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September is Life Insurance Awareness Month: How much do you need?

By Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.

September has been designated by our industry as Life Insurance Month, which makes it an ideal time to start thinking of the need for life insurance. In the previous issue of Jednota, we looked at some examples of specific life stages or events that might trigger the need for life insurance. In this article, we'll take a look at the most important part of buying life insurance – determining how much you need.

How much is enough?

The average adult American only has coverage equal to four times his or her annual income¹. Do you really need \$250,000, \$500,000, \$1million or more? Sounds like a lot of money, but when you consider all the things that life insurance proceeds need to fund and how long the money will be needed, you begin to realize that your true need for coverage is often 10 or 15 times your gross annual income – sometimes more. Imagine if one of those amounts had to pay for a funeral, retire credit card balances and other debts, and support your loved ones for years to come. Would it be enough? How would you know?

Calculating your insurance needs

To start, estimate what your family members would need after you're gone to meet immediate, ongoing, and future obligations. Then, add up the resources of your surviving family members could draw on to support themselves. These would include things like a spouse's income, accumulated savings, life insurance you may already own, etc. The difference between the two is your need for additional life insurance.



Andrew Harcar
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$$\text{Current and future financial obligations} - \text{Spouse's earnings, savings, investments, and life insurance you already own} = \text{Life Insurance Needed}$$

This mathematical equation may seem simple enough, but coming up with all the inputs can get tricky. Plus, you'll need to factor in the effects of inflation and assumption about how much your investments will earn over the long run.

Fortunately, there are plenty of resources you can turn to for assistance. A first step would be to visit the First Catholic Slovak Union website (www.fcsu.com) for online

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The Madonna in Sorrow
by Sassoferrato, 17th century

O Holy Cross (Ach Kríž Svätý): A Meditative Hymn for September

By Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.

"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine ... let him/her take up his/her cross every day and follow me." Lk 9:23

The month of September holds painful memories for Americans. September 11th is a poignant reminder of our vulnerability. Yet it continues to challenge us to greater hope and strength.

As a Slovak nation, our own history is a crossroad of innumerable conflicts and experiences of oppression. These painful trials made significant, personal impressions on family life. Thus, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, thousands of Slovaks sought refuge and new life in America. Their faith in God supported them with hope and perseverance. True to their traditional devotion to Mary, they looked to the Mother of Sorrows, as she suffered patiently with her son, Jesus. Her life was lived daily in the shadow of the cross but ended with the triumph of glory and joy won by her Son. Fittingly, the Church places these two feasts side by side – The Triumph of the Holy Cross on September 14th and the Mother of Sorrows on September 15th.

I selected O Holy Cross (Ach Kríž Svätý) as my meditative hymn for translation this month.

O Holy Cross

Cross most holy, precious branches,
Blest, life-giving, choice fruit you give us:
Jesus Christ, Beloved One – Holy One,
Gracious mercy now is won.

Three and thirty years were counted,
Total life-gift – the price demanded;
Healed, restored our innocence – innocence,
Paid the ransom for our debt.

Jesus, taunted, scourged and bleeding,
Scorned, rejected with hateful scheming;
Bound with ropes of cruelty – cruelty,
Painful, gaping wounds I see.

Jesus Christ, O King most Sovereign,
Lord descended from glor'ous heaven,
Wears a woven crown of thorns – crown of thorns,
Patiently and humbly borne.

Ach Kríž Svätý

Ach Kríž Svätý, ty strom vzácny,
Sladký nesieš plod krásny:
Jezu Krista milého,
Pre mňa umučeného.

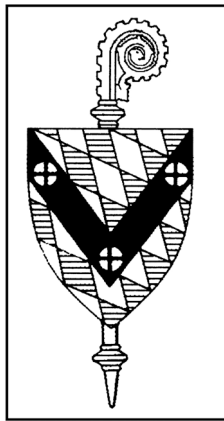
Tridast'ri liet si pracoval,
Kým si život Svoj dokonál:
mne nevinnosť navrátil, navrátil,
Otcovi dlh zaplatil.

Ó Ježišu bičovaný,
Pre mňa celý opl'ovaný;
Ukrutne si zviazaný– zviazaný,
A do krvi š'ahaný.

Ježiš Kristus, Kráľ' nad kral'mi
Pan najvyššej večnej slávy,
Má korunu trňovú,
Plnú hlavu rán bôl'u.

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Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B., Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

October 3, 2010
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 17:5-10

Gospel Summary

Luke is still leading us toward Jerusalem, the place where we turn everything over to God. In the verses that precede today's gospel passage, Jesus has challenged his disciples to forgive offenders as many as seven times each day. This seems almost

impossible and so the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, i.e. to give them the courage and the strength needed to live according to such high ideals.

Jesus agrees that their faith must grow and, when he says that real faith could cause a mulberry tree to be transplanted into the sea, he is using a metaphor to tell them how radically their lives would change if they would only allow him to fill them with his own vision of life. Moving a mulberry tree would be nothing compared to the radical transformation of the landscape of their lives that would come from generous faith.

The story that follows about a servant who should not expect special recognition just because he has done his duty illustrates in a very graphic way some consequences that flow from this radically new faith vision that should be characteristic of our daily lives.

Life Implications

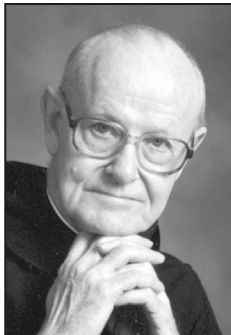
It is a little disconcerting to hear Jesus telling the servants who have done their duty that they are to consider themselves "unprofitable." Most translations falter here. The Greek original suggests simply that these servants should not expect anything further, i.e. that they should not be looking for special attention or approval.

In the context, this means that their faith has proven deficient. If they had real faith, they would be so confident and joyful that they would not need to be looking constantly for approval and reassurance of their worth. Their confidence would come from the love of God that they experience to the extent that they no longer need to be stroked or coddled as if job-approval was all that mattered in life. This does not mean that one should be careless about the quality of one's work, but it does mean that the only ultimately satisfying approval comes from the sure experience of God's loving presence.

There is a lesson here also for those who are especially needy, such as the sick or disabled. They certainly deserve our personal, loving attention and care, but they too, like the "unprofitable servants," can sometimes be more demanding and ungrateful than their condition warrants.

St. Benedict, who was a wise observer of human foibles, offers sound advice in this regard: "Let the sick...bear in mind that they are served out of honor for God, and let them not by their excessive demands distress their brothers who serve them." The key is to be in touch with God and then it will not be necessary to play the victim, whether one is an "unappreciated" servant or an unhappy patient.

Caregivers are often required to have almost heroic patience in their work. I have often thought that they should try to understand that their cranky patients are probably angry with



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

God and not with them. These patients are still struggling to accept what has happened to them and we should not take their resistance too personally. After all, it takes time to realize that God's love is sometimes expressed in ways we do not understand.



October 10, 2010

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 17:11-19

Gospel Summary

Jesus, continuing his journey to Jerusalem, comes upon ten lepers, and from a distance hears their plea for help, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" He instructs these outcasts from society to go and show themselves to the priests. On the way, they are cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, a Samaritan, returns glorifying God, and falls at the feet of Jesus in gratitude. Jesus remarks, "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then to the Samaritan, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

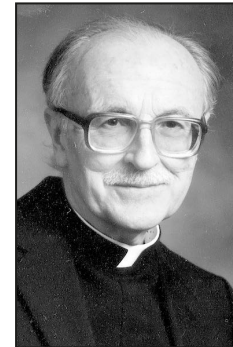
Life Implications

As always in the teaching of Jesus, it is faith that will determine whether we identify with the nine who are cured but not saved, or with the Samaritan who is both cured and saved. All ten lepers are healed. They all experience their return to health and to membership in the community as a good thing. However, only the Samaritan, with the intuition of faith, recognizes the good thing to be a gift of God, and acts upon that intuition. He glorifies God, and returns to thank Jesus whom he recognizes as an agent of God's presence and compassion.

In the language of later theology, the Samaritan's faith enabled him to see with sacramental vision. Without the vision of faith, one can experience countless good things—the wonders of the universe through the eyes of science; the ability to hear, to see, to speak, to feel; a return to health from an illness. But it is only with the intuition of faith that one can experience these good things as gifts of God. Through faith they become symbols or sacraments of the personal exchange of love—God's self-giving to us, and our grateful response in word and deed. Because the Samaritan entered into that personal exchange of divine love and human gratitude, Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." To possess health, or for that matter any other good thing of this earth, in the judgment of Jesus is not to be saved.

Faith of course must not be restricted to recognizing a good thing as God's gift only in the miracle moments of life. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, faith means to live in the awareness of the divine presence as a way of life, "giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father" (Eph 5:20). My favorite part of the Talmud ("Berakhot") illustrates this essential aspect of the biblical tradition by giving examples when a faithful person will bless God in gratitude: "on seeing the ocean, on seeing the first tree blossom in the spring, on seeing a friend after six months, on hearing a sage, on receiving good news, on receiving bad news."

Each Sunday, like the Samaritan, we return to celebrate the Eucharist in gratitude for all the gifts that God has showered upon us as individuals and as a community. With a sacramental vision of faith, we hear the words of the bible as the gift of God's Word to us; we believe that the people around us are the church, the Body of Christ; we affirm the bread and wine truly to be the Risen Lord, the Father's ultimate gift to us. And with hearts lifted up in faith we can pray, "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord."



Campion P. Gavaler,
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Christophers Announce Winners of Twenty-Third Annual Video Contest For College Students

Jon Duckworth, a Colorado State University student, took the top prize of \$2,000 in The Christophers' Twenty-Third Annual Video Contest for College Students for his film *Changing the World: One Molecule at a Time*. A profile of Jon's twin brother Chris, the film chronicles a childhood cancer survivor who has turned his experience with illness into the inspiration to make the world a better place in as many ways as he can.

"Chris's attitude as displayed in this film is the very definition of the Christopher message," said Mary Ellen Robinson, vice-president of The Christophers. "Rather than wallow in anger or self-pity, he's taken the tough hand life dealt him and turned it into something remarkable. He's truly lighting a candle rather than cursing the darkness."

Lorie Anne Acio of the University of Oregon won the \$1,000 second prize for *Cottolengo Filipino: Children of the Providence*, about an orphanage for young disabled boys in the Philippines.

Teams of student filmmakers from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, took home the \$500 third prize and two \$100 honorable mentions; students from three other schools also received honorable mentions.

The annual competition asks entrants to create short films of five minutes or less to convey The Christophers' message that one person can make a difference. Winning films can be viewed at <http://www.christophers.org/videocontest> or <http://www.youtube.com/thechristophers>.

The Christophers, a non-profit organization founded in 1945 by Maryknoll Father James Keller, uses the mass media to encourage individuals to use their God-given abilities to change the world for the better. The Christopher motto, adopted from the ancient Chinese proverb, is: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."



Insurance: How much do you need?

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rates. Just remember that an online resource is no substitute for the advice you'll get by meeting with someone in your branch, or with the home office who can put you in touch with someone who can conduct a thorough analysis of your needs, and then help you determine the right amount and type of life insurance to protect the ones you love.

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LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Gerald M. Costello, The Christophers

Ministering to Those in Need – Behind Bars

At The Christophers we've recently expanded our prison ministry, primarily by sending out more of our literature – our News Notes, Three Minutes a Day books, and Light One Candle columns just like this one – to inmates (through their chaplains) all over the country. The material is typically uplifting and full of encouragement, and a more grateful readership it's hard to imagine.

"We're so appreciative of your latest shipment," wrote one chaplain in New York State. "Thank you for caring!" And a prisoner in Virginia said, "Thanks for your News Note 'Keep Hope in Your Heart.' At this point in my life, hope is what drives me day by day."

That's part of the reason that a recent story in *America* magazine caught my eye. Written by Valerie Schultz, it was called "Prison Breakthrough," and at heart its message was simply this: You, too, can be a prison minister.

Sound unlikely? Read on.

Schultz and her husband, residents of Tehachapi, Calif., accepted – with some misgivings and not a little concern – an invitation from the new Catholic chaplain at the state prison in their town to join a new ministry to inmates. Without an adequate number of priests, he explained, lay volunteers were needed to make Catholic services more widely available. One Saturday a month they would conduct communion services at two different prison yards, and it was that prospect – dealing with an inmate congregation, in an unfamiliar setting – that unnerved the couple so badly.

That was six years ago, however, and now they're old hands at the business of detention ministry. In fact, Valerie Schultz has taken a job in the prison office, volunteers an additional two days after work, and even offers a reflection on the day's readings when she's holding a service. From the beginning, she says serving the incarcerated has been "an extraordinary spiritual experience" and her story bears that out.

Schultz concedes that once it would have been a stretch for her to imagine herself working with prisoners after earlier ministries that focused on children and young people. She adds:

"The fact that I feel more at home in the prison chapel these days than I do in my own parish provides a trinity of proofs: that God has a sense of humor; that Jesus meant us to take literally those words about visiting him in prison; and that the Holy Spirit, when asked, will always provide the necessary gifts to make the impossible possible."

The nervousness Schultz felt about dealing with prisoners vanished almost at once, she reports. The inmates she ministers to pretty much mirror the general population, she said, and best of all "some inmates really do see a prison term as a giant wake-up call from God." Her story notes:

"I am so often touched, during the Prayer of the Faithful at our services, when inmates pray for the well-being of the guards and other workers at the prison. They also regularly pray for the victims of their crimes. These are not prayers I would have imagined coming from the lips of criminals."

In all, she concludes, when she goes into the prison she is "more powerfully aware of God's love for us" than when she is anywhere else. At The Christophers, we've seen how appreciative prisoners can be for words of hope and encouragement – but from a distance. Valerie Schultz and others like her have experienced it close up. God bless them for it.

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September Apostleship of Prayer

General Intention

The Word of God as Incentive for Social Development. That the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work toward authentic social progress.

Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The Word of God is the foundation of everything, it is the true reality." Yet we build our lives on money, believing it makes us secure. "With the fall of large banks, this money disappears, it is nothing. The one who builds his life on matter, on success, on appearances, builds upon sand. Only the Word of God is the foundation of all reality ... The realist is the one who builds his life on this foundation, which is permanent" (Opening Address, Synod of Bishops, 2008).

September's prayer intention reminds us that the Word of God is our rock and our inspiration. The Pope asks us to pray that the Word will go forth in our time and renew our hearts.

The reality is that there can be no difference between preaching the Gospel and doing the Gospel. We "translate the Word we have heard into gestures of love because this is the only way to make the Gospel proclamation credible" (Concluding Homily, Synod of Bishops, 2008).

The Holy Father reminds us that Sacred Scripture commands us to work for justice. We are faithful to the Word of God when we respect the rights of every person and work with love to help those who suffer. The Holy Spirit calls the whole Church to live this Gospel.

Jesus Christ reveals God's love for us – the lost, the weak, the suffering. In so doing, he reveals our great worth, for he who is the "image of the invisible God," is fully human, like us in everything except sin. He restores in us the divine likeness and raises us to everlasting life.

May all who hear the Word of God recognize its reality and be inspired to work for authentic social progress, justice for all.

Reflection

How do you recognize that the Word of God – not material goods – is the foundation of your life? As you listen to the Word, how does it encourage you to work for justice?

Scripture

Isaiah 55:10-11 For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not receive to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Mission Intention

End of War. That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

Does it seem odd to you that this month's mission intention has to do with putting an end to war? What does war have to do with missions?

Ask any missionary striving to bring the Gospel to people who are caught up in conflict. War hinders evangelization. People fear for their lives. They grieve for the dead. They must flee their homes. They are forced to fight. How can they give time and attention to the Word of God?

Perhaps it seems odd to you that the Pope seeks a spiritual solution to the physical reality of war. He asks us to "open our hearts to love" as the way to end war. Is it unrealistic to pray for peace? Is this how to end a war?

At World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, 2005, Pope Benedict explained how Jesus Christ is putting an end to violence in our world. "By making the bread into his Body and the wine into his Blood, [Jesus] anticipates his death, he accepts it in his heart, and he transforms it into an action of love. What on the outside is simply brutal violence – the Crucifixion – from within becomes an act of total self-giving love ... Here now is the central act of transformation that alone can truly renew the world: violence is transformed into love, and death into life."

The Holy Father continued, "This is like inducing nuclear fission in the very heart of being – the victory of love over hatred, the victory of love over death. Only this intimate explosion of good conquering evil can trigger the series of transformations that little by little will change the world. All other changes remain superficial and cannot save."

At Fatima in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary called for prayer and penance, warning of a worse war. Mary's peace plan has not been followed. Humanity has not turned to God in prayer, has not opened its heart to love.

Peace is only possible if there is conversion of heart through the Gospel and grace. We are praying for an end to war when we pray that people will receive the Word of God, be transformed by him, and live as the one human family God intended us to be.

Reflection

How will you uproot war and establish peace in your own heart?

Scripture

Isaiah 32:17 Justice will bring about peace; right will produce calm and security.



Arthur and Barbara Fayta Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

October 15, 2010 is the 50th anniversary of Arthur and Barbara Fayta. Not only have they been great parents to their children: Mark, Michael, Lori and Lynda; and wonderful grandparents to Chelsea, Alexander, Ayden, AJ, Julian and Alexandria, they have given their time to many great causes. In 1961 Art replaced his father as treasurer of Jednota Branch 706. He was also treasurer for FSCU District 2 for 20 years. Two years ago Barbara took over as District 2 treasurer after being vice president of Branch 706 for 5 years. They have also helped decorate the Slovakia Christmas tree at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry for 15 years. At this golden milestone we would like to take the time to say thank you for your love and dedication. May your days be filled with love, happiness, and good health. We love you!

Love, your children and grandchildren



O Holy Cross (Ach Kríž Svätý):

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At the outset, we are reminded that the image of the cross was present to Christ's consciousness from the beginning of his life. Throughout the 33 years of his life, he fully, faithfully realized the obstacles and cost of his ministry. The third verse presents the prominent extremes of this painful submission. In closing, we see the enormous cost and contrast required for God to become human. He accepts the humiliation and suffering as the price for our souls. As God and man, he knows that His heavenly Father is in control. Ultimately, a glorious resurrection is his life's finale. It is also destined to be ours as we carry the daily cross of our life with him.

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Approximate arrival home is 8:00 PM.

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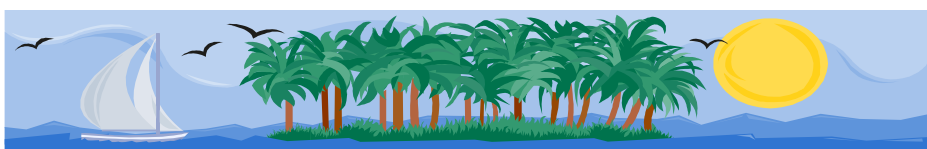
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Under the Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity, you may make periodic payments into an annuity fund that accumulates interest at, or greater than, the guaranteed rate. You can open the account with as little as \$500.00 and make additional deposits (\$25.00 minimum) as your financial situation allows. Additional deposits are not mandatory.

At the retirement age you choose, the funds accumulated in the Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity may be withdrawn using any of the FCSU's lump sum or periodic income settlement options.

Features of the Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity include:

- The FCSU guarantees your deposits will accumulate interest at no less than 3.0%.
- Your annuity continues to accumulate interest after you have stopped contributing and have begun to receive retirement income. The interest rate you receive on your annuity after settlement will never be less than 3.0%.
- Death Benefit-If you die prior to settlement, your beneficiary receives the full cash value of the annuity. If you die while receiving retirement benefits, the value of your remaining guaranteed benefits will be paid to your beneficiary.
- Withdrawal Privileges-Since annuities are meant to be long-term investments for providing retirement funds, funds withdrawn during the first six years of your contract are subject to an FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge. You may withdraw 10% of your 'beginning of the year balance' with no FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge.
- Your interest will be added to your account. You may, however, elect to have your interest paid directly to you on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually basis. This is called an Interest Option and the interest rate is slightly lower than if you left your interest to accumulate.
- Even though you may not incur an FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge, withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a federal tax penalty.
- Tax on the interest earned is deferred until the annuity funds are drawn.
- Also available in a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA (subject to IRA Guidelines)

CONTACT THE HOME OFFICE OR YOUR LOCAL BRANCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.
YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT FCSU.COM

Happy Birthday, FCSU Member Stephen Kolada

Stephen Kolada recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He was born in Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 11, 1920, to Stephen and Stephania Kolada. His parents moved the family to Namestovo, Slovakia, where Steve was raised and educated along with two brothers and one sister.

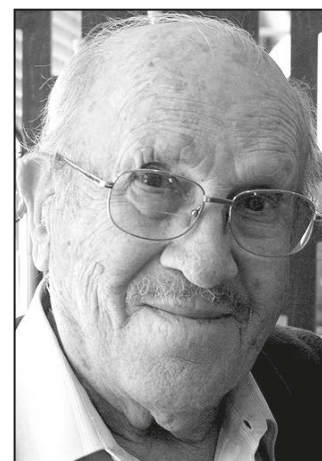
When he was 18, Steve came to the United States and settled in Chicago with his grandparents. He attended Crane classes in the evenings and during the day, he worked in a print shop where he learned linotype and make-up forms.

At the age of 24, Steve was drafted to the U.S. Army and served in Europe. He was captured by the Germans in November 1944 and was held in a POW camp until World War II ended in May 1945.

Upon his release, Steve returned to Chicago. He married Mary Allene Gleason, and they raised six children in Southern California, where he operated his own print shop, Community Press. His wife died in 1987.

Steve is retired and lives in Tujunga, Calif. He has four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He and his second wife, Rita Lavery, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in July 2010.

Steve belongs to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, where he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He has been a member of First Catholic Slovak Union since 1938 and belongs to number 718 KJ; before that, he was a member of 673 KJ.



Stephen Kolada, member of Branch 718, recently celebrated his 90th birthday

Submitted by Mary Kolada Scott

St. John the Baptist, Branch 290, Gives Annual Award

St. John the Baptist, Branch 290, of Raritan, NJ made its annual award presentation to two deserving eight-grade students from a local Catholic school – Jessica LaPolla and Bridge Toolan from St. Ann's school in Raritan, NJ.

This year's recipients were chose by the sisters of St. Ann's for their outstanding cooperation and scholastic accomplishments. The award consisted of \$50 in cash and a fully paid \$10,000 JEP insurance policy.

Congratulations to Jessica and Bridget. We will continue giving these awards in the future.

Joseph F. Minarovich, Branch President

A "Save the Date" Announcement from Branch 553

Save the date December 5, 2010. That is the date set aside for our annual Vilija sponsored by Branch 553 to be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311.

This is a time to celebrate your Slovak heritage and Catholic faith by participating and remember the traditional Christmas Eve meal. We will be sharing the symbolism of each part of the meal and the traditions our forefathers entrusted to us.

The cost is \$15.00 per person and children 16 and under are free. The event will start at 4:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending contact Linda Hanko at 330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Hanko
Recording Secretary

Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar Coming in October

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629.

Mr. Ivan Kralik of the Slovak League of America will show two short videos: one about Slovak-American astronaut Eugene Cernan's trip to the moon, and the second about Slovakia. Afterwards he will answer questions.

Registration for the seminar will start at 1:00 pm; Mr. Kralik will be welcomed at 1:45 pm, with his presentation following. A buffet dinner will be served at 3:00 pm.

The offering for this event is \$15.00. Prepaid registration can be arranged through John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810. For more information, call Geraldine Hletko at (708) 387-7812.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Seminar Publicity Committee

YOUTH ROUND-UP



FCSU Member Bethany Kaylor represented the US in the World Junior Ultimate Championships held in Heilbronn, Germany in August.



Bethany Kaylor Represents US in World Championships in Germany

Bethany Kaylor was one of 21 girls selected to represent the United States in the World Junior Ultimate Championships held in Heilbronn, Germany, August 3 – August 7, 2010.

Ultimate is a sport that employs the speed and endurance of soccer with the dexterity and hand-eye coordination of football. Ultimate is currently one of the fastest growing sports in America, and is played with a disc or a Frisbee.

Bethany – along with her parents and brother – enjoy playing the game. They, as well as her grandparents from Pittsburgh, PA, were in attendance at the championships in Germany. The family vacationed a bit in Europe as part of the trip, enjoying time in Stratsbourg, Prague, Nuremberg, and Munich.

Team USA went undefeated in pool play at the world championships but came away with the bronze medal after defeating Australia 17 – 2. There were 13 teams, including: Columbia, France, Japan, Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, and Canada.

Bethany started her senior year at Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati, OH. She is the daughter of Michael and Debora Kaylor and the granddaughter of Tom and Mary Ann Kaylor and the first great-granddaughter of the late Stefan and Mary Lorinc.

Bethany is a member of Branch 2, North Side, Pittsburgh, PA.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kaylor

Slovak League of America Announces 2010 Scholarship Grants

The Slovak league of America – a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907 – is pleased to announce that it will once again offer the John and Julia Demko Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$750.00 to deserving students this year. Any student of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled or who will be enrolled full time at a college, university, or professional school in the fall semester may apply for this grant. These grants are available to students who are on the undergraduate or graduate level of study. These grants honor the memory of John and Julia Demko, well-known Slovak fraternal and cultural activists of Bayonne, NJ.

Applicants are asked to complete a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written double-spaced pages. The completed application along with the essay is to be returned by the deadline date of November 1, 2010. Grants will be paid to the individual student in December 2010.

**For an application, write:
Slovak League of America
205 Madison Street
Passaic, NJ 07055**

Or, for more information, contact the Slovak League of America, Monday – Friday, 11AM – 4PM, at (973) 472-8993.

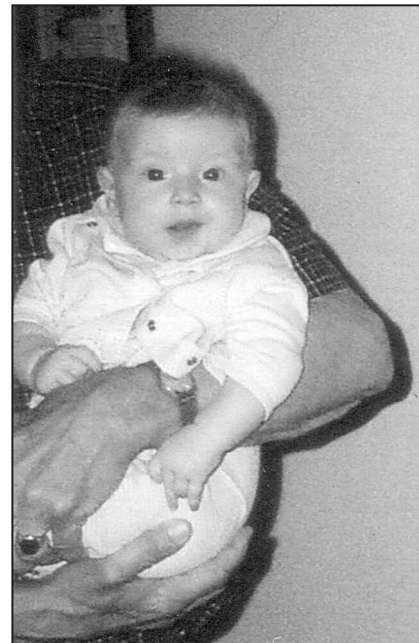
About the Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc., was established in 1972 as an affiliate of the Slovak League of America to assist students of Slovak ancestry achieve their educational goals. Since then, more than 125 students have benefited from this fund.

New Member for Branch 493, Chicago

John George Turner is the newest member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, in Chicago, Illinois. John was born in Viroqua, Wisconsin on March 23, 2010. He lives with his parents, sister, and grandmother on an organic dairy farm near Gays Mills, Wisconsin. The milk from his dad's cows is used in the making of the Organic Valley brand of cheeses and milk. John's uncle, Peter Turner, serves as the Sgt at Arms for both the Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 and Branch 493.

Welcome, John George!



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship Program.

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 will attend an Approved 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 or an official copy of applicant's high school transcript which indicates applicant's high school 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@aol.com – Website: www.fcsu.com**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

Pups Now Available From the Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America

The Slovak Cuvac – also known as Slovensky Cuvac, Slovak Chuvach, Tatransky Cuvac and Slovensky Kuvac – is a hardy white dog renowned for its constitution, sturdy frame and shaggy white coat. His frame is massive, and his temperament is naturally lively, watchful, undaunted and alert. The Slovak Cuvac is characterized with a black muzzle, almond eyes, eye lids and lips. His nose is black during the warm months and the color of brown clay during the colder months of the year. These dogs thrive best in an environment of a large family and livestock to care for, with plenty of room for exercise as these dogs are natural animal guardians and children watchers. They are gentle and loyal with their family and possessions.

In general, the breed group of white mountain-dogs is derived from Arctic wolves, whose remains from the pre-ice age have been preserved in the mountainous regions of Europe to the edge of the glaciers. These include the northern slopes of the Caucasus, the Balkans, the Carpathians (especially the Tatra), the northern slopes of the Abruzzi and Alps, and finally the Pyrenees. In Slovakia, the Cuvac, together with mountain sheep, the Hucul horse, and typical inhabitants of the mountains, helped form a fundamental economic tenant for the very old tradition of Slovak alpine farming. Slovak Cuvacs were companion and service animals to the inhabitants of the Slovak mountains who were mostly free people, and who defended the frontiers and paid duties in sheep's cheese. The institution of these people was called "Valassky Opasok," the center of which was Košice, until the abolition of serfdom.

Registered breeding of the Slovensky Cuvac was established in Czechoslovakia by Professor Antonin Hruza from the Veterinary Faculty in Brno in 1929. The Breeders Club of the Slovak Cuvac was established in 1933; and a written standard was established and



Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club Vice President with Slovakia's President Dr. Ivan Gašparovič, in Bratislava, Slovakia on Sept 14, 2010 in the President's Palace garden.



In September, the Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America welcomed two litters of new Cuvac pups, such as this two-day old litter of nine pictured here.

approved in 1964 by Dr. Viliam Kurz. Basic breeding material came from the vicinity of Liptovska Luzna, Kokava and Vychodna as well as from Rachov in the Carpathians.

While it is estimated that there are approximately 2000 living dogs in the Slovak Republic, there are also breeders in the USA such as the Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America. Established in 1982, its current owner Elisabeth Pisula – originally a Cuvac breeder in Germany – inherited an inactive club and grew it into an organization with 64 members in the US and Canada, and 11 internationally in 2010. In 2009, the American Kennel Club (AKC) accepted the Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club as a member in the FSS register; and, to date, 14 of the club's dogs are now registered with AKC. In total, 60 Cuvac dogs are registered in the United States, and three in Canada.

The club's canine members are growing as well. The Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America has just welcomed two new litters of pups: one on Sept 21 in her home in Richmond, Texas followed by a second litter a few days later in Austin, Texas.

On October 9, 2010, the Club will host The Second Memorial Prof. Antonin Hruza/American Championship in Richmond, Texas. FCI Judge Vlado Javorcik is flying in from Nitra, Slovakia, to "crown" the 2010 champion, and members plan to arrive and participate from all over the United States – including Oregon, Colorado, Utah, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana and Texas.

For more information on this event, the Club, or its pups, contact Elisabeth Pisula, President of Slovensky Cuvac Dog Club of America by phone at 281 344 0027 or by email at slovenskycuvacusa@gmail.com. Or visit the website: <http://slovenskytchouvatch.com> or www.slovenskycuvacusa.blogspot.com

-Article compiled by information from Elisabeth Pisula and Wikipedia



Gala Event Spotlights Heritage

There was no shortage of music, dance, food and merriment, as the first annual Slovak Folklore Festival Chicago 2010 got underway on Saturday, September 11th. The event was held in Hillside, Illinois, and a large crowd took part in the festivities.

Folk music lovers found paradise in the musical offerings of the Pajtasi Music Group, and the magical sounds made by Drahos Dalos who came all the way from Nitra, Slovakia, to appear for the first time in the USA. His expertise in performing and keen knowledge of the many unique wooden instruments, some of which he makes himself, kept the audience hushed and attentive. Fancy and intricate dance steps executed by members of the dance groups delighted those who watched. The Veselica and Veselicka Dance Group, Limbora Slovak Dancers, Omladina Czech Dancers, Siumni Polish Dancers and the Balkanske Igrie, showcasing folk dances from the Balkans, provided non-stop, top-notch entertainment from 4 p.m. until early evening when the audience themselves took to the dance floor.

An added surprise to those in attendance were the appearances of two queens, Adriana Kamenicka, Canadian Miss Czech-Slovak 2010, and Miss Czech Slovak United States, 2010, Stephanie Vocasek.

Vendors included some new-comers to the Slovak American circuit. Marcel and Ingrid Gapa, founders of Radio Slovakia USA, in Astoria, New York, (www.radioslovakiausa.org) enjoyed the spotlight for a time as participants strolled the vendors' hall and visited. The Gapa couple explained their aim to network with other Slovak Americans and to broadcast events and activities pertaining to their heritage, as well as news, both from the homeland and in the USA.

Lubos Brieda of "Slovak Cooking" also made an appearance and offered free Slovak cooking lessons. Although pursuing a doctorate in aerospace engineering at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Lubos is fast becoming known as a popular cook who specializes in good, old-fashioned Slovak cuisine. Early evening, when the music ceased for a bit, he did prove to be a "show-stopper" as he demonstrated the fine art of making the Slovak national dish, halusky. The recipe for this dish, along with about 70 other

Slovak specialties can be found on his website: (www.slovakcooking.com).

Igor Mikolaska, a member of Slovak USA, and one of the organizers of the event, felt that the "first annual" was quite successful. He said, "I think that traditional folklore music is surviving, thanks to many passionate volunteers that keep our music, dance, and traditions alive and pass them along to next generations. Three hundred fifty people attended the festival and were delighted with the program and performances." Slovak USA website: (www.slovakchicago.org)

Submitted by Toni Brendel

Beneficiary Changes

Please keep your policies up to date!

To change your beneficiaries you can download the member service request form from our website at www.fcsu.com then mail to the Home Office at 6611 Rockside Rd, Suite 300, Independence OH 44131

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN

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

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5, present as a rotating Board member

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Secretary presented the Minutes of the June 2010 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

The Treasurer submitted a written monthly report which was reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer answered all questions of the Committee.

The President led a discussion reviewing our current interest rates. It was decided to keep the same interest rates and review them at the August Executive Committee Meeting.

The President stated that the bonus for the Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity will end on July 31, 2010. The President further stated that the interest rate on the Eight Year Flexible Deferred Annuity will be 0.25% higher than 6 year plan.

AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White, AQS Asset Management, LLC., presented his report to the Executive Committee meeting via telephone with the following agenda:

- Portfolio metrics and distribution
- Cash on hand and projections
- Market Data
 - Current Markets
 - Fed Fund Futures
- Credit Actions
- Transactions
- Sallie Mae Investments
- FCSU Equity Positions
- Commentary

After Mr. White's presentation the President asked him to review our current portfolio to see if he can possibly come up with a repositioning of some of our current holdings. Mr. White said he will look for options and will report back to the Executive Committee in the afternoon.

Father Thomas Nasta joined the Executive Committee via telephone to give an update regarding the clergy attending our 49th Quadrennial Convention.

Father Nasta stated that he is in contact with Mr. Stephen Whisdosh regarding the choir and songs for the Mass at the 49th Quadrennial Convention.

FHLB – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments with Key Bank Corporation and updated the Executive Committee on any transactions with the FHLB.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

SALES AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report in different Regions and answered all questions presented. The Vice President also reviewed the sales production report of our independent agents, noting that we are continuing to add agents, and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President also updated the Executive Committee on seminars and events scheduled for the 2nd half of 2010.

The Vice President stated that the bonus on the Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA will expire on July 31, 2010.

The Vice President talked about the possibility of offering incentive promotions, for example, gas cards, to our recommenders. He will report back to the Executive Committee as soon as he has more information. The Vice President talked also about some type of incentive plan for our agents. He will update the Executive Committee as more information becomes available.

CONVENTION 2010

The President and the Executive Secretary led a discussion on the progress with the upcoming 2010 Convention. The Executive Secretary stated that everything is going well with

preparations for the Convention. He further stated that the Home Office sent out the second delegate package including:

- Final Convention Schedule
- Delegate Credential Card
- Positively Cleveland Pluspass
- Information Sheet, Brochure of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
- Parking information
- Map and directions to the hotel
- Financial Information from the Annual Statement and the First quarter of 2010
- Entertainment
- Independent Comparative Report on FCSU
- Suggested Bylaw changes

The Executive Secretary further informed the Executive Committee that the Home Office is in the process of preparing the registration packet, which will include the following:

- Meal ticket book
- Events envelope
- Agenda
- Meeting and meal location
- Seating assignments (done by region)
- Convention Souvenir Book
- Program Book
- Officers Report Book

The Executive Secretary further informed the Executive Committee about other arrangements being finalized and he also stated that everything is falling into place. He said we are planning and hoping for a very successful Convention.

BYLAWS

The President stated that the Bylaw Committee chaired by Attorney at Law, Michael Kolesar, completed their work in order that the Home Office could send out the Committees' recommendations to the delegates.

COMPLAINTS

The President led a discussion regarding the complaints filed.

Larry White rejoined the Executive Secretary and presented possible scenarios whereby our holdings could be repositioned. The President asked Mr. White to work out several different options and present it to the Executive Committee in the very near future.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

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

Disbursements for the month of June 2010:

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| Death Benefits & Accumulations | \$ | 222,945.21 |
| Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations | \$ | 60,058.89 |
| 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.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting were pre-approved by the Board of Directors.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

Requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN

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

Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey Benefit in November

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will present their Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 7, 2010. "Come Follow Me" ~ Dedicated Commitment in Service to the Lord, is this year's theme. The benefit will celebrate the ordination anniversaries of Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB, 35 years; Rev. Gerard Gonda, OSB, 30 years; Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB, 25 years and the profession anniversaries of Rev. Michael Brunovsky, OSB, 25 years; Br. Mario Parisi, OSB, 10 years.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 PM at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio, 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

Rt. Rev. Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB will be the main speaker for the banquet.

Your support of our Annual Benefit is a very important part of the monks' present and future ministry. Please join in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you can not attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated.

Entertainment will be provided by Damion Fontaine and Scott Brotherton with their program entitled: "Frank, Dean and Then Some." Catering will be provided by Bill Hricovec, of Tom's Country Place. Center piece flowers donated by Orban's Flowers. A silent Slovak auction will be held. The event concludes about 4:00 PM with the Monks singing the "Benedictine Anthem" -- The Ultima.

Ticket price is \$65.00. Additional sponsorships, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions, are available. For reservations and additional information please contact Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB at 216-721-5300 ext. 209, Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179, or Rose Stifter at 216-721-5300 ext. 0. Please make reservations by October 25, 2010.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

PRIVACY – PERSONAL FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Protecting the privacy of your personal financial and medical information has always been and will continue to be a matter of top priority for us. When used in this notice, the following terms have the meaning shown.

Public Information means information that is lawfully available to the general public from: Federal State or local government records; widely distributed media; or, disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by Federal, State or local law.

Non-Public Information means personally identifiable financial and medical information. It also means any list, description or other grouping of individuals, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived from any personally identifiable information that is not publicly available.

Consumer Reporting Agency means an entity, which regularly provides reports (Consumer Reports) including information regarding an individual's: general reputation, character, personal characteristics or mode of living and financial status. The information may be obtained through interviews with the individual or third parties such as the individual's: business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or financial sources.

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

- information you provide to us in an application or other form;
- information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.), or others; and
- information that we may receive from a Consumer Reporting Agency.

We do not disclose any personal, Non-Public Information about you to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We will not disclose personal medical information about you, except as permitted by law or as you may authorize.

We restrict access to your personal, insurance and medical information to those of our employees who need to know that information in order to provide insurance or service to you. We are, and will continue to be, vigilant in the safeguarding of your personal, financial, and medical information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with Federal and State regulations regarding the safeguarding of Non-Public Information.

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may contact us to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and social security number.

Msgr. Josef Tiso District 11 Members May View "Vatican Splendors" in October

All members and guests of Branches in District 11, the Msgr. Josef Tiso District, Ford City, PA, are invited to share in a unique opportunity to see relics and art treasures of the Catholic Church. District 11 has confirmed reservation for a group tour of the "Vatican Splendors" Exhibition at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh at 10:30AM, Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

In addition, the day trip will include stops at two Pittsburgh churches to experience important spiritual and historical artifacts of the local diocese: St. Patrick Church in the Strip District, which is one of only six authorized sites in the world of the Holy Stairs (replicas of the climb Jesus made to appear before Pilate); and St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill, which houses the world's largest collection of authenticated relics outside the Vatican and awe-inspiring, life-sized Stations of the Cross.

Lunch and/or dinner (at personal expense) will be arranged at the preference of participants.

Cost for transportation is \$25. Please call Grace at (724) 763-1104 for reservations or information.

"PARK FREE PLUS" ANNUITY

Effective September 1, 2010, the "Park Free Plus" Annuity is earning **3.25% (3.198% APR)** for the first year.

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

The "Park Free Plus" offers a first year interest rate of **3.25% (3.198% APR)**. This initial interest rate is guaranteed for the entire first year of the Annuity policy. At the first anniversary date of the policy, the **Annuitant has 15 calendar days to elect this option:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Low Minimum Deposit. Initial deposit may be as low as \$1,000 for the "Park Free Plus" Annuity. Maximum deposit for this program is \$100,000.00.

No additional deposits are permitted during the first year.

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

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

- (a) The policy can be continued. There will be no surrender charges on any withdrawals.* The interest rate will be based on FCSU Life's Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity interest rate.
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Insights and Viewpoints

Slovakia's Iron Lady, Prime Minister Iveta Radičová

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

Another first occurred in the summer of 2010 – Slovakia got its first female prime minister (predseda vlady in Slovak), 53 year-old Iveta Radičová. Whether one agrees with her politics or not, this marks another milestone in the history of Slovakia's successful transition from communism to democracy and building a modern civil state.

Radičová brings with her a reputation of directly confronting issues with a strong will and reminds one of Britain's former prime minister, the so-called "Iron Lady," Margaret Thatcher.

As predicted after the June 2010 parliamentary elections (See my July 7, 2010 article in Jednota.), Radičová officially took office on July 8th. She now heads a center-right coalition government of four parties: her own conservative SDKÚ (Slovak Christian and Democratic Union), the young Freedom and Solidarity Party (SaS), the moderate Magyar Most-Híd Party, and the Catholic-oriented Christian Democratic Movement (KDH).

Personal Background

To help understand the new prime minister as a person, I have included some personal tidbits, so our readers have a better idea of her background. Much of the information is based on what she shared on her autobiographical website.

Interestingly, Iveta Radičová was born on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1956. Her family had Slovak-Polish-Jewish origins. The family lived in a humble two room apartment in Bratislava, and found it difficult making ends meet after World War II, for her father could not work as a laborer due to an immobile left hand. He found irregular work in Košice, and later worked as a language editor in a printing shop.

Tragically, her parents experienced the loss of her older brother, who lived for six years in an incubator before passing away. She was born premature and ill, but her parents refused to put her in an incubator and she suffered from severe pneumonia as a young child.

During her early years, her mother and maternal grandmother taught her typical girl's tasks like sewing and knitting. Radičová's paternal grandparents lived in rural setting not far from Kúty in western Slovakia. According to Radičová's autobiography, her mother was a very kind woman and helped many people. She never screamed at her daughter and disciplined her with moments of silence. She and her mother both liked to laugh a lot, but in a forthright manner, she confessed that they both shared the problem of having a hard time getting over it when someone made them angry. Perhaps she was warning her political opponents with this comment!

Radičová met her husband, Stano Radič, when she was attending college, and she noted that she fell for him very quickly. But her husband could not get accepted at any university in Czechoslovakia. Instead he took up being a jokester, and his desire to pursue humor as career gelled during his years in military service. He first started publishing in the Slovak satirical weekly publication Roháč (Stag Beetle), and then did some stints on Slovak Radio. In time, her husband became a well known comedian for his work on radio and television.

Together the couple had one daughter, Eva, and she called her the best thing that ever happened to them in 25 years of marriage. Unfortunately, Radičová became widowed in



2005, the year which also marked the beginning of her recent political career.

Radičová made no mention of any particular religious affiliation or spiritual life in her autobiographical essay or on her Facebook pages.

Academic Background

The new prime minister brings a stellar set of credentials from the academic world. In 1981, she completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology at Comenius University in Bratislava, and by 1989 obtained a doctorate degree at the same institution. The next year, she spent another year working as a post-doctoral student at Oxford University. Later she also spent time in the USA as a Fulbright scholar.

After the Velvet Revolution of 1989, Radičová first became involved in politics, acting as a spokesperson for the Slovak alternative to communism, Public against Violence (VPN). In 1991, she went on to found and became executive director of one of the first NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) in Slovakia, the SPACE foundation – the Centre for Analysis of

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Please note that the fundraiser to support the
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The most famous Slovak "ultrarunner" Jozef Rajchl is running across the USA during September and October 2010, from SanFranciso to Washington, DC.

The On-Going Extreme Run of Jozeg Rajchl Across the USA

The most famous Slovak "ultrarunner" Jozef Rajchl is planning to run across the USA during September and October 2010. The 2,862 mile long route is expected to be run in 45 days which will allow Rajchl to set a new record in the Guinness Book of Records for the fastest extreme run from San Francisco to Washington, DC.

With a planned start date of September 10, 2010 in SanFrancisco, "ultrarunner" Jozef Rajchl is hoping to achieve more than one goal. He hopes not only to set a Guinness World record as stated above, but also (and more important) to raise money for research into Parkinson disease. Rajchl, who is the most famous "ultrarunner" in Slovakia, hopes that this run will help the MJF Foundation for Parkinson research established by American actor Michael J. Fox as well raise public awareness about the sport of extreme ultrarunning.

The route, which spans 2,862 miles, goes through California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and then as far as Washington, DC. Rajchl will have many terrain challenges along the way: the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, the Appalachian Mountains and Death Valley, to name a few. The run will be even tougher as he will be running without any other team members for support. His only companion is cyclist Matúš Glatz, who is carrying all the necessary equipment.

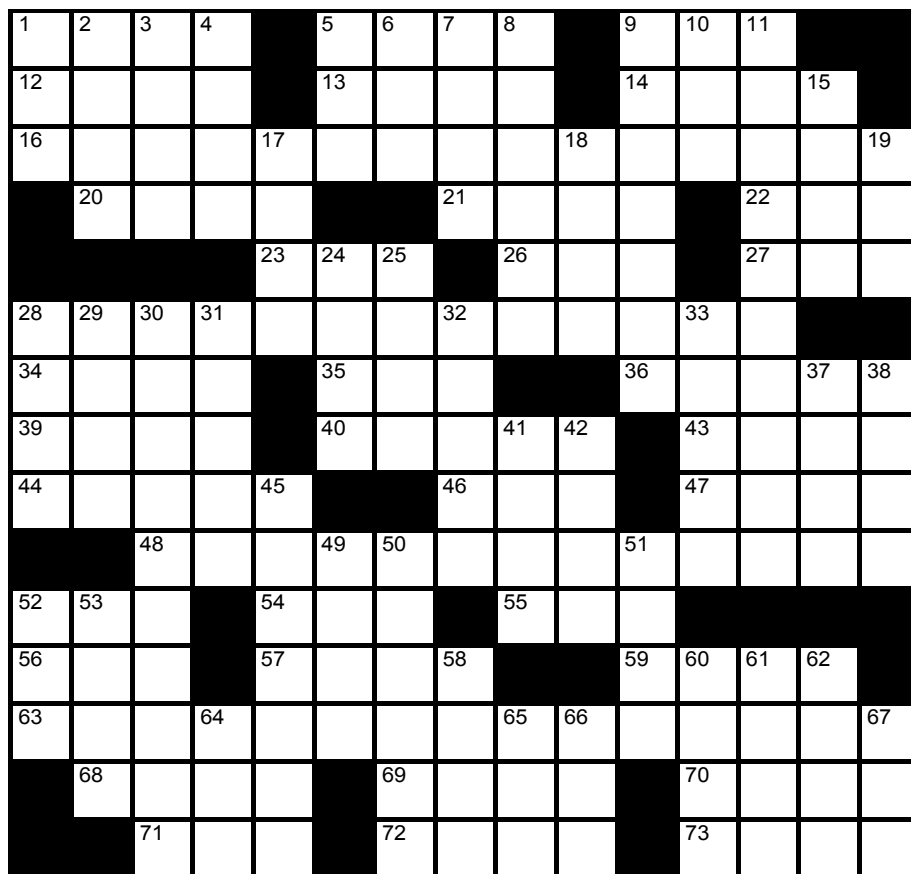
The average length of daily run is 65 miles, which equals three lengths of a marathon.

Run across the USA is organized by Public Union Xtremerrun DNV, for more details and photos please visit the website www.xtremerrun.com. Information about the run will be published on this website as well as on facebook periodically, about every three days. Should you wish to receive information about the run automatically, please send a blank email with the subject heading "Across USA" to: martin@mojdomcek.sk. Please note that this automatic email service will end when the Run across the USA ends, and that your email address will not be provided to a third party for any other purpose(s).

About Jozef Rajchl:

Jozef Rajchl was born May 17, 1981. He has been actively pursuing the sport of extreme ultrarunning since 2004. Just a few of his achievements have included: a transcontinental run in 2008, Bratislava – Athens – Peking (encompassing 6,509 miles in 150 days); and in 2005, a European run from Helsinki to Tariffa (encompassing 2,877 miles in 60 days).

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Congratulations to the Winners of the Presidential Campaign 2010



All pictures taken at convention by our convention photographer Bill Synk are available for easy viewing, downloading and emailing at www.gallery.me.com/fcsu or by going to the FCSU website, www.fcsu.com and clicking on the link provided.

From the Desk of The Executive Secretary



Kenneth A. Arendt

The First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada held a year-long Presidential Campaign starting last summer. Designed to culminate at convention, the campaign ran from August 2009 to August 2010.

Prize drawings were then held during the 49th Quadrennial Convention. For every two new insurance policies signed, the proposer received a certificate, the duplicate of which went into the convention drawing for \$4,450 in cash prizes. For every \$10,000 in Annuity/IRAs brought in during approximately same period – August 1, 2009 until the August convention – each recommender received a certificate, the duplicate of which went into the convention drawing for \$4,450 in cash prizes for this category.

On behalf of myself, Membership and Marketing Chairman Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., President Andrew M. Rajec, and all the National Officers – congratulations to our winners, and to all those who entered the contest. Together, we can help ensure our Society stays strong and growing, now and for years to come.

Kenneth Arendt
National Executive Secretary



Joseph Scavina, a recent Top Gun recipient, also won the First Prize in the Annuities Raffle



Membership and Marketing Committee Chairman Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. brings in raffle drawing certificates at the 49th Quadrennial Convention

2010 Presidential Campaign Winners

Insurance:

- First Prize - \$1,500.00 Geraldine Buchheit
- Second Prize - \$1,200.00 Joseph Bugel
- Third Prize - \$1,000.00 Amelia Franek
- Fourth Prize - \$500.00 Patricia Conner
- Fifth Prize - \$250.00 Karianne Barnes

Annuities:

- First Prize - \$1,500.00 Joseph Scavina
- Second Prize - \$1,200.00 Ann Kacsanek
- Third Prize - \$1,000.00 Albert Valo, Sr.
- Fourth Prize - \$500.00 Eleanor Bernard
- Fifth Prize - \$250.00 Carl Ungvarsky

David Alan Jurasinski, Winner of FCSU Targeted Membership Survey



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To ensure that our products have the best features and benefits going forward, we recently developed a targeted membership survey designed to elicit feedback from key demographics of our Society. As promised, the name of every person who completed a survey was entered into our \$500 cash raffle. And the winner is David Alan Jurasinski, Branch 175K. Congratulations, David, and our thanks to all who participated. We appreciate your valuable feedback!



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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT - DISTRICT 2

The Rev John J. Spitzkovsky District II will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, Illinois. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments starting at 1:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm.

Attendees will enjoy a delicious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates; individual FCSU members who wish to learn more about becoming active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call District President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810, so enough food and beverages can be ordered for the meeting.

Robert Tapak Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. RURA DISTRICT – NEW JERSEY

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich @ 732-469-5256 by November 7th with the number of delegates who will be attending.

Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at St. Patrick's Ryan Church Hall in Merrill, MI. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11:30AM; the business meeting will begin at 1:00PM. The church hall is located at 4708 South Meridian Road (M30). Branch 774 will be hosting; please notify Katherine Stevens at (989) 835-9895 by October 18th with the number of delegates that will be attending from your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, election of officers will be on the agenda, along with discussion of the recent convention in Cleveland. We encourage all branches to be represented. Hoping to see many new faces.

Anna Magusin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Local Branch 60 will host the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh District of the F.C.S.U. on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the St Barnabas Parish Hall, Swissvale, PA. All branches are expected send representatives. The Steelers don't play till evening so that's not an excuse. The meeting will include officers' reports and discussion of F.C.S.U. national and district business. In particular, branch hosts for 2011 events will be selected. District officers for 2011 will be elected at this meeting.

The Pittsburgh District would like to take this opportunity to extend thanks to all of its members who served as delegates at the 49th Convention this August in Cleveland, OH.

The District Christmas Party will follow the business meeting. The officers of the Pittsburgh District wish all members a happy and holy Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

The Rev. John Martvon District – Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, and Bedford Counties, PA – will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at St. Michael's Church Hall, St. Michaels, PA, beginning at 2:00PM. Note this is the third Sunday in October. The host will be St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, Beaverdale. Holy Mass will be offered earlier in the day for the living and deceased members of the district.

On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2011 and a discussion of the recent convention. Branches are reminded that to receive their annual stipend from the home office their dues must be current and they must attend one district meeting annually.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

REV STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT - DISTRICT 8, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, AND WASHINGTON, DC

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010 in St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA, 18102. There will be no Mass for this meeting due to Mass schedule changes. Dinner will be served at 12:00PM in the Social Hall and the meeting will start at 1:00PM. Andy Harcar, our National Vice-President, will be attending the meeting as well. He will give a sales seminar at the conclusion of our meeting. Donation for the dinner is \$17.00. Please make checks payable to Branch 567. All checks and credentials must be returned by Friday, October 1, 2010. Please be prompt! Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610-432-8350. Thank you.

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT - DISTRICT 9

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the K-2 Engineering Building at 234 Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA.

Branch Officers and delegates that attended the convention are requested to attend this meeting.

Geraldine Buchheit

DISTRICT 10 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

Rev. Stephen Furdek, District 10, will be meeting at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311. This meeting is being held to update members on convention data and election of officers for the 2011 year.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Linda Hanko @ 330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Linda Hanko @330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com so that we may have a proper head count for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 - MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT, FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District will be on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 PM.

Delegates from all branches should call okres secretary Grace Charney at (724) 763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

This notice is also a reminder to Branches that representation at District meetings and up-to-date payment of District dues are requirements for eligibility for your annual membership reimbursements from Headquarters and to send delegates to the quadrennial FCSU Convention.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 12 – ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 1:00PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at King's Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. In addition to general business, there will be an election of officers. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

DISTRICT 13 - CARDINAL JOZEF TOMKO DISTRICT

Cardinal Jozef Tomko District 13, Houtzdale PA, will have a meeting Sunday, October 10, 2010 at Cozy Corners Restaurant in Osceola Mills PA 16666 located on the Osceola Mills-Houtzdale Highway, Route 53 South.

A dinner will be served for the attendees. Election of 2011 officers will take place. Members of the various branches are welcome. Confirm your attendance by calling Rosemary Deliman 814 342 5592 no later than Saturday October 9, 2010.

Rosemary Deliman, Recording secretary

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold its Meeting on Sunday October 31, 2010. Celebration begins with a Slovak Holy Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John Bosco Chapel at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Boulevard, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak from San Bernardino. We will pray for All Saints and all beloved departed Souls.

The Meeting will follow in the cafeteria. There will be a period of fraternal fellowship directly after the meeting, and coffee and donuts will be served. All members are invited and all branches in our area are encouraged to send delegates to the meeting.

On the agenda: Information about the FCSU Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 14-18, 2010, and the promotion and scheduling of District fraternal activities as well as information about the First Catholic Slovak Union Insurance program.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHAN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Stephan Krasula District 16, NYC, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, Most Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY.

On the agenda will be a financial report and a discussion of activities and election of officers for the coming year.

We urge all District Branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU – not just delegates – are welcome.

Refreshments will be served by branch St. Stephen Society, Branch 716, NY, after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT 17

SS. Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York, and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, will hold its annual fall meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Following 10:00 A.M. Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, delegates from the District 17 Branches will gather at 11:30 A.M. in the Keyser Valley Community Center, 101 Keyser Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On the agenda are the Officers Reports, a Convention Report, and Election of Officers for 2011. There will also be a sales seminar presented by the Home Office.

There will be a catered luncheon. It is important that you confirm your attendance by contacting District 17 President Michael J. Slovenkai at 570.342.7562 no later than Saturday, September 25, 2010.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Avenue NE & 2nd Street. The agenda will include a convention report, schedule of activities for 2011, and the election of officers. A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a breakfast meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010, in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall.

Our members are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Saint Peter and Paul Society Branch 132 will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at the home of the president. Lunch will be served from 12:30PM – 1:30PM, with a meeting to follow. All members are urged to attend this important meeting. If a member needs directions to the president's home, please call 973-906-1145.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed, officers' reports will be given, including the results of the National Convention in Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Any inquiries and updated information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 259 - STRUTHERS, OHIO

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, at 1:00PM at the Trinity Church Hall in Struthers, Ohio.

On the Agenda will be an update on the Convention, new membership, and the upcoming Christmas Party and Annual Meeting.

All members are invited to attend and become more active members.

Vivian Sedlacko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 290 - RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Branch 290 will hold a meeting on October 20, 2010, at 7:30PM. Please

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OBITUARIES

Francis J. Parana Sr. Branch 181 – United, Pennsylvania

Francis J. Parana Sr., 82, of Southwest Greensburg, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. He was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Clymer, a son of the late Paul and Anna (Kopchak) Parana. Prior to his retirement, he had been an architectural draftsman for ENI Engineering of Monroeville. He was a member of St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, for 47 years, where he had served as a Eucharistic Minister and adult funeral server. He was a fourth degree Knights of Columbus Council 1480, Greensburg, a member of the NRA, SNPJ Lodge of Carbon, the American Legion Post 981, South Greensburg, the Clymer Slovak Club, and the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 181. He was very proud of his Slovak ancestry and performed with the Westmoreland County Slovene Singers and Pittsburgh Area Slovak Ensemble. He was a veteran of the Army Engineers serving during the Korean War. He was fondly recognized as a winemaker, enjoyed hunting, the History Channel, wood crafting and playing the violin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, William, Charles, Stephen and John "Jack" Parana; and two sisters, Lillian Somonick and Louise D.A. Parana. He was the last surviving member of his birth family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, MaryAnn (Stroker) Parana; two sons, Andrew P. Parana Sr. and his wife, Theresa, of Ligonier, and Frances J. Parana Jr. and his wife, Sheila, of New Stanton; two daughters, Marie Parana, of Greensburg, and Ann F. and Retired Lt. Col. Richard Futch, of Tampa, FL. He also enjoyed his grandchildren, Sarah Jo, Andrew Jr., Joshua, Jessica, Brandy, David and Jason; four great-grandchildren, Lisa Marie, Dylan, Makala and Jayden; a sister-in-law, Ethel Mae Parana, of California; and several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many special friends. Friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. the following Friday in the LEO M. BACHA FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg. Prayers were at 9:30 a.m. the following Saturday in the funeral home followed by a funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, with the Rev. Thomas A. Federline as celebrant. Interment followed in the Westmoreland County Memorial Park with full military honors accorded by the American Legion Post 981 Honor Guard. The Knights of Columbus Council 1480 met at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Friday to conduct a memorial service.

Sophie B. Pipak Branch 199 - Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

Sophie B. Pipak, 84, an original homesteader of Westmoreland Homesteads (Norvelt), died Saturday, July 31, 2010, in Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital. Born October 10, 1925, in Whitney, she was a daughter of the late Valent and Mary Gaca Emerick. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Francis E. Pipak Sr.; two sisters, Helen Wisniewski and Margaret Hritz; and two brothers, John M. and Joseph Emerick. Sophie was a lifetime member of St. Florian Catholic Church, United, where she was very active in many parish activities and the Rosary Altar Soci-

ety. She was a member of Norvelt Mothers Club, past president of Greensburg Central Catholic High School Mothers Club, and currently the Vice President of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota) Branch 199. Sophie was the loving mother and grandmother to five children, Francis E. Jr. (Michelle) Pipak of Pittsburgh, Susan M. (Jack) Owens of McKean, John M. (Bonnie) Pipak of Norvelt, Thomas F. Pipak (Teri Scurci) of Kecksburg, Barbara A. (Bob) Patula of Norvelt; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Mary Bratberg of North Dakota and Josephine Curci of Luxor. Family and friends will be received 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the Jay A. Hoffer Funeral Home, Norvelt. A blessing service was held 9:45 a.m. on the following Wednesday in the funeral home, followed by her mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Florian Catholic Church. Interment followed in St. Florian Cemetery in Trauger. Sophie will be remembered for her love of God, family and friends.

Barbara Patula, Secretary-Treasurer

Patricia Conner Branch 200 – Ford City, Pennsylvania

Patricia "Pat" A. Conner, 63, of Ford City, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. She was born Aug. 21, 1947, in Kittanning, a daughter of the late Paul and Mary (Husar) Surovic. She worked as a bakery clerk for Giant Eagle, Sarver. Pat was a member of Christ, Prince of Peace Church, Ford City. She was also a member of the CU Club, Ford City Eagles Auxiliary and the Jednota Branch 200. Pat loved her rock garden, going to flea markets, weekend traveling with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren. Surviving are husband, Jim Conner, of Ford City; one daughter, Michelle Conner, of Saxtonburg; one son, Jim Conner, of Ford City; six grandchildren, Mandy, Jason, Matthew, Kaylie, Hunter and Morgan; and one brother, Paul Surovic, of Ford City. Friends were welcomed by her family from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. the following Tuesday in the WELCH FUNERAL HOME, Ford City, where parting prayers of transfer also were recited at 10 a.m. the following Wednesday. Funeral Mass followed at 10:30 a.m. in Christ, Prince of Peace Church, Ford City, with Father Bryan Summers as celebrant. Interment followed in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Manor Township.

Dr. Albert L. Varacallo Jr. Branch 322 – Stump Creek, Pennsylvania

Dr. Albert L. Varacallo Jr., 52, DuBois, died Thursday July 8, 2010 at Altoona Regional Trauma Center as the result of a bicycling accident in DuBois.

Born Nov. 3, 1957, in DuBois, he was a son of the late Albert L. Varacallo Sr. and of Patricia Yakulis Varacallo, who survives and lives in Sykesville. He was married to Luanne Cavalier Varacallo June 20, 1981. She survives.

A 1975 graduate of DuBois Area High School, he graduated in 1979 from Washington and Jefferson College with a degree in psychology and biology. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Pennsylvania State University, College of Medicine, in Hershey, in 1983. In 2005, he earned

a master's degree in medical management from Tulane University.

He had practiced family medicine at the Reynoldsville Medical Center in Reynoldsville since 1986.

He had been affiliated with DuBois Regional Medical Center since 1986 and served as chief of the Department of Medicine from 1991-93, as vice president of the medical staff from 2004-06 and recently ended his term as president of the medical staff in June. He had been the medical director at Christ the King Manor in DuBois since 1996. He was a preceptor for many years for the Northwest PA Area Health Education Center and was named preceptor of the year in 1998. He was appointed clinical director of AHEC in 2008.

He was a clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine for the Penn State College of Medicine. He was a volunteer physician at the Free Medical Clinic in DuBois. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society.

He was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in DuBois. He was a member of the board of directors of the DuBois Area Catholic Schools. He was a Eucharistic minister and served on the finance committee at the St. Mary's Church in Reynoldsville until 2009.

He is also survived by two daughters, Natalie (Michael) Milliron of Pleasant Gap and Patricia Varacallo of DuBois; four sons: Christopher Varacallo of Akron, Ohio, Matthew Varacallo of Hershey and Albert Varacallo III and Dominic Varacallo, both of DuBois; two sisters, Kathleen (Larry) Mangano of Oakmont, and Darlene (Dr. Don) Shurman of Allison Park. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Varacallo.

Friends were received from 1-5 p.m. the following Saturday and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. the following Monday at the Goble Baronick Funeral Home in DuBois. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. the following Tuesday at St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. David Foradori as celebrant. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Mary Jane Bock Davies Branch 580 – West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

Mary Jane Bock Davies, 73, of Daufuskie, SC and wife of Robert E. Davies passed away on Friday, August 6, 2010 in the Hilton Head Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head Island, SC. Mary Jane was born in Duquesne, PA on January 8, 1937. She was the daughter of the late Michael J. and Anna Tunder Bock. She was a homemaker who loved her family more than anything else in life. Mary Jane was a member of St. Francis ByThe Sea Catholic Church. Mary Jane is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert Edward Davies of Haig Point-Daufuskie Island; one son, Mark Robert (Janet) Davies of Juniper, FL; three daughters, Sandy (Brad)

Rolf of Charlotte, NC, Trish (Todd) Elliott of Bluffton, SC and Michele (Jim) Goodwin also of Charlotte, NC; two sisters, Audrey (John) Hadvab of Lancaster, SC and Janet (Ralph) DeRose of Corry, PA and eight grandchildren, Ryan and Lauren Davies, Jenna and Amy Rolf, Colin and Evan Elliott and Chris and Stefanie Goodwin. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church, 45 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island at 10:30 am, the following Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Nancy Jackson Branch 580 – West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

Nancy J. Jackson, 76, formerly of West Mifflin, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, in William Penn Care Center, Jeannette. She was born Dec. 13, 1933, in Duquesne, the daughter of the late George and Theresa (Kondrath) Meskowski. Nancy was retired from Kennywood Park where she was a money counter and bookkeeper. She was a member of Holt Trinity Church, West Mifflin, Christian Mothers and was a former den mother for Cub Scouts. She is survived by her son, Theodore J. (Pam) Jackson, of Morrisville, Pa.; daughter, Georgeanna (David) Hill, of Harrison City; two grandsons, David Hill and Jonathan Hill; and sister of the late George Meskowski. Visitation was from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. the following Tuesday at the MALOY-SCHLEIFER FUNERAL HOME INC., Duquesne. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. Joseph Grosko. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Mifflin.

The officers of Branch 580 wish to express their deepest sympathy to her son Theodore and daughter Georgeanna and her family.

Virginia Jasek

John J. Karch – Branch 652 Trenton, New Jersey

John J. Karch, Ph.D., of Falls Church, VA, passed away on Tuesday, Sept 7, 2010. Beloved husband of Loretta, R. Karch; loving father of Paul J. Karch (Susan) and Anne Marie Wujick (David); devoted grandfather of Rachel, Helena, John, Paul Jr., Andrew, and Natalie. Friends called at Murphy Falls Church Funeral Home, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, September 13. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA on Tuesday, September 14 at 10:30AM. Graveside services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 11:00AM. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Catholic War Veterans of The United States of America, National Headquarters, 441 N. Lee Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2301.

Editor's Note: On behalf of Jednota and the First Catholic Slovak Union, condolences to the Karch family on their loss. John Karch was a fine writer – with amazing credentials – and a very welcome, regular contributor to the Jednota. I am sure he will be missed by us all, particularly the readers of this newspaper. Teresa Ivanec

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

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Historical, Psychological, and Cultural Influences upon the Sport Success of Czecho-Slovakian Athletes – Part IIIa

Outstanding Sports Figures of Czech-Slovak Heritage

By **Christopher M. Keshock, Ph.D.**
University of South Alabama

Given the numerous athletes attaining championship and world class status over the years in both old and new world venues; it is not possible to list all of them in this article series. However, major figures whose accomplishments have been characterized by the term "hard work" will be shared in the following sections of this Jednota and in the next (October 13) issue.

Track and Field

In the sport of Track and Field, an Olympic legend, Emil Zatopek, set records in 1952 that may still be described as incredible by today's standards. Dubbed the "Human Locomotive" by the press, he is the only person to ever win Olympic gold medals in the 5,000 meters, the 10,000 meters, and the marathon, setting records in all three events- a feat he accomplished at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. He remains the only man in summer games history to win all of the competition's long-distance races. With four Olympic gold medals (he also won the 10,000 meters in London in 1948) and 18 world records to his credit, the Czechoslovakian Olympic Committee named him the Czech Republic's Olympian of the Century. Juan Antonio Samaranch, an International Olympic Committee chairman, described him in the following manner, "Zatopek's achievements were fantastic and he certainly belongs to the greatest Olympic heroes of all time" (Bouc, 2001).

His wife and fellow Moravian, Dana Ingrova, competed in the javelin event of the London Olympics finishing seventh. But four years later in a Helsinki, she won gold in the javelin with a throw of 50 meters.

Olga Fikotova Connolly won the discus gold medal at the 1956 Olympics with a new record of 176'1". There she met the United States hammer throw champion, Hal Connolly, whom she subsequently married. As a new citizen, she represented America at the next four Olympics being selected to carry the U.S. flag at the opening ceremonies.

Another discuss thrower of Czechoslovakian origin, Richard Bubka, set a world record of 19'6.5" in 1960 before going to Rome where he won the silver medal finishing second behind Al Oerter. In a long career as a leader in his field, his best mark came in 1968 with a throw of 209'9".

Imrich Bugar, still another discuss thrower, produced career highlights to include an Olympic silver medal in 1980, a European Championship title in 1982, and a gold medal in the first World Championships in 1983. His personal best throw of 71.26 meters places him eighth among all-time performers.

Tennis

Tennis players with Czecho-Slovakian heritage have been included among those considered the greatest of all time. Heading the list is the superstar Martina Navratilova, the most prolific winner of the open era. She dominated the women's tennis competition for a remarkable two decades; won a record total of 167 singles titles, including 18 majors, along with 162 women's doubles titles and 8 mixed doubles titles; and was ranked number one in the world for a record run of 150 weeks from 1982 to 1987. At her most successful tournament, Wimbledon's Centre Court, she won a record nine singles titles, her last in 1990. She became a U.S. citizen in 1981 and returned to her home country in 1986 to lead her adopted

country's team to a Federation Cup victory, as she had done for Czechoslovakia 11 years before. Martina was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2000 (Baldwin, 2001).

Another number one ranked player in world tennis is Martina Hingisova (Hingis). She was born in Kosice, Slovakia, a daughter of two Slovakian tennis professionals, and named after Martina Navratilova who was a friend of her parents. Her first Grand Slam victory took place in 1997 in the Australian Open when she was 16 years old. In consecutive tournaments of that year in Melbourne, Tokyo, Paris, Florida, and South Carolina she advanced to the highest competitive level: the world's number one female tennis player. On July 5, 1997, Martina became the second youngest Wimbledon champion, and later teamed up with Helena Sukova to become the youngest Wimbledon doubles' champion. In effect, she became the unofficial world champion at age sixteen. Later in 1997, she won the U.S. Open Tournament placing her among only six women winners of three Grand Slams in one season- a season in which she won an incredible 63 victories against only 2 losses. She continues to compete at a world class level following bouts with injuries and is described as a "confident, intelligent winner".

Ivan Lendl, of Ostrava, won the Australian Open singles championship in 1983, the French Open in 1984, and the U.S. Open in 1985- a year in which he was ranked No. 1 in the world. He won these tournaments again (1986-89). Through 1993, Lendl's 92 victories were second only to Jimmy Connors. With eight grand slams, singles titles, he was tied for fifth all-time with Jimmy Connors.

Still other outstanding players include Jaroslav Drobný, winner of the 1954 Wimbledon title; Jan Kodes, winner of three Grand Slam tournaments and ranked fifth in the world; Daniela Hantuchova, winner of eight tournaments and ranked fifth in the world. As a team, Slovakia won the Hopman Cup in 1998 and the ATP Tour World Team Cup in 2002.

Hockey

One of the most popular winter sports in Czechoslovakia is hockey with its players being among the very best in Europe. Following the overthrow of Communism in 1989, many players have been selected by National Hockey League franchises in the U.S. and gone on to stardom in the NHL- a condition in which the league has benefited immensely from the addition of these talented, hard-driving players.

The Czechoslovakian national hockey team won World Titles in 1972, 1976, and 1977, Olympic bronze medals in 1972, and silver medals in 1976. Many of these world class players later migrated to the National Hockey League in America and Canada in the late 1980's and 1990's. After beating Canada in the quarterfinals, Sweden in the semifinals, and Russia in the final match, Slovakia won the gold medal in the 2002 World Championship in Gothenburg, Sweden. As of 2007, over eighty (80) Slovak hockey players have played in the National Hockey League (NHL) of the United States and Canada. Still other famous Czech heritage players have combined to carve out illustrious careers in the NHL over the past three decades.

Stan Mikita, born in Sokolcany, Slovakia, emigrated to Canada where he became a star amateur player before joining the Chicago Black Hawks of the NHL for twenty-two seasons. In 1963-64 Mikita won the Ross Trophy for assists and repeated in 1964-65. He became the first player to win the Triple Crown (1966-67) and earned the Lady Byng Trophy, the Ross Trophy as best scorer, and the Hart Trophy for most valuable player in the NHL. He led the NHL in scoring four times and is enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

By achieving NHL stardom, the Pittsburgh Penguins' Jaromir Jagr (born in Kladno, Czechoslovakia) realized the dream of playing in the NHL. A household name in America, he was a member of the Stanley Cup champs and assessed by teammate Mario Lemieux as "one of the best players in the world". A prolific scorer, he continues to lead his Penguin teammates in the quest for more Stanley Cup championships.

Dominik Hasek (born January 29, 1965 in Pardubice, Czechoslovakia) is the consummate professional NHL goaltender currently playing for the Detroit Redwings. He has played for the Chicago Blackhawks, Buffalo Sabres, and the Ottawa Senators. In an eight season span (1994-2000) he won 6 Vezina Trophies for being the best goaltender in the NHL. His most memorable international performance came in the 1998 Olympics in leading the Czech team to the gold medal beating out the Russian team.

Peter Bondra, a Slovakian citizen, played for Slovakia in the Olympics while attaining All-Star status in the NHL. Playing for the Washington Capitals, he scored more goals over four regular seasons (1994-98) combined than any other player in the NHL. A perennial All-Star, he is still described as "hockey's best kept secret".

Peter Stastny, of Bratislava, Slovakia, played in the NHL from 1980 to 1995. After Wayne Gretzky, he was the most prolific scorer in the NHL in the 1980's. When Peter Stastny and his brother, Anton, defected to Canada in 1980 to play with the Quebec Nordiques, it represented a major breakthrough in the NHL. Later, his brother Marian Stastny joined them to become the second trio of brothers to play on the same NHL team. He became a Hall of Famer after risking his career and perhaps his life to defect from Czechoslovakia.

Ivan Hlinka (January 26, 1950-August 16, 2004) was one of the greatest players in Czechoslovakian history. As a big center, he helped his national team win titles in 1972, 1976, and 1977. As the captain of the national team, he won an Olympic bronze medal in 1972 and a silver medal in 1976. In 1981, Hlinka and fellow countryman, Jiri Bubla, joined

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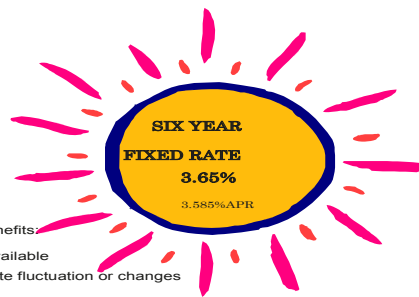
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the NHL's Vancouver Canucks starting the Czechoslovakian migration to the NHL and being the first to play in the Stanley Cup finals. Later, he became a successful coach of the national team and for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the NHL before dying in a tragic car accident.

Robert Svehla, from Martin, Slovakia, played 9 seasons in the NHL as a defenseman for the Florida Panthers. He played 655 career NHL games, scoring 68 goals and 267 assists for 355 points; and was very strong defensively being a willing bodychecker who led the NHL in hits on multiple occasions for the Panthers.

Vladimir Ruzicka (born June 6, 1963) won gold medals on the Czechoslovakia team that won the Ice Hockey World Championship in 1985 and 1998 Olympic Games. He played 5 NHL seasons for the Edmonton Oilers, Boston Bruins, and Ottawa Senators. His best season statistically came in 1991-92 when he recorded 75 points (39 goals, 36 assists) with the Boston Bruins. As a coach he led the Czech Republic to the Vienna World Championship gold medal in 2005.

Alex Delvechio (Slovak mother), best known for his All-Star play for the Detroit Red Wings of the NHL, won the Lady Byng Trophy (Most Valuable Player) in 1966 and 1969. He was voted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as one of the brightest stars in NHL history.

Editor's Note: In the next, and final installment of this series on Czecho-Slovak Athletes, Dr. Keschock gives an overview of more outstanding sports figures of Czech-Slovak heritage in such categories as baseball, basketball and football, as well as those who served in sports administration through the years.

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call Joe at (732) 469-5256 for the location of the meeting after 6PM. Try to attend. Reports will be made on the convention.

Joe Minarovich, President

BRANCH 293 – LANGSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph's Society, Branch 293, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Friday, October 1, 2010 at 6:00PM at the residence of Robert J. Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch Street, Lansford, PA 18232.

Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at Meloni's, 105 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Geri Buchheit,
Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 430 – SIMPSON, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 430 will hold its annual meeting on October 10, 2010, at the home of President Elizabeth Pisarcik. The meeting will be at 2:00PM.

Elizabeth M. Pisarcik, President

BRANCH 450- CLEVELAND, OH

St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold a meeting at the home of Jozef Valencik on Friday, October 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The address is 13501 Park Drive, Brook Park, OH. All members are encouraged to attend. We plan to discuss the results of the 49th Quadrennial Convention, which was held this past August. Please contact Jozef or Margaret Valencik at 216-676-0497 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Margaret Valencik

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 will hold a lodge meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311 at 2:00 pm.

Come take an active roll in your lodge and find out the latest information about FCSU.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567KJ, will hold a bake sale of nut and poppy seed rolls on Thursday, October 21, 2010, between 3:00PM – 5:00PM, in the Social hall of St. John the Baptist Church, 924 N. Front St., Allentown, PA.

The branch will have a regular meeting at St. John the Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 1:00PM in the church social hall. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Rosalie Favere, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's

next meeting on Sunday, November 14, at noon at King's Restaurant, located in Bentleyville, PA. In addition to general business, there will be an election of officers. Members are urged to attend.

Dorothy Petrus, President

BRANCH 706 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 706, will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, October 22, 2010, at the home of Vice President, Barbara Fayta, 1544 Rokosz Lane, Dyer, IN. Election of officers for the year 2011, insurance, selling new policies and yearly audit are on the agenda. Also discussion on the recent Convention held in Cleveland. The meeting will start at 3pm. If you plan to attend, please call Barbara at 1-219-864-8251, so arrangements can be made.

Branch 706 wishes to "Congratulate" all of the newly elected National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Sincerely,
Barbara Fayta, Vice President

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NY

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, NYC.

On the agenda will be financial and officers' reports, election of officers for 2011, and discussion of plans for the coming year.

All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,
Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Branch 721 will have a meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, at 2:00PM at the St. Cyril's Meeting Room in Bannister, MI. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joseph L. Beno, Reporting Secretary

BRANCH 746 – EDISON, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 10:30 AM in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. The agenda will include discussion and planning of the Christmas get-together, as well as other events for the upcoming year. Please bring your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its semi-annual branch officers meeting on October 17, 2010, at 1:00PM at the home of Mary Kolesar, President. We will be discussing our annual meeting for this year. The information for this meeting will be published shortly.

Fraternally,

Linda L Kolesar, Secretary/Treasurer



Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle in November

On November 7, 2010, Transfiguration Parish is sponsoring a Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle from 12:30PM to 4:00PM in the Parish Hall at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Adult tickets are \$10.00; children under the age of 12 are \$5.00. Tickets must be purchased before October 31, 2010. Call 216-226-4907.

Come and enjoy good food, music, multiple raffles, and fellowship.

St. John the Baptist Branch 553: 5th Annual Perch Fishing Tournament

Wow ... what a great Fish Story!

In July, Branch 553 members from Akron, OH participated in the 5th Annual Fishing Outing in Conneaut, OH.

This "deadliest catch" of 25 anglers converged on the shores of Lake Erie to claim bragging rights and win the title of "The Perching King." That title was won by Branch President Joe Petrasek, who also celebrated his 82nd birthday at the 2010 event.

Honorable mention went to the team of Andy Cacsanek, "Sluggo" Kacsanek, Al Collier, Lenny Gmerek, and Jimmy Gazdacko, Jr.

Better luck next year, boys!

Playfully submitted by Branch Vice President Greg Petrasek



Some of the "Deadliest Catch" Anglers, L - R, Jim Gazdacko, Joe Petrasek, Tony Petrasek, and Greg Petrasek

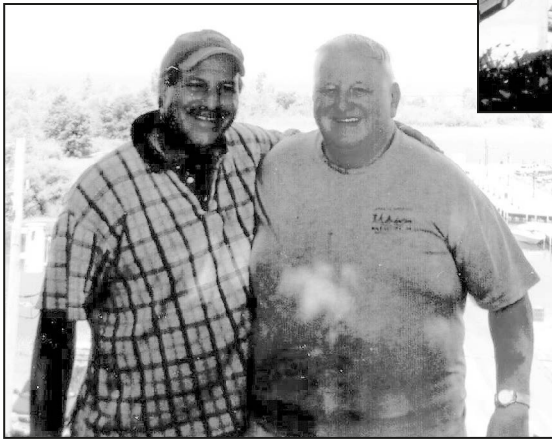
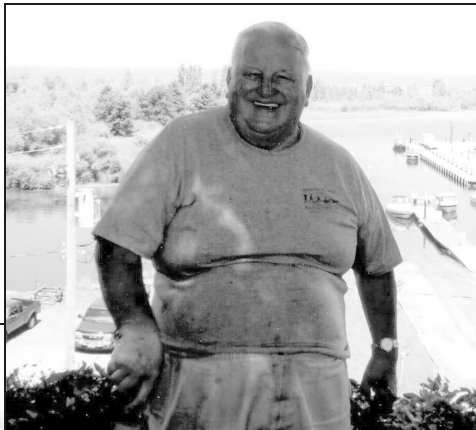


The winners, L-R (front row), Joe Petrasek, Greg Petrasek, Jim Gazdacko; L-R (back row) Jon Oprian, Lenny Gmerek, Larry Petrasek, George Kacsanek, and Photographer Tony Petrasek



L - R, John Oprian, Branch Auditor Lenny Gmerek, and President Joe Petrasek, who leads the group in singing Slovak songs.

Branch President Joe Petrasek, the "Perching King" and Birthday Boy - 82 years young!



Father & Son Team, L-R, Branch VicePresident Greg Petrasek, Branch President Joe Petrasek



Better Luck Tomorrow Toast, L-R, Jim Longo, Terry Ruip, George Kacsanek, Tony Sopi, John Oprian, and Lenny Gmerek. Not pictured: Andy Kacsanek and Sluggo Kacsanek

Answer to Puzzle

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News From Slovakia

President Gasparovic Visits Cambodia

Phnom Penh, September 8 (TASR) - Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic left on this date for a three-day visit to Cambodia, where he met Cambodia's top public officials including King Norodom Sihamoni, who thanked Slovakia for the development and humanitarian aid focused mainly on healthcare it has provided.

"I'm glad to see that Slovakia can support healthcare in Cambodia. I hope that despite the global crisis this will also be the case in the future," said Gasparovic.

He stressed that Slovakia is interested in developing relations with countries such as Cambodia in Southeast Asia, and he has also visited Vietnam recently.

Gasparovic appreciated the close link between the Cambodian King and Slovakia, as Narodom Sihamoni lived and studied in erstwhile Czechoslovakia for 13 years and still admires Slovak and Czech culture.

Gasparovic expressed his hope that his first visit to Cambodia –accompanied by Slovak businessmen – will create new opportunities for developing trade and commerce. Slovakia is interested mainly in co-operation in the sphere of the engineering sector, water management, energy, the chemical and pharmaceutical industry as well as tourism. On average, 1,000 Slovak tourists annually visit Cambodia (population 15 million).

Radicova Rejects Statements on Escalating Ties with Hungary

Bratislava, September 9 (TASR) - Prime Minister Iveta Radicova said on this date that she means to stick to an agreement made with her Hungarian counterpart Viktor Orban that they won't engage in an exchange of messages but will talk to each other in a direct manner instead, TASR learnt on the same day.

"We talk to each other directly. I spoke to him (Orban) on the phone recently," she told journalists. She added that she's ready to bring forward amendments to both the State Citizenship Act and the State Language Act in the near future.

As well, she rejected statements made by political analyst Laszlo Ollos that her Cabinet is reticent to conclude the issue of Hungary's dual-citizenship legislation and firm up Slovakia's stance on it and that the Slovak Government can only escalate the situation.

"It's statements like this that are designed to escalate the situation, and I don't mean to join this game," said the premier.

Ollos also said that since the current Government assumed power (two months ago), no improvement in the situation of ethnic Hungarians living in Slovakia has been observed. Ethnic-Hungarian SMK and Slovak-Hungarian Most-Hid parties are busy with its mutual struggle, which puts a damper on their cooperation with the Hungarian Government.

Prime Minister Radicova Praises German Firms Expansion in Regions

Bratislava, September 10 (TASR) - Prime Minister Iveta Radicova praised the expansion of German firms into the regions beset with high unemployment in an address to the First German Slovak Economic Dialogue, which was organized to mark the 5th anniversary of Slovak-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"I highly value the new working culture in the regions, plus the social programs and especially the expansion and activity of German firms in the regions where Slovakia needs it most," she said.

Radicova said there are strong prospects for cooperation between Slovak and German firms in innovations, technologies, science and research. "While last century was the century of Ford, this one belongs to Bill Gates. New technologies, informatics and value added work are trendsetting," said Radicova.

The high level of corruption, lack of transparency in public procurement and a lack of law enforcement are key factors behind the deterioration of the business environment, said Radicova in reference to recent surveys showing a worsening of business conditions in Slovakia. She pledged to the German firms to do her utmost to change the status quo.

Central Europe's TOP 500 Companies Features 29 Slovak Businesses

Bratislava, September 11 (TASR) - There are 29 Slovak businesses with last year's combined sales of €32 billion, which are included in the group of 500 largest firms in Central Europe, reveals the CE Top 500 rankings recently released by Deloitte company.

Owing to their economic results the list includes more Slovak firms than in 2008, but none of them were able to keep their position in the top 20 as a year earlier.

The Slovak unit of German carmaker Volkswagen saw its sales drop 43 percent down to around €3 billion, even losing its position of Slovak leader. Samsung Electronics Slovakia came out on top among Slovak companies, moving up 13 places to 21st. Steelmaker US Steel Kosice recorded the most dramatic plunge, falling 23 places to 68th as its sales declined 39 percent. Ironworks Podbrezova (Banska Bystrica region) with sales of €135 million was even taken off the charts.

The list also features 8 newcomers, among them two majority- Slovak-owned companies

- Unipharma Prievidza (Trencin region) and Doprastav. Retail chain Kaufland and LCD panel manufacturer Samsung Electronics LCD are among Slovak firms with the highest rise in sales.

FinMin: Growth in Slovak Economy to Reach 4% in 2010 and 3.3% in 2011

Bratislava, September 14 (TASR) - The Finance Ministry reported on this date that its estimate for growth in the Slovak economy this year has significantly increased - to 4 percent.

In its June prognosis the ministry was expecting an increase of only 3.2 percent. Conversely, the estimate for next year has been lowered from 3.8 to 3.3 percent.

"The main reasons behind the current changes in the prognosis are consolidation measures, more optimistic estimates concerning the external environment and the positive results seen in Slovakia and within the Eurozone in early 2010," reads a statement published by the ministry's Financial Policy Institute (IFP).

According to the ministry analysts, growth in the Slovak economy will accelerate due to foreign demand and reserves in the period between 2010-12, and a revival in household consumption in the wake of an improved situation on the labour market after 2012. Negative risks stem from the development of financial markets and the potential impact of significantly restrictive fiscal policy implemented within the EU in 2011.

The Finance Ministry is more optimistic than Slovakia's central bank, whose estimate for this year stands at 3.7 percent. Analysts from commercial banks as well as of the International Monetary Fund concur on 4-percent growth.

The Slovak economy contracted by 4.7 percent in 2009 due to the global economic crisis.

Dzurinda Visits France, Talks Cooperation with Counterpart Kouchner

Paris, September 9 (TASR)- Foreign Minister Mikulas Dzurinda on this date met his French counterpart Bernard Kouchner and the president's aide-de-camp Jean-Davic Levitt for talks about topical issues.

Both sides described mutual relations as good and explored the possibility of enhancing their cooperation in nuclear energy, investments and industry. They also talked about bolstering business cooperation among European Union countries, tightening measures for supervision purposes and ensuring compliance with the Growth and Stability Pact and the need for European Union reforms.

Dzurinda extended an invitation to President Nicolas Sarkozy to visit Slovakia.

The EU integration of the Western Balkans was also discussed.

The French also addressed the Roma repatriation issue, with both sides noting the need for a pan-European solution and better use of resources existing inside European Union.

Slovak Land Fund to Get New Director, Former EU-negotiator Eva Simkova

Bratislava, September 14 (TASR) - Former state secretary at the ministry of economy Eva Simkova (formerly liberal ANO, now Most-Hid nominee), will become new director of the Slovak Land Fund (SPF).

Most-Hid's proposal to name her in was okayed by the Coalition Council at its session late on Tuesday. Simkova is expected to be approved by the Cabinet next week.

"Ms. Simkova is an expert and a real slogger. This alone means a lot," chairman of the co-ruling Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) Richard Sulik said about Simkova before journalists.

Besides having worked at the economy ministry during the second government led by Mikulas Dzurinda (2002-6), Simkova was also part of Slovakia's negotiating team before the country entered the European Union in May 2004.

Slovak Slalomists Win Five Medals at World Championships in Slovenia

Tacen, September 12 (TASR-correspondent) - Slovakia's water-slalomists had a successful conclusion to the World Slalom Championships in Tacen, Slovenia at the week's end - collecting three gold and two silver medals in the Men's and Women's C1, C2 and K1 disciplines.

Jana Dukatova won a silver in the Women's K1 discipline (kayak/singles) on Saturday, before adding a gold to her collection by winning the Women's C1 race (canoe/singles) on Sunday.

Slovak twin-brothers Peter and Pavol Hochshorner clinched victory in Men's C2 discipline (canoe/doubles), taking gold on Saturday.

Michal Martikan took silver in the Men's C1 (canoe/singles) on Sunday, his tenth medal at World Championships. He also set a new Slovak record for collecting medals at every world or continental championships in 15 successive years since 1995.

In addition to this, Slovak water-slalom trio Michal Martikan, Alexander Slafkovsky and Matej Benus won gold in the Men's 3xC1 (3x canoe/single) race on Sunday.

Slovakia's Iron Lady, Prime Minister Iveta Radičová

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Social Policy, a social research thinktank.

For most of her career, she served as a researcher at the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV) in Bratislava and became director of SAV's Institute of Sociology in 2005. She has also lectured in the departments of sociology, political sciences, and social work at Comenius University, which in 2005, awarded her the rank of professor. Interestingly, she became Slovakia's first ever female Full Professor of Sociology.

Political Career

Radičová's current political career launched fairly recently, in 2005, when the former Dzurinda-led government asked her to serve as the Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Family. When Dzurinda's governing coalition lost the June 2006 elections to Robert Fico and his Smer Party, Radičová ran as an SDKU candidate.

After the 2006 elections, she became an active member of the party in November of that year and she was elected the deputy chairman of SDKU. Over the next few years, she steadily increased her standing among her political colleagues, and the center-right opposition backed her as their candidate in the spring 2009 Slovak presidential elections. While she did not win the first round, she came in second to incumbent President Ivan Gašparovič, whom the previous government Smer-led coalition backed. In the second round runoff of the presidential race, Gašparovič triumphed with 55.53 percent of the votes, but she garnered a remarkable 44.47%. The election put her squarely in the public spotlight. This marked the first time a woman had reached the second round for such a high political office.

A couple weeks after the April 4 election, Radičová was forced to resign her parliamentary seat after she acknowledged that she had cast a vote in the name of a fellow party member, Tatiana Rosová. But the setback did not discourage her.

In early 2010, Radičová reemerged as a party leader when then Prime Minister Fico brought to light some questionable financing in the Dzurinda-led SDKU Party. When Dzurinda resigned, Radičová won an internal competition for the top spot, edging out the current Minister of Finance, Ivan Mikloš.

She quickly set to task the job of defeating the Fico-led coalition in the June 2010 parliamentary elections. Radičová campaigned with a program that pledged to improve public finances by reducing government spending. In addition, she highlighted the need to combat corruption, reform the courts and tax laws.

Even though Fico's Smer party led in the overall voting, it could not put together a workable coalition, and with 15.42 percent of the vote, Radičová's SDKU party had its turn to bat and she quickly assembled the coalition mentioned above. By early August, the parliament approved the basics of her program for change to reduce Slovakia's debt, reinvigorate the investment climate, put people back to work, and avoid raising taxes, even though the government recently passed a one percent increase in the Value Added Tax, now at 20 percent.

While a few minor scandals have jilted her government, and some are impatient with the pace of reform, Radičová is staying the course. In an effort to keep fiscal policy lean, she even refused to contribute as much as 816 million Euros to bail out the Greek economy. But over 70 percent of all Slovak citizens agree with her move, despite some strong objections from the European Central Bank. She has pledged that her decision is irreversible and had campaigned on such a promise. As of this date, the EU has planned no retaliatory moves, but Slovakia's failure to participate has raised some doubts about tightening conditions for accepting new states in the Eurozone, i.e., states using the Euro as their official currency.

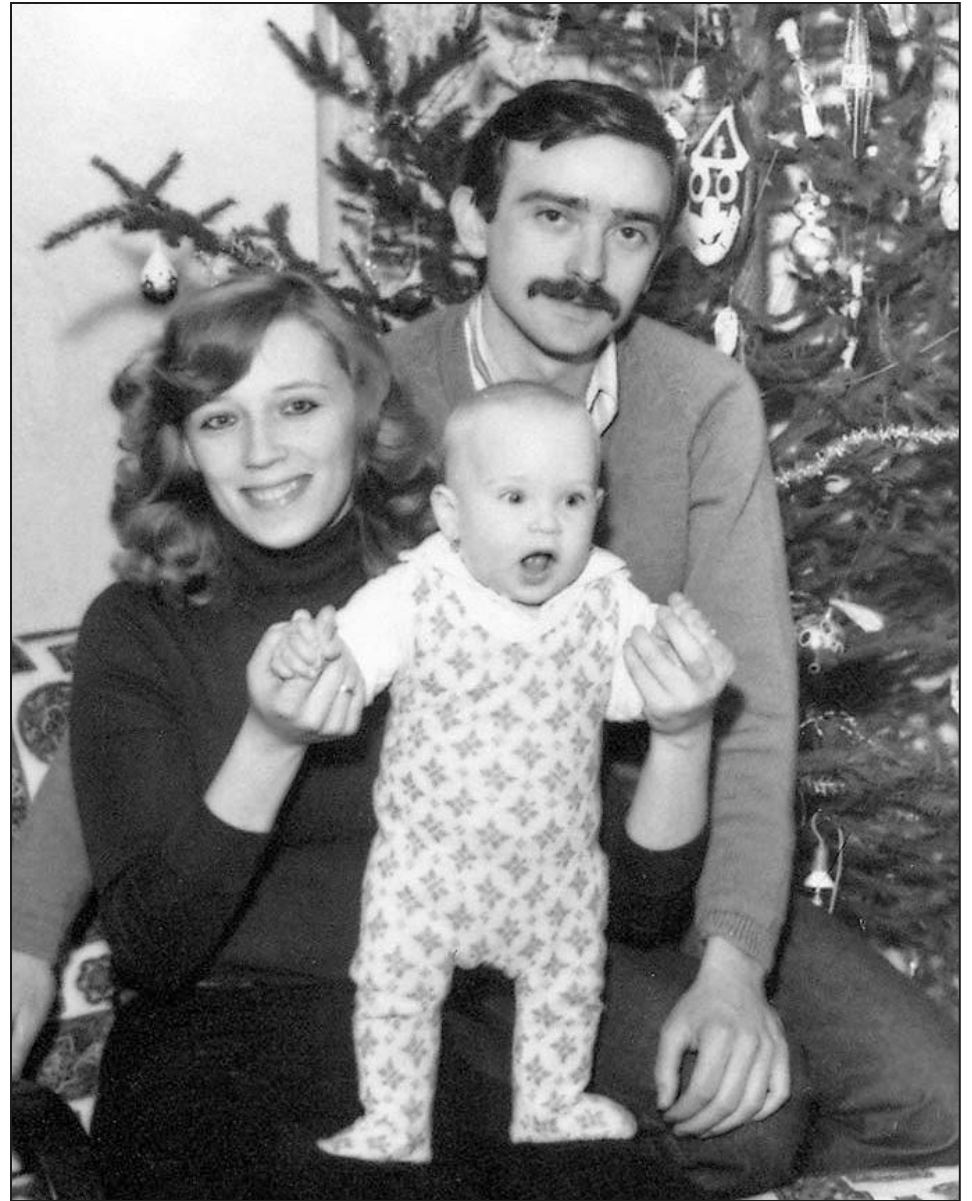
Radičová's legacy might rest with how effectively she handles these and other issues and how the country emerges from the world economic recession. To date, no Slovak government has figured out how to balance the regional disparity in the country, since many parts of eastern Slovakia suffer from staggering rates of unemployment as high as over 20 percent. Solving this ongoing problem is perhaps the greatest challenge.

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V korune Dómu sv. Martina našli dokument z čias Márie Terézie

Po spustení repliky uhorskej koruny z hrotu veže Katedrály svätého Martina v Bratislave objavili reštaurátori v jej útrobach unikátny dokument. Do pevne začínovaného medeného puzdra boli podľa očakávania zrolované dobové noviny z roku 1905, keď bola koruna naposledy spustená, a z toho istého obdobia tiež listina s menoslovom štátnych i cirkevných autorít. Prekvapením bola podobná listina z roku 1846 spolu s nemeckým plagátom predstavenia v Mestskom divadle dňa 13. novembra toho istého roku. Celkom neočakávaným však bol nález sčasti obhoreného pergamenu datovaného do roku 1785. Vyplýva z neho, že bol uložený v predchádzajúcej korune, ktorá Dóm završovala až do júna roku 1833, keď sa spolu s horiacou vežou zrútila na Kapitúlskú ulicu. Listinu s menami Márie Terézie, Jozefa II., či menoslovmi mestskej rady a dómskej kapituly zrejme z plameňov zachránili iba v poslednej chvíli. Novonájdenú vzácnu listinu, medzitým odborné ošetrenú a stabilizovanú, si verejnosť zblízka prehliadne počas vystavenia koruny v polovici septembra tohto roku v priestoroch Katedrály svätého Martina. Obnova koruny je súčasťou celkovej rekonštrukcie veže Katedrály svätého Martina, ktorú si vyžiadala havarijný stav krovu strechy veže.

TK KBS informoval Jozef Hal'ko



Koruna sv. Martina
Crown of St. Martin Church
in Bratislava



Albánsko a Macedónsko vzdali úctu Matke Tereze

Tirana/Skopje (TASR) - Albánsko a Macedónsko vyjadrili úctu zosnulej laureátke Nobelovej ceny za mier, misionárke Matke Tereze, pri príležitosti 100. výročia jej narodenia, a ocenili jej celoživotnú prácu pre chudobných v Indii.

Matka Tereza sa narodila ako Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu v macedónskom hlavnom meste Skopje 26. augusta 1910. Etnická albánska katolícka rehoľná sestra získala celosvetovú slávu pre svoje úsilie o zníženie utrpenia chudobných v indickej Kalkate. Zomrela 5. septembra 1997 a o šesť rokov neskôr ju blahorečil Vatikán. Matke Tereze v roku 1979 udelili Nobelovu cenu mieru.

Ulice albánskeho hlavného mesta Tirana zdobili portréty Matky Terezy na stenách budov pomocou projektorov premietali jej fotografie a videozáznamy. V priestoroch národnej knižnice v Tirane zorganizovali na jej počesť výstavu.

Hlavným podujatím bola omša v Katedrále Matky Terezy vo Vau i Dejes, približne 80 kilometrov od Tirany, na ktorej sa zúčastnil aj albánsky premiér Sali Berisha. Albánsko je väčšinou moslimskou krajinou, má však významné rímskokatolícke i pravoslávne komunity. V rodnom meste Matky Terezy, macedónskom Skopje, jej na svojom zasadnutí vzdal úctu parlament. V susednom, prevažne albánskom Kosove vydali na jej počesť poštovú známku. Informovala agentúra DPA.



Bl. Matka Tereza

Slovensko je v hre o investíciu IBM

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenská republika je v hre o investíciu IBM. Vyplývalo to zo stretnutia ministra hospodárstva a výstavby (MHV) SR Juraja Miškova, ktorý nedávno prijal predstaviteľov spoločnosti IBM Slovensko, s.r.o.

Cieľom stretnutia bolo predstavenie spoločnosti IBM, jeho aktivít, cieľov a zámerov. Jedným z nich je aj zámer spoločnosti IBM investovať v SR. Slovensko sa podľa informácií stalo jedným z piatich vybraných nominantov pre zahraničného investora, ktorý smeruje so svojou investíciou do strednej Európy. Do úvahy pripadá stredoslovenský alebo východoslovenský región, kde nezamestnanosť dosahuje najvyššie čísla.

Minister Miškov vyjadril veľký záujem o potenciálnu spoluprácu, ktorej výsledkom by bol vznik nových pracovných miest a zníženie nezamestnanosti v SR. Obe strany prejavili ochotu pokračovať vo vzájomnej komunikácii a hľadať cestu k bližšej spolupráci. Predstavitelia IBM na tomto stretnutí nekonkretizovali svoje zábery, ich snahou bolo vypočítať si najmä možnosti, ktoré im SR ponúka.

Miškov vyzdvihol snahu novej vlády podporovať investičné aktivity v krajine, zlepšovaním jej atraktívnosti pre investorov. Slovensko tak bude podľa ministra zaujímavejšie najmä z hľadiska slobodnejšieho podnikateľského prostredia, nezaťaženej zbytočnou administratívnou náročnosťou a s flexibilnejším trhom práce. MHV SR prostredníctvom ministra Juraja Miškova tlmočilo predstaviteľom IBM Slovensko, s.r.o., snahu o získanie investícií na Slovensko, a to najmä takých, ktoré považuje za vysokoprínosné z hľadiska pridanej hodnoty, inovácií a smerujúce do regiónov s vysokou mierou nezamestnanosti.

Close to a thousand cyclists made their annual pilgrimage on August 29, 2010 to St. John the Baptist Church in the village of Pominovec in the Ilava District. The original Romanesque church, which dates from the twelfth century, was remodeled in the baroque style in the eighteenth century. Recently the church's interior was refurbished.

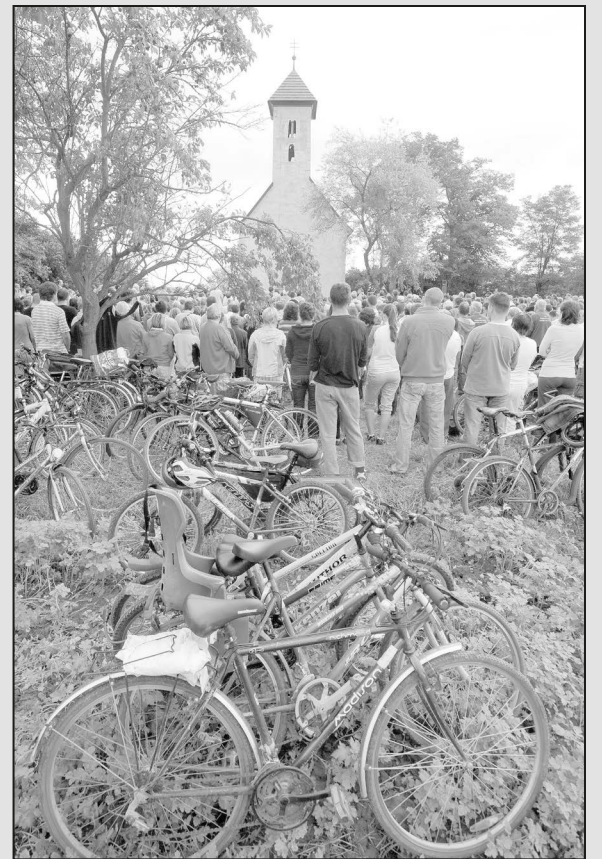


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Približne tisícika veriacich na bicykloch prišla opäť na každoročnú cyklotúru spojenú so svätou omšou ku kostolíku sv. Jána Krstiteľa na území už zaniknutej obce Pominovec v okrese Ilava. Románsky kostolík stojaci uprostred polí patrí k najstarším stavebným pamiatkam na Slovensku. Pôvodne románsku stavbu pochádzajúcu z polovice 12. storočia v 18. storočí barokovo upravili. Počas leta 2010 v kostolíku odhalil reštaurátorský výskum unikátne fresky a nástenné maľby z viacerých období. Fresky šiestich apoštolov a nad nimi tróniaceho Krista pochádzajú pravdepodobne zo 14. storočia.

Počet Slovákov pracujúcich v zahraničí ovplyvnila kríza aj zavedenie eura

Bratislava (TASR) - Počet Slovákov, ktorí sa rozhodnú pracovať v zahraničí, sa v najbližšom období zvýši. "Počet pracujúcich v zahraničí pravdepodobne jednorazovo stúpne, keď Nemecko a Rakúsko na budúci rok plne otvoria pracovný trh pre Slovákov a ďalších Východoeurópanov," uviedol analytik Slovenskej sprítelne Michal Mušák.

Slovákov v cudzine ubudlo najmä na prelome rokov 2008 a 2009, keď SR zavádzala euro. V roku 2008 ich bolo 167,600 a rok potom už len 129,000. Analytici však tvrdia, že ich počet klesol najmä kvôli kríze, nie pre euro. Dôležitým faktorom bol totiž celosvetový útlm ekonomík a nárast nezamestnanosti.

Analytik UniCredit Bank Dávid Dereník si však myslí, že zavedenie spoločnej meny tiež ovplyvnilo rozhodnutie časti Slovákov pracovať za hranicami. "Robotníci pracujúci napríklad v susednom Česku boli slabou českou korunou ochudobnení viac ako o 10%. Na každé domáce euro potrebovali v kríze zarobiť stále viac českých korun," pripomenul analytik.

Situácia na pracovnom trhu sa bude postupne zlepšovať s oživovaním globálnej ekonomiky. "Odchod Slovákov za prácou do zahraničia tak bude ovplyvnený v ďalšom období tempom rastu nových pracovných miest a miezd v SR," konštatovala analytička Poštovej banky Eva Sadovská. Podľa Dereníka migráciu z dlhodobého hľadiska utlmia rastúca životná úroveň a klesajúca nezamestnanosť v SR. "Na to si však ešte niekoľko rokov počkáme," uzavrel Dereník.



Od novembra musia banky poskytovať službu cezhraničného inkasa

Bratislava (TASR) - Všetky banky na Slovensku musia od 1. novembra tohto roka povinne poskytovať službu cezhraničné SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area) inkaso. Táto povinnosť im vyplýva z rozhodnutia Európskeho parlamentu a vzťahuje sa na všetky krajiny eurozóny. "Doteraz sa služba cezhraničného inkasa neposkytovala. Ak mal klient platby napríklad za nehnuteľnosť v Rakúsku, musel tieto platby realizovať prostredníctvom príkazov na úhradu. Teraz tieto platby bude možné inkasovať aj z účtu klienta na Slovensku," informovala hovorkyňa UniCredit Bank Zuzana Duďáková.

Znamená to teda, že cezhraničná platba prostredníctvom inkasa v mene euro bude rovnako rýchla ako domáca platba v rámci Slovenska. Ak inkasovaná suma nepresiahne sumu 50,000 eur, poplatok bude rovnaký ako domáce inkaso, ktoré v súčasnosti predstavuje 0,27 eura. Ako prvá začala tieto služby v predstihu už v júli poskytovať UniCredit Bank.

Platba SEPA inkasom sa odpoíše z účtu klienta v deň splatnosti, teda v deň, na ktorom sa dohodne so svojim partnerom - príjemcom peňazí. V ten istý deň budú peňažné prostriedky pripísané na účet príjemcu. SEPA je integračná iniciatíva v oblasti platieb riadená na úrovni Európskej únie. SEPA umožní spotrebiteľom - občanom vykonávať a prijímať bezhotovostné platby v eurách kdekoľvek na území Európskeho hospodárskeho spoločenstva, pričom sa použije jednotný bankový účet a jednotné platobné nástroje.

IN MEMORIAM

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov**Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u IKSJ**

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u, Spolku č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 24. októbra 2010 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola Najsvätejšej Trojice v Yonkers, New York.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní.

Na programe bude podanie finančnej správy, voľba nových úradníkov na rok 2011 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie.

Po 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 716 IKSJ v New York City

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 31. októbra 2010 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia sa uskutoční výročná členská schôdza v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

Na programe schôdze bude finančná správa, prevedenie volieb nových úradníkov na rok 2011 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie. Vyzývame všetkých členov, aby sa na tejto dôležitej schôdzi zúčastnili. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie.

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Slovensko prekvapilo vlastným šialeným strelcom

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovensko, ktoré si doposiaľ o pouličných strieľajúcich šialencoch čítalo iba v rámci správ zo zahraničnej tlače, zažívalo nepríjemné precitnutie.

Historicky prvý raz zaznamenalo vlastný prípad strelca, ktorý v pondelok 30. augusta 2010 zaútočil v uliciach hlavného mesta Bratislavy na nič netušiacich okoloidúcich a v jednom z obytných domov v Devínskej Novej Vsi zavraždil šiestich ľudí, ďalších dvoch mimo budovy. Po tom, čo ho polícia zahнала do úzkych, spáchal samovraždu.

Posledné známe bezhlavé strieľanie evidujú policajné štatistiky z októbra 2005, kedy muž strieľal v reštaurácii v obci Rykynčice. Zranil vtedy štyri osoby a nakoniec zbraň otočil proti sebe.

Dva roky predtým zasa ohrozoval ľudí maniak v uliciach Košíc - strieľal z auta na železničnej stanici na náhodných okoloidúcich a nešťastne zranil dve ženy.

Pondelková strelba, 30. augusta 2010, sa stala druhou najkrvavejšou v histórii Slovenska. Útočníkom bol 48-ročný Ľubomír Harman z Devínskej Novej Vsi, ktorý v pondelok predpoludním začal strelbu v jednom zo sídliskových bytov. O život pri nej prišlo osem ľudí a 15 ďalších bolo zranených. Krajina si pamiatku obetí uctíla 2. septembra, kedy vláda SR vyhlásila na tento deň štátny smútok.

**Štvrtina slovenských domácností žije na dlh, alebo siaha na svoje úspory**

Bratislava (TASR) - Na Slovensku si pravidelne sporí 42 % domácností. Asi 34 % spotrebiteľov si vystačí s finančnými prostriedkami od výplaty k výplate a 23 % sa zadlžuje, alebo žije z úspor. Vyplýva to aktuálneho Spotrebiteľského barometra, ktorý vypracoval Štatistický úrad (ŠÚ) SR. Na otázku spotrebiteľov, či sa im v najbližšom období podarí niečo ušetriť, sa vyjadrila optimisticky tretina respondentov. Až 64 % oslovených občanov však nepredpokladá, že by sa im podarilo v priebehu roka nasporiť nejaké peniaze.

Časť Spotrebiteľského barometra bola zameraná aj na pohľad Slovákov na nezamestnanosť v krajine. Spolu 43 % respondentov si myslí, že v priebehu nasledujúcich 12 mesiacov sa jej úroveň ešte zvýši. Naopak, pozitívny názor mala pätina respondentov a podľa 32 % zostane situácia rovnaká. Z údajov taktiež vyplýva, že zlepšenie vlastnej finančnej situácie za posledných 12 mesiacov pocítilo 18 % spotrebiteľov. Opačný názor malo 38 % z nich a podľa 44 % domácností sa situácia nezmenila. Zlepšenie finančných pomerov v najbližších mesiacoch očakáva asi 15 % opýtaných. Podľa 51 % spotrebiteľov sa situácia nezmení. Nepriaznivý vývoj očakáva 29 % opýtaných.

**Festival slovenského dedičstva v Pittsburghu, PA**

University of Pittsburgh, Pitt Student Slovak Club v spolupráci so Slovak Studies Foundation usporiadajú 20. Festival slovenského dedičstva v nedeľu 7. novembra. Bude sa konať v Cathedral of Learning Commons Room na University of Pittsburgh v Oakland section v Pittsburghu, PA. Začiatok bude o 1.00 hodine a trvať bude do 5.00 hodiny popoludní. Prítomní si budú mať možnosť prezrieť výstavu o Slovensku. Otvorené budú predajné stánky s výrobkami dovezenými zo Slovenska. Na predaj budú aj slovenské jedlá. V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia slovenské folklórne tanečné a spevácke súbory. Bližšie informácie: Christine Metil: tel.č. (412) 624-5906.



Cecilia Sarocky

Slovenskej republiky 1. januára 1993.

C. Sarocká má veľkú zásluhu na tom, že v Pittsburgu a na širšom okolí sa dosiaľ udržal aktívny slovenský život. Posledných 26 rokov bola predsedníčkou Pittsburského slovenského dňa. V roku 1998 dostala pápežské vyznamenanie Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. V roku 1980 ju prezident Jim Carter vymenoval za členku americkej delegácie na medzinárodnú konferenciu v Madride, ktorá posudzovala dodržiavanie zásad Helsinskej konferencie. Bola tiež členkou výboru na

**Katarínska zábava v New York City**

Spolok sv. Štefana, č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty a I. Zbor Slovenskej ligy v NYC srdečne pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na „Katarínsku zábavu“, ktorá sa bude konať v sobotu dňa 13. novembra 2010 o 7:00 hodine večer v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East, 66th Street. Do tanca Vám bude hrať známa hudobno-spevácka skupina KONTAKTY. Vstupné za osobu je \$25.00 v čom je započítaná aj večera.

Lístky na Katarínsku zábavu si môžete objednať u týchto osôb: Milan a Henrieta Dait tel. č. (201) 641 8922; Jozef Bilik tel. č. (718) 463 2084; Mária Božeková tel. č. (347) 612 1934.

**Turistická Road Show krajín Vyšehradskej štvorky v USA**

Bratislava (TASR) - Spoločnú turistickú Road Show v troch vybraných mestách USA uskutočnia zahraničné zastúpenia národných agentúr cestovného ruchu krajín Vyšehradskej štvorky (V4) koncom septembra tohto roka.

Za Slovenskú republiku podujatie určené americkým cestovným kanceláriám koordinuje Slovenská agentúra pre cestovný ruch (SACR) spolu s Obchodno-ekonomickým oddelením (OEO) Veľvyslanectva SR v USA. V prípade záujmu subjektov CR zo Slovenska o prezentáciu v rámci Road Show môžu sa mailom prihlásiť do 16. augusta na OEO slovenskej ambasády v New Yorku.

Prvý deň sa spoločná prezentácia komplexného profilu Slovenska, Česka, Poľska a Maďarska s dôrazom na ponuku jednotlivých destinácií rozbehne v Bostone. Druhý deň bude v Minneapolis a vyvrcholí v posledný deň v Dallase. V každom meste národné agentúry CR očakávajú 50 zástupcov tamojších cestoviek. Počas večere pri okrúhlych stoloch dostanú záujemcovia informácie o podmienkach a možnostiach cestovania v regióne V4. Na úvod podujatia sa v každom z troch vybraných miest USA uskutoční spoločná prezentácia krajín V4.

Okrem predstaviteľov národných agentúr CR budú každú krajinu V4 na podujatí zastupovať aj tri subjekty z brandže CR vybrané spomedzi prihlásených záujemcov. Budú to napr. hotely, cestovné kancelárie, liečebné kúpele i turistické atrakcie. Tieto subjekty dostanú v Bostone, Minneapolis a Dallase časový priestor na individuálne prezentácie svojej ponuky spojené s diskusiou.

**Arcibiskup Bezák zriadil nové katolícke stredisko pre študentov**

Trnava/Komárno (TASR) - Katolícke univerzitné stredisko blahoslavenej Sáry Salkaházi pri Univerzite Jánoša Selyeho v Komárne zriadil s účinnosťou od 1. júla trnavský arcibiskup Róbert Bezák. Jeho zámerom bolo postarať sa, aby pri vysokých školách, i nekatolíckych, fungovali katolícke univerzitné strediská, ktoré by mládeži poskytovali predovšetkým duchovnú pomoc. Informovala o tom hovorkyňa Trnavskej arcidiecézy Margita Vanovčanová.

Správcom strediska sa stal Peter Nagy. "Je to istá možnosť pre mladého človeka, aby vieru, ktorú už má alebo ešte hľadá, mohol ďalej rozvíjať. Takisto dáva poslucháčom možnosť patriť do skupiny mladých, ktorí rovnako rozmýšľajú a majú podobné radosti a starosti ako oni sami," povedal Nagy.

Stredisko nesie meno blahoslavenej Sáry Salkaházi. Jeho výber zdôvodňuje Nagy jej spojitosťou s Komáromom. Budova, kde bývala ako členka rehoľnickej Spoločnosti sociálnych sestier, je zachovaná do dnešného dňa. Katolícke stredisko má v pláne pripravovať pravidelné stretnutia mladých, pri ktorých chcú preberať rôzne duchovné či spoločenské témy, medzi ďalšie aktivity budú patriť prednášky, premietanie filmov a diskusia o nich. V dlhodobjšom plánovaní je aj vybudovanie kaplnky v priestoroch Univerzity Jánoša Selyeho. Priestory strediska sa nachádzajú na pedagogickej fakulte, správca však dúfa, že časom budú aj na ekonomickej fakulte univerzity.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Kríza** v reálnej ekonomike sa v súčasnosti premieta do sociálnej oblasti najmä vysokou mierou nezamestnanosti. "Opätovný rast zamestnanosti a tvorbu nových pracovných miest možno očakávať až v roku 2011, kedy je možné predpokladať výraznejší rast HDP," konštatuje Ministerstvo hospodárstva a výstavby (MHV) SR v analytickej správe o dopadoch krízy, určenej pre jedno z najbližších zasadnutí vlády. V prvom polroku tohto roka bolo prostredníctvom protikrizových aktívnych opatrení na trhu práce podporené vytvorenie alebo udržanie 12,876 pracovných miest v celkovej sume 22.4 milióna eur. Prostredníctvom všetkých aktívnych opatrení, vrátane protikrizových, sa podporilo celkom 133,855 pracovných miest, respektíve uchádzačov o zamestnanie, záujemcov o zamestnanie alebo zamestnancov v sume 109.9 milióna eur.

• **V prvom** štvrtroku 2010 prišlo do Bratislavského kraja 144,424 návštevníkov, z toho 81,079 (56.1 percenta) zo zahraničia. V porovnaní s vlaňajším rovnakým obdobím počet návštevníkov mierne klesol o 0.4 %, ale u zahraničných bol nárast o 7.4 %. Podľa Štatistického úradu (ŠÚ) SR na celkovom počte návštevníkov SR mal Bratislavský kraj po Žilinskom druhý najvyšší podiel 20.3 %. Najviac zahraničných návštevníkov prišlo z Českej republiky 22 % a Nemecka 14.2 %. Návštevníci z Talianska mali zastúpenie 7.6 %, Poľska 6.5 % a Spojeného kráľovstva 6.4 %. Priemerná cena za ubytovanie dosiahla 44.14 eura. Domáci návštevník zaplatil za jedno prenocovanie 31.34 eura a zahraničný 54.18 eura.

• **Trhovisko**, jarmok, nízka úroveň, absolútna katastrofa, týmito slovami hodnotili odborní návštevníci tohtoročný veľtrh Agrokomplex, ktorý sa konal v auguste v Nitre. Na 37. ročníku medzinárodného poľnohospodárskeho a potravinárskeho veľtrhu sa predstavilo takmer 430 vystavovateľov zo Slovenska a ďalších ôsmich krajín, čo je približne na úrovni minulého roka, tvrdí hovorkyňa výstavniska Nad'ja Urbanová. Podľa jej slov zhruba 70 percent z celkového počtu tvoria slovenskí vystavovatelia. Česť potravinárov zachraňovali súkromne hospodáriaci roľníci, ktorí ponúkali svoje produkty v rámci predaja z dvora. Viacerí z odborníkov sú však presvedčení, že veľtrh stratil svoje opodstatnenie a svoj súčasný jarmočný charakter už nedokáže prekonať. Negatívnym javom tohtoročného veľtrhu bola aj absencia celonárodných dožinkových slávností.

• **V Považskej Bystrici** sa dokončuje jedna z najväčších nových elektrární na plyn na Slovensku. Staví ju firma zo skupiny Grafobal Group, ktorá patrí podnikateľovi Ivanovi Kmotríkovi. Ďalšia spoločnosť patriaca do rovnakej skupiny bude prevádzkovateľom paroplynovej elektrárne. "V plnej prevádzke by mala vyrábať 60 megawattov elektrickej energie a 40 megawattov v podobe tepla," konkretizoval Peter Kresánek, hovorca Grafobal Group Energy. Kmotrík, ktorý je známy aj vplyvom v mediálnom prostredí, elektrinu predáva domácnostiam aj teraz. Kúpuje ju na voľnom trhu. Paroplynové elektrárne, akú staví Kmotríkova skupina, považujú odborníci za ekologickejšie zdroje energie v porovnaní s klasickými tepelnými elektrárnami, pretože elektrinu vyrábajú v dvoch fázach.

• **Už onedlho** sa každý môže dozvedieť, koľko zarába jeho lekár. A nielen to. Pacienti si budú môcť porovnať, koľko za nich dostanú nemocnice v prípade hospitalizácie, či koľko pacientov za určitý mesiac môže vyšetriť jeden špecialista. Zmeny zdravotníckych zákonov, ktoré verejnosti priniesol pohľad zo zmluvných vzťahov medzi lekárskou obcou a poisťovňami majú **pacientovi pomôcť s výberom dobrého lekára a poisťovne**. Predstavitelia lekárskeho komôr proti zverejňovaniu nenamietajú, no neočakávajú, že to pacientom pomôže vybrať si kvalitného lekára. Jediný efekt, ktorý lekári od zverejnenia zmlúv očakávajú je, že bude koniec zmlúvam vybaveným po známosti. So zverejnením svojich zmlúv nemajú problém ani súkromní lekári. Opatrenie však podľa nich neprispieje k zlepšeniu zdravotnej starostlivosti.

• **Expert** tvrdia, že na Slovensku sa spustil realitný ošial. Na dračku idú 1- a 2-izbové byty. Slovákov zrejme naštartovali dostupnejšie úvery a v posledných dňoch aj zámer ministerstva financií zrušiť oslobodenie dane z príjmu pri predaji nehnuteľnosti. V Bratislave sú najžiadanejšie byty v časti Ružinov a Petržalka, prezradila Daniela Danihel Rážová, predsedníčka Asociácie realitných maklérov. Najviac sa predávajú byty s menšou rozlohou, ktorých hodnota sa pohybuje na úrovni roku 2007.

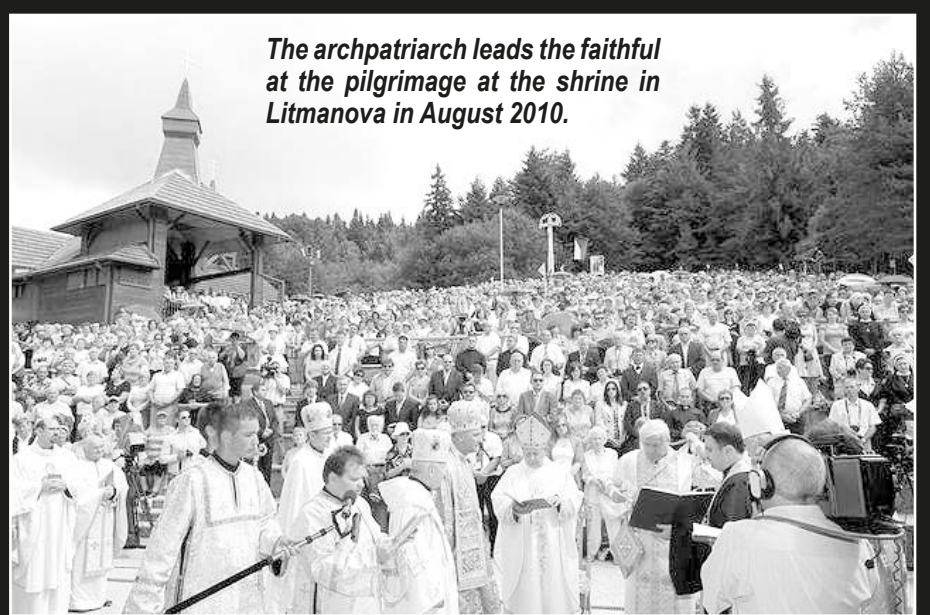
• **Slováci** bodovali na informatickej olympiáde v Kanade. Dve strieborné a dve bronzové medaily získali štyria slovenskí zástupcovia na Medzinárodnej olympiáde v informatike 2010 (International Olympiad in Informatics) v Kanade. Slovenskí študenti získali medailové pozície v konkurencii 304 súťažiacich z 83 krajín z celého sveta. Olympiáda sa konala na Univerzite Waterloo v Kanade. Pri úspešnom riešení súťažiaci museli preukázať svoje vedomosti a zručnosti pri analýze problémov, návrhu algoritmov a dátových štruktúr, programovaní a testovaní programov, informoval internetový portál ministerstva školstva.

• **V júli** evidovali na úradoch práce vyše 25-tisíc absolventov. Podľa dostupnej štatistiky asi 10-tisíc zostáva bez práce pol až trištvrte roka. Problém zatiaľ nerieši ani nová vláda. Minister práce Jozef Mihál plánuje dokonca zrušiť jedno z opatrení, ktorým bývalá vláda chcela pomôcť mladým ľuďom bez zamestnania. Hoci bolo v júli zo 375-tisíc nezamestnaných až 58-tisíc mladších ako 24 rokov, ministerstvo sa chystá skončiť s tzv. príspevkom na podporu zamestnávania absolventov vzdelávania a prípravy pre trh práce. Týka sa to absolventov stredných škôl, ale aj občanov starších ako 50 rokov, ktorí absolvovali rekvalifikačné kurzy.

• **Od mája** budúceho roka budú všetky záverečné diplomové práce na vysokých školách zverejnené na internete. Ministerstvo školstva sa tak snaží predísť falšovaniu prác, aby študenti nekopirovali pasáže z iných diplomov a nevydávali ich za svoje. Podľa šéfa rezortu školstva Eugena Jurzycu bude zverejnenie diplomovej práce na internete podmienkou jej samotnej obhajoby, teda aj podmienkou pre získanie diplomu a vysokoškolského titulu. Medzi diskutujúcimi na internete sa však objavili aj otázky, čo bude v prípade, ak niekto píše diplomovú prácu v súkromnej firme, ktorá nebude súhlasiť so zverejnením svojich údajov. Môže sa stať aj to, že niekto vo svojej diplomovej práci predstaví svoj objav alebo vynález a zverejnením na internete mu ho tým pádom môžu ukradnúť.

• **Azda** najväčšiu pozornosť v drese CSKA v súboji s HC Košice pútal nedávno útočník Jan Šťastný, syn slovenskej legendy Petra Šťastného. Patrí medzi legionárov v slávnom ruskom klube. Američan pôsobil roky v zámorí, teraz však chce vyskúšať šťastie v KHL. Šťastný priznal, že bol šťastný, že mohol prísť na turnaj na Slovensko. "Viem, že na Slovensku mám rodinu, z Bratislavy sa do Košíc prišli pozrieť strýko aj bratranec. Som hrdý, že tu môžem hrať, veď odtiaľ pochádza moja rodina," pochvaloval si prípravny program svojho klubu, ktorý ho zaviedol pod Tatry a pochvaloval si aj atmosféru v Steel Aréne. "Keď hráte pred plnou halou, pred ľuďmi, ktorí fandia, baví sa, tak je to super. Cítil som sa tu výborne."

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The archpatriarch leads the faithful at the pilgrimage at the shrine in Litmanova in August 2010.

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Na snímke Archieparchiálna odpustová slávnosť, ktorá sa konala v mesiaci august 2010 v Litmanovej na Slovensku.

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Skupina pútnikov pred oltárom v Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, NY.

Participants at the pilgrimage at the Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, NY



Na snímke ďalší mladší a starší pútnici spolu so slovenskými kňazmi a usporiadateľmi Slovenskej katolíckej púte vo West Haverstraw, New York.

Participants at the pilgrimage at the Marian Shrine in West Haverstraw, NY



Počas slávnostného banketu 49. Konvencie IKSJ za stolom sediaci zľava: Jozef Bilik, Anna Bilik, Henrieta H. Daitová, Milan Dait. Stojaci zľava: Jozef Juráši, Mária Jurášiová, Mária Zakovič, Milan Zakovič, Florencia Lutz, Robert Lutz a Renáta Jurášiová.

Delegates from New Jersey-New York at the 49th Convention.



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*Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine,
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V nedeľu 8. augusta 2010 sa uskutočnila tradičná Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York, ktorú každoročne usporiada Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v New York City. Zúčastnili sa na nej pútnici z New Yorku, New Jersey, Connecticut, ako aj niekoľko hostí zo Slovenska.

Slávnostnú svätú omšu k úcte Nanebovzatia Panny Márie odslúžil otec Ján Dolný zo Slovenska a koncebrovali mu dvaja slovenskí kňazi, otec Štefan Chanás zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC a otec František Čonka. Organistka Mária Rechteriková, zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC svojou hrou a spevom k tomuto sviatku vzdala úctu našej Nebeskej Matke.

Po svätej omši sa podával v Areáli Marian Shrine dobrý obed, ktorý pútnikom pripravili naše členky Mária Božeková a Milka Matfiaková.

Touto cestou by sme sa chceli poďakovať otcovi Williamovi Buciferrovi, ktorý nám na túto príležitosť ochotne prepožičal miestnosť.

Na záver púte sa uskutočnila Ružencová pobožnosť pod vedením otca Štefana Chanása. Pannu Máriu – Matku nášho Pána Ježiša Krista sme si utčili pomodlením

Slovenská katolícka púť vo West Haverstraw, 8. augusta 2010, na snímke zľava: Milan a Henrieta Daitoví; slovenskí kňazi: otec František Čonka, otec Ján Dolný zo Slovenska a otec Štefan Chanás zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City; organistka zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, Mária Rechteriková.

Milan and Henrietta Dait at the Marian Shrine pilgrimage with Rev. Jan Dolny of Slovakia, Rev. Frantisek Conka, Rev. Stefan Chanas and organist Maria Rechterik from New York City.

Slávnostného Ruženca a tiež zaspievaním niekoľkých Mariánskych piesní.

Za plynulý priebeh podujatia patrí predovšetkým vďaka výboru Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716, trom duchovným otcom, ktorí odslúžili túto slávnostnú svätú omšu a nášmu pánovi farárovi Martinovi Svitanovi, ako i našej organistke a všetkým zúčastneným pútnikom.

Účasť na 49. Konvencii v Clevelande, Ohio

Na 49. Konvencii IKSJ v Clevelande Ohio, zastupovali Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty ako delegáti manželka Bíliková a Milan Dait. Zúčastnili sa slávnostného privítania v Slovenskom parku, kde ich členovia Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty víтали s tradičným slovenským zvykom – chlebom a soľou. Taktiež ich osobne privítal aj hlavný predseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Andrej M. Rajec. Prekvapením pre prítomných bol krásny spev slovenských ľudových piesní spojený s tancom.

Na 49. Konvencii IKSJ sa úspešne riešili dôležité otázky o budúcnosti a rozvoji našej Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

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

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Na snímke delegáti a hostia 49. Konvencie IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio. Zľava: Robert Lutz a Florencia Lutz, Spolok č. 41 IKSJ; Milan a Mária Zakovič, Spolok č. 45 IKSJ; Anna Bilik Spolok č. 716 IKSJ; Mária Juráši Spolok č. 45 IKSJ; Jozef Bilik, Spolok č. 716 IKSJ; hlavný predseda IKSJ, Andrej M. Rajec; Milan a Henrieta Daitoví, Spolok 716 IKSJ; veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v USA Peter Burian; pred ním manželka a dcéra pána predsedu IKSJ Ida a Idka Rajec; a Jozef Juráši, Spolok č. 45 IKSJ.

Delegates from Branches 41,45 and 716 with National President Andrew Rajec and his family, and Slovak Ambassador Peter Burian.

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Zomrel Michal Ladic, delegát Spolku 746 IKSJ

Na záver 49. Konvencie IKSJ v stredu 18. augusta v Clevelande OH, náhle zomrel vo veku 56 rokov, Brat Michal Ladic.

V kostole Svätej Rodiny v Linden, New Jersey, s hlbokým smútkom sa 23. augusta 2010 rozlúčili s nebohým Michalom Ladicom, jeho blízka rodina a priatelia, pohrebnou svätou omšou.

Michal bol veľmi šťastný, že na nedávnej Konvencii Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, mohol po prvýkrát reprezentovať Spolok č. 746.

Brat Ladic na narodil na Slovensku a prišiel do USA asi pred 16. rokmi. Posledných desať rokov nebohý pôsobil v Linden, New Jersey, kde sa živil remeslom, elektrikára. Bol farníkom Slovenského Kostola Svätej Rodiny v Linden, N.J. Michal bol podpredsedom Slovenskej ligy v Amerike v Linden, NJ ako aj podpredsedom Slovenského kultúrneho klubu. Nebohý zanecháva za sebou svoju manželku, dvoch synov a dve sestry. Jeho pozostatky budú prenesené na Slovensko, kde ho pochovajú v Bonkovicach.

Nech odpocíva v pokoji!

Mary J. Kapitan, Spolok 746 IKSJ

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Informáciu poskytol Miroslav Lyko, hovorca Nitrianskeho biskupstva a Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska v Bratislave.

Bratislava/Nitra (TASR) - Kardinál Ján Chryzostom Korec je už 59 rokov biskupom. V súčasnosti služobne najstarší katolícky biskup prijal tajnú vysviacku 24. augusta 1951 z rúk biskupa Pavla Hnilicu. Mal vtedy iba 27 rokov. Bolo to v čase, keď Katolícka cirkev na Slovensku nemohla pôsobiť slobodne.

Ján Chryzostom Korec bol jezuitom a robotníkom. Mal kontakty s bohoslovcami, svätiteľmi kňazov, venoval sa práci s mládežou, s rodinami, rehoľníkmi. Pastoračnú vykonával aj prostredníctvom kníh, ktoré napísal. Od roku 1960 bol vo väzení. "To nebola nijaká slasť osem rokov vo dne, v noci vo Valdiciach brúsiť lustrové sklo, mali sme zakrvavené prsty, čo sme si ich odierali o brusné kamene," spomína kardinál Korec.

V rokoch 1990-2005 bol Ján Chryzostom Korec na čele Nitrianskej diecézy. Kardinálsky purpur mu v roku 1991 odovzdal vtedajší pápež Ján Pavol II. V súčasnosti je emeritným biskupom v Nitre.