She was a member of the Log House Quilters in Westmont. Once she worked on a special quilt with other quilters and it is on display at the Log House. He was an honor graduate (A's & B's) from the 1940 class of Johnstown High School, but was never inducted into the National Honor Society. (The 1940 class was the largest class in school history) Gus served in WWII (Army Air Corp. in Langley, Virginia) He retired in 1983 as a machinist at Bethlehem Steel for 42 years. Gus was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He earned a hunter of the year award and several trophies, the most outstanding one being his harvesting of a Pennsylvania elk on November 13th 2003, which made him the oldest hunter to bag an elk in PA since the civil war. He still holds that record. A Life member of the NRA, Catholic War Vets, Daisytown Sportsman Club, Greater Fendale Sportsman Club and Piney Mountain Sportsman Club, Mount Savage, Maryland. A Faithful Member: Am-Slo Club, (he was the youngest member when the club started, and now he is the oldest member), St. Clair / Tremont Sportsman Club, Slovak Band Hall, Croation Hall, Daisytown Fire Co.,



V.F.W., Charter member of National Turkey Foundation (Laurel Chapter), Former member of Laurel Run Sportsman (New Germany, PA), Retired Men's Club, Johnstown, Glen Savage Sportsman's Club, Somerset County (joined on the 1st. National Hunting and Fishing Day).

Parishioner of St John Gaulbert Cathedral Parish where the Funeral Mass was held 10am Tuesday, September 2, 2014, with the Very Rev. James F. Crookston officiating. Committal to Grandview Cemetery followed. Friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept 1, 2014, at the Francis G. Ozog Funeral Home, Johnstown, PA where a vigil for the deceased was held.

- Submitted by Frank Laco

EDWIN J. BACH

BRANCH 762 - WHITING, INDIANA

Edwin Joseph Bach, 63, of Whiting, passed away unexpectedly on Friday morning, July 25, 2014. Ed was born in East Chicago, IN on July 17, 1951. Before moving to Whiting, he lived in Chicago, IL. Culver, IN, and Ramey, PA. The eldest of four children, Ed is survived by his parents, Edwin Louis and Barbara Child Bach. Ed graduated from Culver Military Academy, where he loved playing polo and demonstrated his equestrian skill by riding with the Black Horse Troop in the inaugural parade of President Nixon. Afterwards, he continued his formal education at DePaul University and was on the DePaul golf team. Ed traveled extensively in his youth, and especially enjoyed any outdoor physical activity. Ed was married on November 28, 1981 at Immaculate Conception Church in Whiting, to his eternal sweetheart, Beth Anne Williams, whom he had met during his years in Pennsylvania. He has now joined his in-laws, Mary and John Williams, with whom Ed enjoyed countless delightful adventures. The father of Rachel and Amelia, Ed loved spending time with his beloved daughters. Together, they enjoyed cheering on the Bears, Bulls, and White Sox. Ed was thrilled with the addition of Thomas Gresko to the family when Thomas and Amelia married last year. Ed had a deep love for all his family and had a special bond with his sister, Mary Jane Overmyer, his nephew, Andrew, and his uncle, the late Rev. Milan Fred Bach. Ed worked at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for over 25 years. He was employed

by several financial firms working in various roles, including as a commodity trader. Proud of his Slovak heritage, Ed served as a Fraternal Insurance Counselor for the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union, and the Czechoslovakian Society of America. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Sokol and Slovak Clubs of Whiting, and a parishioner of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Whiting. Always the first to crack a smile, Ed will be sorely missed by all who found themselves at the end of one of his jokes. Ed was particularly gifted at bestowing nicknames on those family and friends he loved and was willing to help anyone who asked for assistance. Mostly, he loved his wife and daughters with his whole heart. A Memorial Mass was offered at Immaculate Conception Church, Whiting, on Friday, August 1, 2014 with the Rev. Stanley J. Dominik officiating. At Ed's request, services were private. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Baran Funeral Home.

DONALD J. KUSNIR BRANCH 888K – WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Donald J. Kusnir, age 81, of West Palm Beach, FL, Founding member of Branch 888K passed away Sunday, August 10, 2014 at his home. Mr. Kusnir was the Past President of Branch 888K and was an area resident since 1964, having come from Warren, OH. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was predeceased by his wife, Bertha Kusnir and granddaughter, Ashley Carpenter. He will be lovingly remembered by his family, including his daughters, Donna L. Carpenter and Sharon M. James (Phillip), his grandchildren, Jonathon, Christopher and Whitney, his great-grandchildren, Cayden and Colton, his brothers, Thomas Kusnir and John Kusnir, his sister, Dorothy D'Andrea. Inurnment with military honors took place at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.

- Submitted by David Rafaidus,
Branch 888K



Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com

Focus on Fraternalism

A Tribute to Albert Figura Sr.

On the home page of the Jednota website one would read "Education, faith and service gives us equality, fraternalism and freedom, in a word Jednota".

Brother Albert Figura of Yonkers New York lived this mission because it was patterned in his life from the day of his birth on July 25, 1928 thru the day of his death on May 30, 2014.

He, like so many Slovak American people, was the child of Slovak immigrants. His parents Baltazar and Susan (Fecko) Figura courageously and individually emigrated from Slovakia to the United States as young teenagers in 1904. After meeting in Yonkers they married and settled in the Slovak Parish of The Most Holy Trinity. The Figura's raised their seven children, Albert being the youngest, within this Slovak parish, sending them to Most Holy Trinity Parish School and enrolling them as members of what was then the Junior Branch of The Jednota Branch 41. Albert learned from his parents, his family, his parish and his Jednota that family, faith, education, and service were pillars of life in America. He learned that life will have its ups and downs but these pillars will allow you to enjoy the ups and will stabilize you



and move you forward during the downs.

After serving in the Korean Conflict Albert returned to Yonkers and worked as a master plumber. He met Margaret Kuderna. They were married on August 18, 1956 at Most Holy Trinity Church and settled down raising their six children based on the same four pillars that he had been raised with. The family would remain parishioners of Most Holy Trinity, the children would attend Most Holy Trinity School and each would become members of the Jednota.

His family was his greatest joy. Albert and

his wife Margaret enjoyed 57 years of marriage together. A true, unconditional love; soul mates whose love brought about six children Albert (Barbara), Joanne (Paul) Fialkovic, John (Tricia), Edward (Denise), Robert (Maria) and Patricia (Frank) Sciortino. He also was so very proud of each his 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His family appreciated and respected his years of service to Jednota Branch 41. Two of his children and his son-in-law took on leadership roles within Branch 41. Presently his daughter Joanne Fialkovic serves as Financial Secretary, His son Robert as Auditor and his son-in-law Paul Fialkovic as Branch President.

Albert demonstrated that service to the church community, to the fraternal community and to our civic community was to be completed with devotion and with pride yet in a humble manner. It was for decades that Albert served as an usher at Most Holy Trinity Church. It was only because of his recent illness prior to his death that he had to give up this job. He also served on many church committees' throughout his life including the Parish Finance Committee. For over 40 years Albert was dedicated to serving Jednota Branch 41 as its Financial Secretary. He served as a delegate to many of the fraternal conventions and volunteered to be a part of or serve as a leader in many of the organizations fraternal events. His civic pride was seen from his early days when he

attempted to enlist in World War II at the age of 17 only to be rejected and later accepted in the Korean Conflict. His civic duties remained an active part of his life in Yonkers.

A most beautiful Mass of Christian Burial was offered for Albert at Most Holy Trinity on June 2, 2014. A fitting place for this parish was his home for his whole life. It was beautiful to see his funeral entourage met at the church doors by one of his closest friends, the past president of Jednota Branch 41, John Fialkovic, leading the funeral procession as the cross bearer. The pastor of Most Holy Trinity, Father George Oonnoony said a beautiful mass bringing solace to the family and friends who had gathered. The members of the Church Choir sang beautiful English and Slovak hymns. On this bright beautiful June morning Albert was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery on a hill overlooking where he grew up and where he learned and lived those important pillars of life: family, faith, education and service. All who knew Brother Albert Figura would most definitely say that his was a complete life, a life well lived. We can feel so confident that because of the pillars that were cemented in his life, at the time of his death he was greeted by His Heavenly Father and told "Well done my good and faithful servant! Well done! Now come and enter into my Heavenly Kingdom".

- Submitted by Robert Figura, Branch 41

Scenes from Branch 493's Semi-Annual Meeting & Luncheon

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, held its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on August 2, 2014, at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont, IL, a suburb of Chicago. Attendees gathered at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting was held at 2:00 pm, with a delicious family-style dinner following.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch Financial Secretary



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The Pilgrimage Site of the Patroness of Slovakia: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows

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This year in 2014, a special odpust (pilgrimage) took place at Šaštín from September 12-15, for it marks the 450th anniversary of the Marian apparitions. The banner in the picture is placed in all churches across Slovakia for this special celebration. Radio Lumen will broadcast the Holy Mass from 10-11 am on September 16 (4-6pm EST in the USA and Canada) on the website, <http://www.lumen.sk/>. Just click on "Naživo" for a live broadcast. The program for the weekend pilgrimage's events may be found at the official website: <http://www.bazilika.sk/narodnaput>. The site also includes an optional English translation.

The Town of Šaštín-Stráže

Situated in the Trnava region of western Slovakia, Šaštín-Stráže lies between the Myjava Hills and the Záhorie Lowland, not far from Moravia. The Myjava River separates the two parts of the town. Šaštín is situated about 18 km from Senica and 65 km, or about an hour, from the Slovak capital, Bratislava. Although the two parts of the town, Šaštín and Stráže nad Myjavou were for long two separate villages, their history is closely connected to each other. The villages merged to create Šaštínske Stráže in 1961; in 1971 to the current name of Šaštín-Stráže was adopted. In 2001, the joined villages officially became a town.

According to the 2001 census, the town counted 5,005 inhabitants. Of these, over 95% are Slovaks, 2% Roma, and 1.50% Czechs. Over 88% of Šaštín-Stráže's residents are Roman Catholics, 1.34% Lutherans, and 7.31% people listed no religious affiliation.

Historical Background

Historians and archaeologists have found the earliest evidence of settlement in the Šaštín area from the second half of the 10th century until about 1250. The town's official history dates back to the early 13th century; its oldest record dates from 1218, when the Hungarian King Emeric II (Imrich, in Slovak) granted the property of the Lebény Benedictine Monastery to the Győr family. The name of the town derived from the Magyar word "sás," (meaning šašina or trstie in Slovak), a reference to the marshy grass (reeds) with solid stems in the marshy wetlands area where the town started.

During the Middle Ages, the settlement served as a vital part of the Székely border defense of the Hungarian Kingdom. Therefore, the village has historical connections with the Székely ethnic group, which originated from southern Hungary and the Vojvodina area of contemporary Serbia.

In the late 14th century, Šaštín acquired the formal privileges associated with the status of a town. Aside from serving as the site of several battles and the home to a thriving craft industry, Šaštín did not have any special economic significance until the 18th century. Acquired by the emperor due to outstanding debts, Habsburg Empress Maria Theresa's husband, Francis of Lorraine, used this newly acquired estate for business purposes. He had a calico textile factory (kartúnka) built there and it soon became one of largest enterprises in central Europe. By acquiring a monopoly of the business in the empire, it would employ over 20,000 domestic spinners and foreign skilled workers. The crown sold the factory to the Viennese banker, Johann Puthon, in the 1780s. It continued to prosper until the late 19th century, when the business declined due to competition during the industrial revolution.

Apparitions of the Virgin Mary

Šaštín had no special religious significance until 1564, when the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Sorrows, first appeared to Angelika Bakičová, the wife of a landowner by the name of Imrich Czobor. The apparition occurred while she was praying for her intercession to deal with some personal trials in her life.

In thanksgiving for answering her prayers, Pani Bakičová commissioned an unknown artist to sculpt a wooden statue of the Pieta theme (A grieving Mary holding her deceased son Jesus after the crucifixion) at the place of the apparition. Soon afterwards, word spread of her vision, and the faithful from nearby towns and villages began to visit the site as a place of pilgrimage. Before long, pilgrims from far away heard of the apparition and also started to make longer journeys to Šaštín in order to pay homage to Our Sorrowful Mother. A small triangular Marian chapel was then built to house the statue in the late 16th century.

During the long series of wars with the invading Ottoman Turks, the statue was moved in 1654 for protection to the Chapel of St. Imrich, in a nearby manor house. It did not return to its original chapel until 1710. Once returned to its original chapel, the statue again attracted throngs of pilgrims who credited Our Lady of Sorrows for many spiritual and physical miracles of healing.

Official Church Recognition

Not until the early 18th century did the Catholic Church officially grant its approval for public worship at the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows. Recognition involved an extensive official Church investigation. On August 25, 1732, the statue was moved to the Loreto Chapel of the town church. In the meantime, an official Church commission verified as many as 726 proven miracles associated with the statue.

Finally in 1732, Archbishop Imrich Eszterházy in Esztergom, the center of Ca-



(L - R) Dr. Jana Pekaričková, director of SAS with Dr. Michael Kopanic in front of the Stastin statue



Stastin Coat of Arms



The Stastin Basilica

tholicism in Hungary, sanctioned the chapel in Šaštín as an official place of pilgrimage, and Pope Urban VIII confirmed its sanctity. The statue returned to its original location in the triangular chapel, under the care of Rev. Ján Schon. A throng of over 20,000 people gathered to celebrate the first Holy Mass at the chapel. This sealed its sanctity as place of worship for centuries to come.

Building the Basilica and Adjacent Monastery

The Pauline religious order received responsibility to minister and take care of the shrine starting in 1733. Upon arriving in Šaštín, the Paulines decided to build a church to accommodate pilgrims and a monastery to house the clergy. The cornerstone for the new church was laid on July 16, 1736. Johann Damian and later Matej Vepý from Vienna directed its construction. The builders completed construction of the main part of the basilica and its roof in 1748, and three years later, the adjoining monastery was completed. The main nave is 13 meters in width, and an arcaded corridor joins the basilica with the monastery.

Once the building was finished, attention turned to the decoration of the interior. In 1757, the Austrian court painter, Jean-Joseph Chamant, adorned the basilica ceiling and the side altars with a series of colorful frescoes and murals. Another important Austrian master of the era, Johann Lucas Kracker, painted three side altars of the basilica.

During the reign of Empress Maria Theresa, the renowned Habsburg imperial architect, Franz Hildebrand, recommended additional adornments, including the construction of a main altar made of red marble and the decoration of the façade of the basilica. The donations of thousands of ordinary people of Slovakia and Maria Theresa's personal contribution funded the project. All was done to prepare for the 200th anniversary of the apparition in 1764.

The official blessing and dedication of the basilica occurred on August 15, 1764. The culmination of the ceremony featured the presentation of the statue at the main altar. In addition to the many thousands of pilgrims who came for the grand event, the attendees at the event sounded like a list of "who's who" in the Habsburg Empire – the Esztergom Archbishop Barkoczi, Empress Maria Theresa and her husband Francis of Lorraine, and many other distinguished clergy and dignitaries.

Other improvements continued in the ensuing years. Just a year later, the bells were blessed and the domes finished. In 1771, a grand lectern was completed, as well as a magnificent organ with 25 variations to fill the basilica with heavenly music. Gradually over time, construction workers completed the side altars and finished the project.

Decline and Revival

When the "enlightened" emperor and reformist Emperor Joseph II (1780-90) dissolved the monasteries in the empire, the basilica became government property. The Paulines fled to Poland in 1786. The Šaštín pastor Jakub Schneider and four chaplains then closed their parish church, moved to the monastery quarters, and took over administering the basilica. The Salesian Order would later take over the ministry of the shrine when the monastery was later reopened after Joseph II's reign.

The next notable event occurred in 1864 – the 300th anniversary of the apparition. In preparation for the event, Deacon Štefan Hřebiček contracted Jozef Bárta from Hodonín to raise the two towers to their current height and renovate the basilica. A grand ceremony took place on September 8, 1864, at which 300 clergy and over 120,000 pilgrims attended. Presided over by the Esztergom Archbishop, Cardinal Ján Scitovský, he placed on the statue a crown of gold blessed by Pope Pius IX.

Šaštín appeared in the news again when the Emperor Franz Joseph paid a visit to the shrine in 1902. But details were lacking about this historic visit.

Next mention of the shrine occurred during World War I, when the bells were hidden to protect them from possible damage or melting down to make weapons. After the war in 1926, the basilica had four more large bells consecrated.

Patroness of Slovakia

The greatest moment for the shrine came the following year in April, when Pope Pius XI declared that Our Sorrowful Mother would be the patroness of Slovakia. In order to acknowledge the Holy See's decision, this patronage, three bishops celebrated a Holy Mass on May 22, 1927, attended by over 40,000 pilgrims.

Improvements to the basilica continued over the next couple decades; in 1929 a new national bell to Our Lady of Seven Sorrows weighed about 5,000 pounds. The next year the basilica acquired electric lighting. During World War II, renovations improved the sanctuary, the organ, and the building itself. Slovaks living in Vienna donated the Stations of the Cross for the shrine.

Editor's Note: This concludes Stastin 2014, Part I. The second part will run in the next issue of Jednota]



(L - R) John Baumgartner, Joseph Miklovic, and Jerry Baumgartner

Branch 109 Helps Honor US Army Capt. Father Emil Kapun

The FCSU "MOTTO – 'For God & Nation – ZA BOHA A NAROD'" precisely describes Medal of Honor Awardee, US Army Capt. Fr. Emil Kapaun - A Catholic priest serving his God and his country as a Military Chaplain; AND, let's add that he is a member of the heritage and culture of our SLAVIC nation!

Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun (April 20, 1916 – May 23, 1951) was a Roman Catholic priest and United States Army chaplain who died as a prisoner of war in the Korean Conflict. Because of his wartime activities, the Roman Catholic Church has declared him a Servant of God, the first stage on the path to sainthood, and on April 11, 2013, President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously to Captain Kapaun. Fr. Kapaun was ordained in 1940 at the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

It is with thanks that I acknowledge the gracious cooperation afforded the St. Louis Branch (109KJ) of the FCSU by Fr. John Horn, S.J, the President-Rector, Fr. David Skillman, Vice-Rector, Reverend Kristian C. Teater, STL Dean of Students and with Ms. Kate Guyol the Development Director of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, who provided their authorization to the FCSU to 'secure' the Medal of Honor, from the US Army, so as to be honorably displayed in the Seminary's Campus Student Union named in Fr. Kapaun's honor.

The Branch contracted with a professional carpenter who crafted, and secured, a locked showcase that holds the MOH in accordance with the strict mandatory specifications directed by the US Army.

The FCSU is enormously privileged to be a contributor to the honoring of Medal of Honor Awardee, US Army Capt. Fr. Emil Kapaun, the seventh chaplain to earn the military's premier award for valor.

Our St. Louis Branch is proud of honoring this Great man, and Slavic colleague, who, to the highest degree, promoted Slovak Catholic values & traditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Miklovic CPA, President, Branch 109KJ

Fr. Gary Hoover, O.S.B. Elected 7th Abbot of St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio

Fr. Gary Hoover, O.S.B., 58, was elected the 7th abbot of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, OH, on, August 6, 2014 during an election held at the monastery which is located at 10510 Buckeye Road on the southeast side of Cleveland. Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., the abbot president of the American-Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine monasteries presided over the election.



Abbot Gary assumed immediate jurisdiction over the community of 30 monks that sponsors Benedictine High School on the same campus. Monks from the abbey staff Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights, Ohio and the monastic community also sponsors Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio. The Benedictine monks came to Cleveland in 1922 from St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois. Other apostolic works of Saint Andrew Abbey include weekend parish assistance in the diocese of Cleveland and maintaining the Slovak Cultural Institute located at the abbey.

Joining the faculty of Benedictine High School in 1980, Abbot Gary taught theology and sociology. From 1989 – 1994 he served as treasurer of Saint Andrew Abbey. In 1996 he assumed the duties of school chaplain, a position that later developed under the title of Director of Spiritual Life. For 18 years he has ministered to Benedictine athletic teams and worked extensively with the student retreat program. During the last two decades he has also assisted on weekends at St. Ambrose and St. Colette's Parishes in Brunswick, Ohio.

He was appointed prior, or second superior, of Saint Andrew Abbey in 2008 by former Abbot Christopher Schwartz, O.S.B. In July of 2013, he was named administrator of the monastic community following the resignation of Abbot Christopher for health reasons. Abbot Gary will be blessed by the bishop in a special Mass at a later date. Abbot Gary, and all the monks of St. Andrew Abbey, are members of Branch 24.



The recently deceased Donald Kusnir received from Branch 888K Officers in recognition of his leadership, dedication and contribution with First Catholic Slovak Union Branch activities. (L - R) FCSU Branch 888K officers - Jonathon Carpenter (Vice - President), Donna Carpenter (Treasurer), Donald Kusnir (seated) and David Rafaidus (President).

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Answer to Puzzle

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer
Rudolph Bernath, Regional Director
(via telephone by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the May 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by George Matta and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented a review of the first quarter 2014 financial report and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Byron White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented his extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report via telephone and Web Ex. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President led a discussion on our current annuity rates. It was decided to keep the rates the same and review them again at the July meeting.

INVESTMENT UPDATES:

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee for its review of the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS Fund, and MAI Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

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

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of May 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 May:

Disbursements for the month of May 2014:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 230,145.99
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 32,282.41
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

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

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, and found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions.

The President invited two representatives of financial institutions to give a presentation to the Executive Committee on their products and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The President stated the information will be reviewed.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President presented a written detailed sales production report on the different regions and the report of our independent agents. This report is always mailed to our Regional Directors for their information. The Vice President stated we are still continuing to recruit new agents and now have 180 agents. Following the report, the Vice President answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President stated he is still scheduling seminars for 2014 and asked the Regional Directors to contact him with available dates.

ADVERTISING:

The Executive Secretary stated we have been advertising the insurance and annuity products in our mailings, on the website, and through e-mail. The Executive Secretary stated we have been utilizing social media more and more to reach our members and our branches.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Executive Secretary gave an update on the convention and stated the planning is going very well and we will have a successful convention.

The President gave an update on the Middletown Memorial Project and stated the contractor is ready to break ground. The President stated the Executive Committee will be kept informed as the project progresses.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

The request for donations and ads 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 President asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to close the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

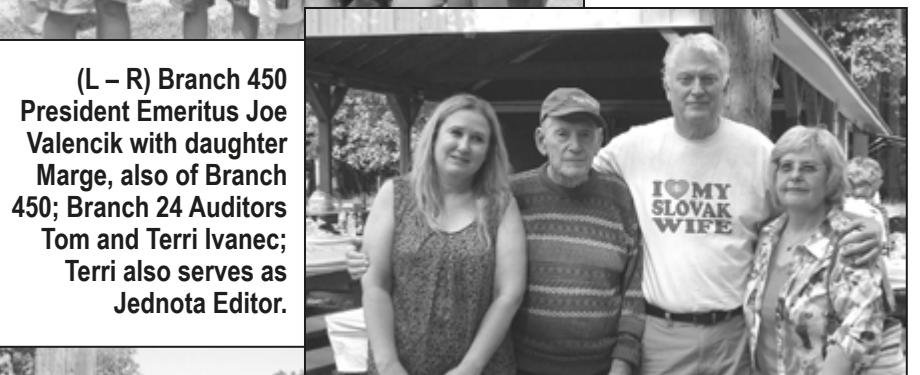
Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Summer Picnic Scenes from the American Slovak Zemplin Club

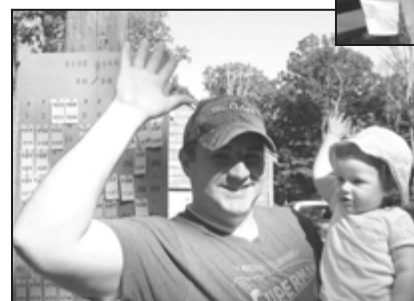
On Sunday, July 20, 2014, from noon until 8:00PM, the American Slovak Zemplin Club held its annual picnic on the Sokol Slovak Campgrounds in Broadview Hts, OH. Picnic attendees, including members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, enjoyed lots of good Slovak food, drink, and entertainment. Music was provided by the popular John Pastirik Band, who played for dancing and listening pleasure throughout the day. Branch 450 President George Carny is also the president of the American Slovak Zemplin Club.



(L – R) Branch 450's George P Carny, Marty and Helen Zemanek; Marge and Joe Gebura



(L – R) Branch 450 President Emeritus Joe Valencik with daughter Marge, also of Branch 450; Branch 24 Auditors Tom and Terri Ivanec; Terri also serves as Jednota Editor.



Branch 450's Richard Carny with daughter Stella Carny, also of Branch 450

Správy zo Slovenska

PREZIDENT: Obchodné záujmy nesmú byť nadradené základným hodnotám slobody

Bratislava 15. augusta (TASR) - Sankcie Európskej únie voči Rusku môžu znamenať istú ekonomickú stratu, ale treba byť pripravení túto stratu prijať. „Obchodné záujmy nesmú byť nadradené základným hodnotám slobody a demokracie,“ napísal dnes na svojej facebookovej stránke prezident SR Andrej Kiska.

Prezident takto komentoval nielen zavedenie sankcie, ale aj diskusiu, ktorá sa o nich vedie aj na Slovensku.

Upozornil, že každý normálny človek si želá spoluprácu a porozumenie, avšak v prípade, ak krajina, akokoľvek veľká a silná, hrubo poruší medzinárodné alebo ľudské práva, musí demokratická časť sveta prijať účinné opatrenia.

Slovensko už podľa neho dvakrát v histórii pocítilo, čo znamená nechať malú krajinu za korisť veľkému, oveľa silnejšiemu susedovi. „V roku 1938 sa rozhodli veľmoci darovať Československo nacistickému Nemecku a dodali mu energiu na ďalšiu expanziu, v roku 1968 sa nás nik nezastal proti komunistickému Sovietskemu zväzu,“ pripomenul.

Z tohto dôvodu si myslí, že SR by mala byť medzi prvými, ktorá vždy bude apelovať na demokratické štáty a vyzývať na spoločný postup. „Ak nestačia slová, treba dať takýmto výzvam väčšiu váhu, v prípade nutnosti napríklad formou ekonomických sankcií voči štátom, ktoré chcú expandovať, diktovať alebo zastrasovať,“ podčiarkol.

Poukázal pri tom na fakt, že tie aktuálne boli prijaté so súhlasom a dohodou všetkých vlád štátov EÚ, pričom inú možnosť nevideli ani tie s najväčšou politickou a ekonomickou autoritou, ako je napríklad Nemecko.

KRÁSNO NAD KYSCOU: Kórejský investor vytvorí 750 pracovných miest

Krásno nad Kysucou 14. augusta (TASR) – Spoločnosť Hyunnam SK s. r. o. vytvorí v prvej fáze výstavby závodu v Krásne nad Kysucou 250 a v druhej fáze 500 pracovných miest pri investícii 12 miliónov eur. Na brífingu po položení základného kameňa o tom dnes informoval minister hospodárstva Pavol Pavlis.

Minister hospodárstva zároveň podpísal memorandum o spolupráci so zástupcom kórejského investora Jong Bum Parkom.

Kórejská investícia znamená podľa primátora Krásna nad Kysucou Jozefa Grapu nielen pre mesto, ale najmä pre Kysuce prínos vo vytvorení nových pracovných miest. „Nielen pre ľudí, ktorí sú nezamestnaní, ale veľa ľudí z Krásna a okolia dochádza do zahraničia, mimo Kysúc, do Bratislavy, do Česka. Stretávam sa v poslednom čase najmä u týchto ľudí s tým, že by radšej mali pracovné miesto tu, aby nemuseli dochádzať. Tie týždňovky, dvojtýždňovky, mesačné a niekedy aj polročné odlúčenia od rodín robia problémy. Či už vzťahové, ale aj pri výchove detí a ďalšie. V tomto je aj sociálny prínos, teda okrem toho, že si tu nájdú prácu a budú môcť byť doma,“ povedal Grapa.

Rozloha pozemku, na ktorom by mala začať v októbri 2014 výstavba závodu je 31.575 metrov štvorcových (m²), plocha samotnej budovy 8500 m². Výrobná linka bude zameraná na plastové odliatky a protihlukový materiál pre spoločnosti Kia a Hyundai, inštalovať by ju mali v novembri 2014. Začiatok produkcie naplánoval kórejský investor na december 2014 a dokončenie výstavby na február 2015. „Prví ľudia by mohli dostať pracovné miesto ako darček pod vianočný stromček, takže by tu mohli byť v decembri. Poslední koncom januára a začiatkom februára,“ doplnil Grapa.

P. PAVLIS: Dvaja investori prinesú do Košíc asi 1000 nových pracovných miest

Košice 26. augusta (TASR) – Dvaja významní investori v najbližšom období prinesú do Košíc asi 1000 nových pracovných miest. Ako dnes v Košiciach informoval minister hospodárstva SR Pavol Pavlis, prvým z nich je Air Berlin zameraný na letecký dizajn, ktorý v prvej fáze vytvorí do konca roka 40 pracovných miest, v ďalších dvoch fázach to bude do 400 pracovných miest.

„Ďalšia investícia sa uskutoční v spoločnosti HOWE, ktorá je tu už etablovaná, ale ide v tejto lokalite vytvoriť dve nové

prevádzky s perspektívou vzniku 600 pracovných miest,“ povedal minister.

Košický primátor Richard Raši ocenil, že do metropoly východného Slovenska prichádzajú nové odvetvia. „V lokalite pri letisku vznikne dizajnové centrum a tiež centrum pre opravu brzd a kolies. Druhá fáza spočíva v rozšírení týchto činností a príprave hangárov na interiérový dizajn lietadiel,“ objasnil Raši. Vysoko vyzdvihol najmä skutočnosť, že v Košiciach sa otvára šanca aj pre iné odvetvia, ako sú železiarska výroba či IT sektor. „Je tu možnosť získať prácu aj pre tých, ktorí nespĺňajú prísne požiadavky na odborné vzdelanie v týchto oblastiach,“ doplnil. Upozornil aj na to, že sa otvárajú nové možnosti pre spoluprácu týchto spoločností z košickým univerzitami. „Aj v súvislosti s tým mesto Košice, Letisko Košice a Manpower zakladajú Aviation cluster, čím sa vytvoria podmienky pre rozvoj leteckého priemyslu,“ podčiarkol Raši.

Generálny riaditeľ košickej pobočky austrálskej spoločnosti HOWE Richard Duda spresnil, že jeho spoločnosť hľadá umiestnenie pre závod prvovýroby spracovania kože a o navýšenie kapacity pre súčasnú výrobu. HOWE sa zameriava najmä na výrobu kožených komponentov pre automobilovú výrobu. Duda pritom vyzdvihol skutočnosť, že práve do Košíc sa sťahujú závod na spracovanie kože, čo podľa neho dáva spoločnosti širšie pole pôsobnosti. „V auguste 2015 by sme mali začať nábor nových pracovníkov,“ vyhlásil. Dodal tiež, že spoločnosť funguje na Slovensku už desať rokov, bez stimulov od vlády SR. „Skutočnosť, že je tu dnes minister hospodárstva, naznačuje, že by sme v budúcnosti mohli začať užšie komunikovať aj o týchto otázkach,“ uzavrel Duda.

ŠKOLSTVO: P. Pellegrini chce mať v poradnom tíme aj zahraničných odborníkov

Bratislava 28. augusta (TASR) – Minister školstva Peter Pellegrini chce mať vo svojom poradnom tíme aj odborníkov zo zahraničia. Šéf rezortu školstva to uviedol v rozhovore pre TASR. Zahraničných odborníkov chce predstaviť aj verejnosti.

„Mám to zatiaľ rozdiskutované a chcel by som mať zástupcu vo svojom poradnom tíme z Fínska, Veľkej Británie a Poľska, ktoré sa naozaj výrazne posunulo v oblasti školstva,“ povedal Pellegrini. Ako dodal, chce mať okolo seba ľudí, ktorí môžu priniesť skúsenosti zo zahraničia.

Jeho predchodca Dušan Čaplovič viackrát hľadal inšpiráciu vo fínskom školskom systéme. Pellegrini tvrdí, že nechce kopírovať nikoho. „My nebudeme nikoho kopírovať, sme samostatná krajina, ktorá má svoje špecifiká, ale aby sme si povyberali, to, čo niekde funguje, možno sa inšpirovať,“ dodal šéf rezortu školstva.

Krasokorčuľovanie: Slováci úspešne zahájili novú súťažnú sezónu

Lubľana 1. septembra (TASR) - Slovenski krasokorčuľari Nicole Rajičová a Jakub Kršíňák štartovali uplynulý víkend na pretekoch Svetového pohára tzv. JGP ISU v slovinskej Lubľane.

Pretekárka ŠKP Bratislava Nicole Rajičová obsadila so stratou 0,13 bodu celkovo 4. miesto, čím dosiahla historicky najlepší výsledok slovenských pretekárov na tomto podujatí. „Vynikajúco jej vyšiel krátky program, po ktorom figurovala na 3. mieste. O miesto na stupni víťazov ju pripravili drobné chyby vo voľnej jazde. Na začiatku sezóny sa zdá, že leto využila na kvalitnú prípravu. Spolu so svojím trénerom Igorom Krokavcom intenzívne spolupracovali s uznávaným ruským trénerom a choreografom Nikolajom Morozovom, ktorý je autorom nového krátkeho programu i voľnej jazdy,“ informoval TASR Tom Rajič.

Rajičová je poslednú sezónu juniorka a svoje štarty na ISU JGP chce využiť na rozjazdenie a predovšetkým na získanie bodov do celkového svetového rebríčka. Zisk 182 bodov z pretekov v Lubľane ju posunul na aktuálne 30. miesto. Najbližšie by sa mala predstaviť na Memoriáli Ondreja Nepelu 1.-5. októbra v Bratislave a po ňom na posledných pretekoch SP juniorov 8.-12. októbra v chorvátskom Záhrebe.



Bratislava očakáva v tomto roku viac ako milión turistov

Najväčšie mesto Slovenska môže v tomto roku navštíviť viac ako milión turistov. Povedal to riaditeľ kancelárie primátora Bratislavy Ľubomír Andrassy.

Podľa jeho slov, doterajší vývoj návštevnosti počas letných mesiacov naznačuje, že hlavné mesto by v roku 2014 mohlo navštíviť viac ako milión turistov. „Táto hranica môže byť dosiahnutá aj vďaka tomu, že dve tretiny turistov sú zo zahraničia a jednu tretinu tvoria domáci návštevníci,“ informoval Andrassy. Ako ďalej uviedol, za prvých sedem mesiacov navštívilo Bratislavu viac ako 600-tisíc hostí. V minulom roku to bolo takmer 950.000 turistov, pričom väčšinu tvorili zahraniční návštevníci. Dlhodobý najväčší záujem o návštevu mesta majú podľa riaditeľa kancelárie primátora Bratislavy Česi, Nemci a Rakúšania. „Samospráva si na zvýšenom záujme turistov môže polepšiť pri výbere dane za ubytovanie a do mestského rozpočtu môžu smerovať bezmála tri milióny eur,“ spresnil Andrassy.

Tvrdí, že najviac informácií o slovenskej metropole a živote v meste získavajú návštevníci z internetu, kde môžu prostredníctvom elektronickej atrakcie Virtuálna Bratislava obdivovať panoramatické zábery mesta.

„Turisti môžu aj v prebiehajúcej sezóne využívať projekt Bratislava City Card, vďaka ktorému získavajú zľavy pri vstupoch do galérií, múzeí či pri cestovaní verejnou dopravou. Mesto poskytuje aj počas tohtoročnej sezóny návštevníkom turistické informácie v troch informačných centrách na letisku M.R. Štefánika, na Hlavnej stanici a v centre mesta,“ dodal Andrassy.

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Pohľad na hlavné mesto SR, Bratislavu z výhľadkovej plošiny kaviarne UFO na Moste SNP nad európskym veľtokom, riekou Dunaj. Na snímke pohľad na polyfunkčnú stavbu River parku s hotelom Kempinski na Dvořákovom nábreží (v popredí dole) a miestnu časť Bratislavy – Dlhé diely (hore).



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Na snímke veriaci počúvajú kázeň počas hlavnej pútnickej svätej liturgie na hore Zvir v Litmanovej 3. augusta 2014.

Pilgrims listen to a sermon during the pilgrimage to Zvir Mountain in Litmanova, August 3, 2014.

Výstava slovenského umelca Olšovského III v New Yorku

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Sabina vo svojom príhovore ďakovala spoluorganizátorom a spolupracovníkom na tomto podujatí, hlavne gen. konzulke Jane Trnovcovej, Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Assn a českej a slovenskej rade solidarity. Ďalej oboznámila prítomných s umeleckou kariérou P. Olšovského III a s prácou a programom SAKS-u.

Nasledovali krátke príhovory generálnej konzulky SR Jany Trnovcovej a umelca Pavla Olšovského III, po ktorých nasledovala prehliadka vystavovaných maliieb.

Program večera spestril slovenský profesionálny klavirista Peter Fančovič, ktorý pred príchodom do USA pôsobil ako sólista v Bratislavskom komornom orchestri. V Amerike získal viaceré ocenenia. Medzi nimi je aj prvenstvo v súťaži na výročnom koncerte Manhattan School of Music.

Večierok sa skončil recepciou, na ktorej sa organizačne aj materiálne podieľal aj Gen. konzulát SR v New Yorku.

Akademický maliar P. Olšovský III sa narodil na Slovensku. Pochádza z rodiny talentovaných umelcov. Do Spojených štátov prišiel s rodičmi vo veku 11 rokov. Od mladých rokov sa venoval umeniu. V r. 2011 získal diplom BFA na Rutgers univerzite a následne aj diplom MFA na New York Academy of Arts.

Slovensko-americké stredisko bolo založené v roku 1967. Organizuje kultúrne večierky a predstavenia pre slovenských umelcov a usporiada slovenské plesy. Každoročne poskytuje štipendium pre talentovaných študentov na Slovensku v spolupráci s americkou City University, ktorá má sídlo v Seattle, WA, ale má aj odbočky aj na Slovensku. Záujemci, ktorí by chceli so SAKS-om spolupracovať alebo sa stať jeho členmi, môžu získať ďalšie informácie u predsedníčky Z. Krčmarovej: tel. 973-357-1209, email zuzana11@optonline.com, alebo u pokladničky cez email – sabinasabados@hotmail.com.

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu č. 16 IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu, Spolok č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 26. októbra 2014 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia na fare Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, NYC, po slovenskej svätej omši, ktorá sa začína o 11.00 hodine dopoludnia. Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Na programe je podanie finančnej správy a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie. Po Výročnej schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ. Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v NYC

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu 9. novembra 2014 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia sa uskutoční výročná členská schôdza v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

Na schôdzi bude podaná finančná správa a uskutoční sa diskusia o návrhoch na ďalšiu činnosť. Výzývame všetkých členov, aby sa tejto dôležitej schôdzi zúčastnili. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie. Ostávame s kresťanským pozdravom

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Slovenská škola

Máš záujem o poznávanie Slovenskej kultúry a Slovenského jazyka? Slovenské centrum detí Lipka pri kostole Sv. rodiny v Linden, New Jersey ponúka pre mládež a deti od troch rokov výučbu Slovenského jazyka a poznávanie Slovenskej kultúry, folklóru a tradícií. V rámci výučby je aj príprava detí na ročníkové testy zo Slovenského jazyka. Registrácia je 6. septembra o 10.00 hodine ráno. Bližšie informácie na telefónnych číslach: Mariana Fecova 908-494-7994; Ingrid Mazarikova 848-203-4644; Jaroslava Hrehova 908-494-8615.

Vydavateľstvo Dobrá kniha vydáva novú knihu – "Jezuiti 1814 – 2014"

V jezuitských kostoloch sa veriaci začiatkom augusta modlili Novému pri príležitosti obnovenia jezuitov. Rok 2014 slávia jezuiti na celom svete ako jubilejný, z dôvodu 200. výročia obnovenia rehole. Dátum obnovenia pripadá na 7. august. Vydavateľstvo Dobrá kniha vydala pri tejto príležitosti zaujímavú a hodnotnú publikáciu s názvom: Jezuiti 1814 – 2014. 200 rokov od obnovenia Spoločnosti Ježišovej. Prečo boli zrušení jezuiti? Za akých okolností sa tak stalo? Pod akým tlakom sa nachádzal vtedajší Petrov nástupca Klement? Prečo neboli zrušení na celom svete? Aj na tieto otázky nájdú čitatelia - záujemcovia odpovede v novej knihe.

Bula pápeža Pia VII. Sollicitudo omnium ecclesiarum zo 7. augusta 1814 bola tretím a rozhodujúcim krokom v postupnom procese znovuoobnovenia Spoločnosti Ježišovej. Pápež Pius VII. už prv uznal existenciu jezuitov, ktorí prežili na území Ruského cárstva (v breve Catholicae fidei zo 7. marca 1801). Následne toto uznanie rozšíril na Kráľovstvo dvoch Sicílií (v breve Per alias z 30. júla 1804). Pápežský dokument z roku 1814 rozšíril na celý svet, čím bolo odvolané rozhodnutie Klementa XVI., ktorý potlačil Spoločnosť Ježišovu 40 rokov predtým. Teda v roku 1774. (Pápež Klement bol členom rehole františkánov. Je zaujímavé, že terajší pápež František, prvý jezuita na Petrovom stolci, si vybral meno zakladateľa františkánov, Františka Assiského.) Podľa očitých svedkov pápež Pius VII. dňa 7. augusta 1814 prišiel do hlavného jezuitského kostola Chiesa del Gesù v Ríme, kde ho privítali kardináli, kniežatá a okolo stovky starých jezuitov, a slávil svätú omšu pri oltári sv. Ignáca. Zvyšok ceremónie sa konal v príľahlej Kaplnke šľachticov, (Capella dei nobili) kde bola bula prečítaná a pápež ju odovzdal predstavenému talianskych jezuitov pátrovi Luigimu Panizzonimu (1729-1820).

TK KBS informoval František Sočufka SJ



Sedembolestná Panna Mária v slovenských dejinách

Milí priatelia, chceme vás informovať o vydaní novej knihy od Róberta Letza, venovanej dejinám úcty Sedembolestnej Panne Márii - patrónke Slovenska a Slovákov:

Bohato ilustrovaná kniha ponúka odbornej i širokej čitateľskej verejnosti fundovaný obsažný a ucelený pohľad na vznik a vývoj úcty k Sedembolestnej Panne Márii od jej historických počiatkov až po súčasnosť. Poukazuje pritom na významnú úlohu, ktorú zohralo kresťanstvo v slovenských dejinách. Autor vychádza z najnovších historických výskumov a z vedeckého skúmania veľkého množstva historických prameňov a literatúry, pričom predkladá aj niektoré nové poznatky, ktoré doteraz neboli publikované. Poukazuje na najstaršie historické korene mariánskej úcty i na vznik úcty k Bolesnej Matke Božej späté s duchovnosťou európskeho stredoveku. Osobitnú pozornosť venuje pútnickému miestu Šaštín, ktoré zohrávalo od 16. storočia mimoriadnu úlohu v duchovnom živote celej monarchie a v 19. a 20. storočí sa postupne stalo aj zdrojom posilňovania národného vedomia Slovákov. Tento vývoj vyústil až do širokého prijatia a napokon i formálneho ustanovenia Sedembolestnej Panny Márie za patrónku Slovenska a Slovákov, k čomu kniha prináša plné znenia súvisiacich dokumentov. Vychádza v roku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie vyhlásením Katolíckou cirkvou.

Bližšie informácie sú na vlákne: <http://www.postscriptum.sk/nase-tituly/historia/sedembolestna-panna-maria-v-slovenskych-dejinach>



Pápež počas preletu nad SR poslal prezidentovi telegram

Pápež František pri svojej ceste do Južnej Kórey počas preletu nad územím Slovenskej republiky zaslal prezidentovi Andrejovi Kiskovi telegram. Informovala o tom 13. augusta webová stránka Vatikánskeho rozhlasu.

"Keď prelietam ponad Slovensko na mojej ceste do Kórey, posiadam srdečný pozdrav Vašej Excelencii a Vašim spoluobčanom. Zvolávajúc na vás všetkých požehnanie Všemohúceho Boha, modlím sa, aby v krajine prevládali pokoj a prosperita," píše sa v telegrame.

Pápež odcestoval na svoju tretiu zahraničnú cestu, ktorá vedie do Južnej Kórey. Ide o prvú návštevu pápeža v tejto východoázijskej krajine za posledných 25 rokov.

Tradičná katolícka mariánska púť do West Haverstraw, NY

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Martin Šimko zo Slovenska za koncelebrácie otca Romana Dominika Palečku a prítomnosti dvoch miništrantov bratov Hricovcov.

Organistka zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC, Mária Rechteriková si svojou hrou na organe a spevom uctila sviatok Nebeskej Matky.

Po svätej omši sa v areáli Marian Shrine všetkým pútnikom, podával veľmi dobrý obed o ktorý sa postarali Helenka Kopčeková za pomoci členov a členiek nášho Spolku. Pri tejto príležitosti je vhodné sa poďakovať Márii Božekovej, Márii Gaborčíkovej, manželom Bilikovým, Šulákovim, Karolovi Vidovi a všetkým tým, ktorí sa akýmkoľvek spôsobom zaslúžili k úspechu tohto podujatia. Vďaka všetkým pútnikom, ktorí prišli na túto Mariánsku púť, aby si od Matky Božej vyprosili zdravie a pokoj duše. Touto cestou chceme tiež poďakovať otcovi Jimmimu Mc Renna z Marian Shrine, ktorý nám pripravil vonkajší oltár k svätej omši ako aj miestnosť na obed a občerstvenie v areáli Marian Shrine.

V závere programu Mariánskej púte sa konala Ružencová pobožnosť pod vedením otcov Martina Šimku, Romana Dominika Palečku a Martina Kertysa. Pannu Máriu, Matku Ježiša si prítomní uctili pomodením Slávnostného Ruženca.

„Ochraňuj Matka Božia národ slovenský, aby zotrval v láske a svornosti. Ó Mária Bolesťná naša ochrana, slovenský náš národ volá – Pros za nás Boha Ty mať dobrotivá, patrónka ľútostivá – oroduj vždy za náš národ – u svojho Syna.“

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ



Účastníci púte počas Ružencovej pobožnosti.



Na Krížovej ceste otcovia zľava: Martin Šimko, Martin Kertys a Roman Dominik Palečko.



Organistka slečna Mária Rechteriková.



Otec Martin Šimko s manželmi Milanom a Henrietou Daitovou.

Ukrajina začala testovať dodávku plynu zo Slovenska

Ukrajina začala testovať dovoz plynu zo Slovenska cez zmodernizovaný plynovod Vojany-Užhorod, informoval šéf ukrajinskej štátnej plynárenskej spoločnosti Naftogaz.

„Začalo sa skúšobné pumpovanie plynu zo Slovenska na Ukrajinu cez plynovod Vojany-Užhorod. Tento plynovod by mohol dodávať do 40 percent dovážaného plynu, ktorý krajina potrebuje,“ citovala vyjadrenie výkonného riaditeľa Naftogazu Andrija Koboleva na Facebooku agentúra Reuters. Modernizovaný plynovod z Vojan do Užhorodu by mohol dodávať až 10 miliárd kubických metrov plynu (bcm) ročne, dodáva.

Skúšobný dovoz plynu zo Slovenska dosahuje podľa hovorca Ukrtransgaz, operátora štátneho plynovodu, dva milióny kubických metrov denne.

Agentúra Reuters dodáva, že tento plynovod by podľa očakávaní mal fungovať s prerušeniami od septembra a na stálom základe od marca 2015.

Hovorca spoločnosti Eustream, ktorá je prevádzkovateľom prepravnej siete zemného plynu v SR, vo štvrtok povedal, že sa 16. augusta postupne začne testovacia fáza plynovodu Vojany-Užhorod, ktorá sa „bude skladať z nábehovej, overovacej a spoľahlivostnej fázy. Počas testovacej prevádzky bude ponúkaná prerušiteľná kapacita.“ Po ukončení testovacej prevádzky začiatkom septembra 2014 môže potom začať štandardná komerčná prevádzka.

Asi polovicu potrebného plynu dodávalo vlni Ukrajine Rusko, Gazprom však dodávky 16. júna zastavil v spore o cenu plynu a po ruskej anexii Krymu. Ukrajina sa pokúša nahradiť výpadok dodávkami z Európskej únie a znížením spotreby plynu. Chce tiež zvýšiť vlastnú produkciu plynu.

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Predseda KBS schválil modlitbu za mier a zmierenie medzi národmi

Predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, bratislavský arcibiskup metropolita, udelil cirkevné schválenie na text modlitby za mier a zmierenie medzi národmi. Veriaci sa ju môžu modliť počas osobitného týždňa, ktorý od 15. do 22. augusta 2014 vyhlásila KBS. Text modlitby prinášame v plnom znení:

Modlitba za mier a zmierenie medzi národmi

*Všemohúci Bože,
voláme Ťa naším Otcom, pretože veríme, že sa skláňaš k nám ako k svojim deťom.
Vieme, že túžiš po tom, aby sme na zemi žili v pokoji a v tvojej láske
a posielaš nám Ducha Svätého,
aby nám dával silu prekonať hriech a vytvárať jednotu.
Ty si darcom pokoja, preto nás láskavo vypočuj,
keď Ťa úpenlivo prosíme o mier a pokoj vo svete:
aby všetci ľudia pochopili,
že nik nemá právo dosahovať svoje záujmy násilím a nenávisťou,
aby kvôli sebecktu niekoľkých nemuseli mnohí utekať z vlastného domova,
aby zodpovední bránili slobodu a dôstojnosť všetkých ľudí,
aby nikto netrpel pre svoju vieru a národnosť,
aby navždy zmĺkli zbrane, ktoré spôsobujú vyhasínanie nevinných ľudských životov.
Prosíme Ťa, Otče, za Svätú zem, Irak, Sýriu, Ukrajinu a všetky krajiny,
v ktorých človek bojuje proti človeku, brat proti bratovi:
nech odpustenie zvíťazí nad nenávisťou a pomstou,
pokoj a mier nad každým konfliktom,
ochrana ľudského života nad ekonomikou a vidinou bohatstva.
Nech tvoj Duch premôže tvrdosť ľudských srdiec.
O to Ťa prosíme na príhovor Sedembolestnej Panny Márie, Kráľovnej pokoja,
skrze tvojho Syna Ježiša Krista, nášho Pána,
ktorý nám otvoril cestu do kráľovstva večného pokoja.
Amen.*

**Imprimatur: Mons. Stanislaus Zvolenský,
Archiepiscopus Metropolita Bratislaviensis
Bratislavae, die 13 Augusti 2014, Prot. N. 3528/2014**

TK KBS

Erbová listina mesta Košice je európskym unikátom

Mesto Košice má vlastný erb, ktorý mu udelil uhorský kráľ Ľudovít Veľký, už 645 rokov. Dochovaná erbová listina z roku 1369, uložená v Archíve mesta Košice, je najstaršou svojho druhu v rámci celej Európy.

„Je to dokázateľne prvá zachovaná erbová listina pre mesto v Európe, a keďže inde erby nepoužívali, tak aj na svete,“ hovorí archivár Martin Bartoš. „Netvrdíme, že neexistovala nejaká staršia listina, alebo, že to je prvý erb, aký mesto kedy používalo, pretože aj v Uhorsku niektoré mestá používali erb ešte skôr. Košice sú však jedinečné v tom, že majú erbovú listinu.“

Panovník v danej dobe udeľoval právo používať erb ako výsadu príslušníkom šľachty, udelenie takéhoto znaku mestu bolo výnimočné. Svedčí o tom aj obsah dokumentu z roku 1369. „Je to veľmi strohá listina. Obsahuje len popis štítu erbu, ani nie úplný erb, ako bolo vtedy zvykom. Na tom vidieť, že panovník ani veľmi nevedel, ako má vlastne taký mestský erb vyzeráť,“ priblížil Bartoš.

Pri získaní vlastného erbu Košice ťažili z priazne anjouovských kráľov. Prejavila sa tu aj významná pomoc mesta Karolovi Róbertovi, otcovi Ľudovíta Veľkého, v známej bitke pri Rozhanovciach v roku 1312, v ktorej uhorský panovník porazil mocný rod Omodejovcov.

Pozoruhodné je, že Košice dostali celkovo až štyri erbové listiny, tzv. armálesy, každú od iného kráľa. Vzhľad erbu sa tak menil v priebehu vyše 130 rokov. „Košice si uvedomovali, že prvou erbovou listinou dostali niečo, čo je zvláštne, ale čo nie je úplné. Bolo to obdobie živej heraldiky. V tom čase sa klasický erb skladal okrem štítu z prilby, klenotu a prikrývadiel, a to Košičania nemali. Navyše, panovník v tejto prvej listine obmedzil používanie mestského erbu len na tajnú a posielaciu pečat'. Preto sa Košice snažili získať úplný erb, čo sa im podarilo až za 133 rokov,“ vysvetlil pracovník mestského archívu.

Pri určení obsahu košického znaku Ľudovít Veľký vychádzal z vlastného erbu. Druhý armáles udelil mestu v roku 1423 kráľ Žigmund Luxemburský, ďalší v roku 1453 Ladislav V. a štvrtý v roku 1502 Vladislav II. Jagelovský. Všetky štyri dokumenty sú uložené v mestskom archíve. Tým posledným získali Košice podobu erbu, ktorú používajú dodnes.

Podľa štatútu mesta je štít košického erbu delený na tri polia. V hornom modrom poli sú tri zlaté ľalie. Na ľavú časť sedemkrát strieborno-červeno deleného stredného poľa je položená ľavá polovica strieborného, zlatom korunovaného orla so zlatým zobákom, nohou, pazúrmí, vyplazeným chvejúcim sa jazykom a pásikom (perizóneom) ukončeným v tvare trojlístka. V modrom dolnom poli je nad kosmou sedemkrát zlato-červene štepenou niťou jedná zlatá ľalia a pod niťou dve zlaté ľalie. Okrem iného je súčasťou erbu anjel v šatách ametystovej farby pretkávaných zlatom, ktorý štít drží oboma rukami. Má plavé kučeravé vlasy previazané cez čelo páskou posiatou drahokamami, z pásky vyrastá zlatý kríž.

Dátum udelenia erbu – 7. máj 1369, je základom každoročných celotýždňových osláv mesta pod názvom Dni mesta Košice.

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Adam Žampa si v Austrálii pripísal štvrté víťazstvo

Slovenský lyžiar Adam Žampa vyhral aj v poradí druhý slalom Austrálsko-novozélandského pohára (ANCup) a celkovo si v stredisku Mount Hotham pripísal štvrté víťazstvo v rade. U protinožcov zvíťazil pred Američanmi Higom Robertsom (+0,77 s) a Nolanom Kasperom (+1,06s). Slovenský olympionik na začiatku týždňa vyhral v Austrálii dva obrovské slalomy a potom dominoval v oboch slalomoch. Po štyroch štartoch v ANCupe tak má maximálny počet bodov – 400.

„Vďaka týmto víťazstvám v slalome som si vyjazdil aj dvakrát 6 bodov do hodnotenia FIS, čo znamená, že budem mať prinajhoršom najbližšie dva roky na Svetovom pohári štartové číslo 31, čo je obrovská výhoda,“ uviedol Adam Žampa v tlačovej správe.

Jeho mladší brat Andreas 28. augusta skončil v slalome na 9. mieste so stratou 2.63 sekundy na víťaza. Žampa Ski Team sa v nedeľu presúval späť na Nový Zéland, kde ho čaká tretí blok prípravy na hlavnú súťažnú sezónu a ďalšie preteky.

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Adam Žampa.

Slovák si dnes môže dovoliť dvakrát väčší byt ako v roku 2008

Index dostupnosti bývania aktuálne dosahuje na Slovensku historicky najvyššie hodnoty. Prispeli k tomu klesajúce úrokové sadzby hypotekárnych úverov, znižujúce sa ceny nehnuteľností aj rast plátov. Priemerný Slovák si dnes môže na hypotéku dovoliť kúpiť až dvojnásobne väčší byt ako pred šiestimi rokmi.

Oproti krízovému obdobiu sa situácia rapídne zmenila. Kým v rokoch 2006 - 2008 rástli ceny nehnuteľností až o 40 % rýchlejšie ako platy a RPMN nových úverov na bývanie dosahovala úroveň až 6,4 %, následný pokles cien nehnuteľností a nárast miezd, v priemere spolu o cca 20 %, tento trend zvrátili. V súčasnosti tak okolnosti prajú najmä kupujúcim, ktorí nové bývanie financujú hypotékou.

„Ceny nehnuteľností v SR zaznamenali v 2. štvrtroku 2014 mierny pokles. Spolu s ďalším poklesom úrokových sadzieb to znamená, že človek si dnes môže dovoliť zafinancovať kúpu aj raz tak veľkého bytu ako pred šiestimi rokmi. To platí nielen v Bratislave, ale aj v jednotlivých regiónoch SR, zvlášť v Trenčíne a Prešove. Práve pokles úrokových sadzieb sa na celkovom zlepšení indexu dostupnosti bývania od roku 2008 podieľa zhruba polovicou. Zvyšnú polovicu si rozdelili pokles cien nehnuteľností a nárast miezd,“ komentuje Zdenko Štefanides, hlavný ekonóm VÚB banky.

Až dvojnásobne väčšie byty si v súčasnosti môžu dovoliť obyvatelia Trenčína a Prešova, polepšili si však všetky kraje. Z hľadiska rozlohy si najväčšie nehnuteľnosti na bývanie môžu dovoliť Nitrania, naopak, najhoršie sú na tom priemerne zarábajúci Bratislavčania. Ich mzdy sú síce vyššie ako v Nitre o 60 %, avšak zároveň ceny nehnuteľností sú drahšie o 180 %.

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Najlepším hokejistom Slovenska Marián Gáborík

Najlepším hokejistom Slovenska v sezóne 2013/2014 sa stal útočník Marián Gáborík, ktorý získal toto ocenenie premiérovu v kariére. Hráč Los Angeles Kings triumfoval s počtom 145 hlasov, o pätnásť menej mal druhý v poradí Marián Hossa. Tretí Zdeno Chára dostal 75 bodov.

„Je to pre mňa veľká pocta, znamená to pre mňa veľmi veľa. Prvýkrát sa mi dostalo tohto ocenenia. Veľmi si to vážim. Hokej je kolektívna hra, takže aj tento úspech je hlavne vďaka tomu, že sa mi podarilo vyhrať Stanleyho pohár. Bez svojich spoluhráčov by som to nedokázal. Chceme poďakovať všetkým, ktorí boli pri mne a pomáhali mi,“ povedal víťaz.

Gáborík tak prelomil dlhoročnú hegemoniu Cháru a Hossu, ktorí si rovnocenne podelili ocenenie v predchádzajúcich ôsmich rokoch a spoločne sú rekordérmi ankety. Štvrtý obranca Andrej Sekera z Caroliny získal 47 hlasov, piaty Ján Laco (Barys Astana) 36 a na šiestom mieste skončil Tomáš Tatar z Detroit Red Wings (28).

Tridsaťdvaročný Gáborík dosiahol v uplynulom ročníku najväčší úspech kariéry, keď s Los Angeles Kings vyhral slávny Stanleyho pohár. Sezóna sa pre neho však nezačala vôbec dobre. Odštartoval ju v Columbase Blue Jackets, v novembri si však 2013 zranil koleno a v prvom zápase po návrate na ľad v decembri si zase zlomil kľúčnu kosť. Vynechal tak aj zimnú olympiádu v Soči a za „modrokabátnikov“ stihol odohrať len 22 zápasov, v ktorých nazbieral 14 bodov za šesť gólov a osem asistencií. V posledný deň prestupového obdobia si ho však vybralo Los Angeles Kings a jeho sezóna nabrala úplne inú smer. V LA našiel ideálnu partiu a hlavne potrebnú pohodu, čo potvrdil následne aj na ľade. V zostávajúcich 19 dueloch základnej časti vytvoril úspešnú spoluprácu so Slovincom Anžom Kopitarom a nazbieral 16 bodov (5+11). Svoje ofenzívne kvality potvrdil najmä v play off, keď potiahol „kráľov“ štrnástimi gólmi a 22 bodmi za ziskom druhého Stanleyho pohára za posledné tri roky a ako prvý Slovák ho zdvihol nad hlavu s prívlastkom najlepšieho kanoniera vyradovacej časti.

Gáborík dostal na sobotňajšom galavečere dve ocenenia. Absolútneho víťaza ankety zvolili odborníci aj za najlepšieho útočníka. Cenu Jozefa Golonku získal aj v rokoch 2010 a 2012. V tejto kategórii dostal 86 bodov, druhý bol opäť Marián Hossa (70) a na tretej priečke sa umiestnil krídelník Michel Miklík (22).

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Zo slávnostného galavečera Hokejista roka 2014 v hoteli DoubleTree by Hilton v Bratislave 2. augusta 2014. Na snímke najlepší hokejista Slovenska v sezóne 2013/2014, ktorým sa stal útočník Marián Gáborík.

Marian Gaborik, a member of the Los Angeles Kings, was honored as the Best Hockey Player from Slovakia on August 2, 2014, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Bratislava.



Kardinál Korec oslavuje 63. výročie biskupskej vysviacky

Nitriansky emeritný biskup Ján Chryzostom kardinál Korec si koncom augusta pripomína 63. výročie svojej biskupskej vysviacky. Deväťdesiatročný kardinál je služobne najstarším katolíckym biskupom na svete spomedzi takmer 5000 biskupov.

Biskupskú konsekráciu mu 24. augusta 1951 udelil jezuita, biskup Pavol Hnilica. Vysviacka bola tajná, vedel o nej len úzky okruh ľudí. „Dokonca matka Jána Chryzostoma Korca sa o tom, že jej syn je biskupom, dozvedela až o deväť rokov neskôr. Zaznelo to na súdnom pojednávaní v roku 1960, kde dovtedy tajného biskupa odsúdili za vernosť Bohu a cirkvi na dvanásť rokov väzenia,“ informoval hovorca Nitrianskeho biskupstva Miroslav Lyko.

Vysviacka v malej izbe v Bratislave bola podľa slov kardinála Korca „jednoduchá, no podľa liturgických predpisov.“ Bola bez zvuku organa, bez slávnostného rúcha, bez veriach. A biskup Ján Chryzostom Korec išiel aj na druhý deň do práce ako jednoduchý robotník. Často pripomína, že „prijatím biskupskej vysviacky vykročil do tmy, nevediac čo ho čaká, no s dôverou v Božiu pomoc.“ Prenasledovanie cirkvi zo strany komunistickej štátnej moci bolo v tom čase už v plnom prúde.

Korec, nazývaný aj „biskup v montérkach“ vysviacal tajných rehoľných kňazov. Venoval sa kresťanskej mládeži i rodinám, písal knihy. V roku 1990 bol vtedajším pápežom Jánom Pavlom II. postavený do čela Nitrianskej diecézy. Ako diecézny biskup ju viedol pätnásť rokov. V súčasnosti žije ako emeritný biskup v Nitre.



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Kardinál Ján Chryzostom Korec.

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Recepcia vo Washingtone pri príležitosti štátneho sviatku SR

Na pôde Zastupiteľského úradu Slovenskej republiky vo Washingtone sa 29. augusta 2014 konala recepcia ku Dňu Ústavy SR a 70. výročiu Slovenského národného povstania. Na recepcii sa zúčastnilo viac ako 240 hostí – predstaviteľov vládných inštitúcií, Ministerstva obrany USA, civilného a vojenského diplomatického zboru, zástupcov amerických firiem a vybraných hostí z krajanskej komunity. Za Ministerstvo obrany USA sa zúčastnili jeho vysokí predstavitelia, gen.por. Stephen L. Hoog, gen.mjr. Lawrence Martin (vzdušné sily USA), brig.gen. Jonathan Ives a brig. gen. Courtney Carr (pozemné sily USA).

MZV SR

Prezident Kiska príde na Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey

Usporiadatelia Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey dostali oznámenie z Prezidentskej kancelárie v Bratislave, že novozvolený prezident SR Andrej Kiska prijal pozvanie na účasť na 37. slovenskom festivale, ktorý sa bude konať v nedeľu 28. septembra t.r. v priestoroch NJ Arts Center v Holmdel, NJ. Prezident Kiska bude v tom čase na úradnej ceste v Spojených štátoch.

Festival sa začne o 10. hod., kedy budú otvorené výstavné a potravinové stánky. O 11. hodine bude v parku katolícka sv. omša, ktorú bude celebrowať biskup diecézy v Manchester, N.H. Peter A. Libasci, D.D., ktorý je slovenského pôvodu.

Prezident Kiska sa prihovori k účastníkom festivalu na kultúrnom programe, ktorý sa začne o 2. hod. popoludní. V programe vystúpia viaceré tanečné a spevácke súbory, vrátane súboru Kečera z východného Slovenska. Od 3. hodiny bude hrať do tanca hudobná kapela Kontakty a počas celého dňa bude prebiehať futbalový turnaj o Pohár 37. festivalu, ako aj rôzne hry pre deti. Vstup na festival je voľný.

NJ Arts Center je umiestnené v blízkosti exitu 16 z Garden State Parkway v južnom smere (exit 17 v severnom smere).



Prezident SR Andrej Kiska



Na snímke zoskupení účastníci z New Yorku a okolia na Slovenskej katolíckej púti, vo West Haverstraw, NY., ktorá sa tohto roku konala v nedeľu 10. augusta. Usporiadateľom bol Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v spolupráci s inými spolkami.

Tradičná katolícka mariánska púť do West Haverstraw, NY

„Slávna si Kráľovna nebies Pani, Ty si nám pomocou v utrpení.

Prikoľ, ó prikoľ svoj zrak premilý, k plačúcim v slzavom tu údolí ...“

V nedeľu dňa 10. augusta 2014 na Slovenskej katolíckej púti v Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New Yorku privítala pútnikov Panna Mária, krásnym slnečným počasím. Tradičná oslava Nanebovzatia Panny Márie, ktorú usporiadal Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v NYC prilákala viac než 90 pútnikov z New Yorku, New Jersey, Connecticut a Pensylvánie.

Na úvod programu v mene organizátorov púte privítala všetkých prítomných a duchovných otcov, tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ, Henrieta HDaitová. Pri prekrásnom vonkajšom oltári Marian Shrine West Haverstraw, odslúžili slávnostnú svätú omšu otec

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Výstava slovenského umelca Olšovského III v New Yorku

Slovensko-americké kultúrne stredisko v New Yorku (SAKS) usporiadalo 18. júla t.r. v spolupráci s Generálnym konzulátom SR výstavu obrazov mladého slovenského umelca, akademického maliara Pavla Olšovského III, ktorý si už získal uznanie aj v americkom umeleckom prostredí. Výstava sa konala vo vhodne upravených priestoroch v Bohemian Hall v New Yorku za účasti vyše 100 hostí.



Podpredsedníčka SAKS-u Rosemary Golia, umelec Pavol Olšovský III, predsedníčka Zuzana Krčmárová, pokladníčka SAKS-u Sabína Sabadoš, gen. konzulka Jana Trnovcová, Dr. V. Šimko s manželkou a vpravo pianista Peter Fančovič.

Výstavu otvorila krátkym prívetom predsedníčka SAKS-u Zuzana Krčmárová. Privítala hostí a predstavila pokladníčku Sabínu Sabadoš, ktorá viedla ďalší program.

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