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The Need for Life Insurance Spans Generations



By Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President

The two largest generations today are the millennials (86 million) and baby boomers (77 million). Baby Boomers, also known as the Me Generation, were born following World War II, when increased birth rates were observed during the nation's post-war baby boom. The general range of this generation is from the early-to-mid 1940s to around 1964. To define Millennials, also known as Generation Y, researchers typically use the early 1980s as starting birth years and the mid-1990s to early 2000s as ending birth years.

Americans aged 50 and over represented approximately half of the U.S. population and controlled 70 percent of the nation's disposable income in 2017. Yet, according to Pew Research Millennials will surpass Baby Boomers in size, with 72 million Boomers and 73 million Millennials nationwide by 2019. And by 2025, Millennials will account for 75% of the global market.

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, as coordinated by the nonprofit LIFE Foundation. So this month it's time to note that people in both of these major demographics may be neglecting the need to put in place plans that address two important factors relevant to everyone. The first is that life is fickle. The second is that death is inevitable. Boomers need to protect all the things they have worked so hard to achieve. For Millennials, while planning for death may sound premature, they need to protect dreams yet realized. This is where a good life insurance policy comes into play.

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St. Vincent Archabbey — Homily, Father Killian Loch, O.S.B., Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

September 23, 2018 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 9: 30 – 37

The scene in the Gospel is an easy one to picture. Jesus and his disciples are walking through Galilee and most likely Jesus is up front leading the way like a good shepherd leading his flock. He's telling them the harsh reality of what is going to happen; he's going to be killed and on third



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

day will rise. What a message! I would imagine that when the disciples heard this sobering instruction they would have had all kinds of questions: Who will hand you over? Who will kill you? Why? What do you mean by "rise on the third day?" – and on and on.

There was no discussion with Jesus about what he said; instead a quiet conversation among them was taking place. The topic was "who among them was the greatest." Or, in other words, "When Jesus dies, which one of us will take his place?" How callous could these disciples be?

It's easy for us to question and maybe even think that we would never act like that. To do so would be disingenuous and a failure on our part to realize that each of us struggles in one way or another with false pride. False pride is when we lift ourselves up at the expense of another. This is different than a healthy pride in which we acknowledge some accomplishment and achievement that we earned by claiming and using some gift or talent God has given to us. It is false pride that comes before the fall and is addressed in the first reading from Wisdom as a characteristic of the wicked.

The reading from the letter of James also addresses false pride and gives us some excellent guidance on how to live a fruitful life in the Christian Community. It is believed that the James who authored this letter was not an apostle, but rather a relative of Jesus who is mentioned several times in the Gospels. He became a leader in the early church and when Peter moved to Rome, James remained in Jerusalem as the leader of that community. He had the gift of taking the Jewish heritage of the people of Israel and connecting it clearly to the message of Jesus. This just wasn't a matter of making simple comparisons between the two, but of showing a progression of the Old Testament teachings to Jesus and how Jesus renewed them and gave a different interpretation to them through his ministry and teachings. Jesus is the Word made flesh who brings new life to the words of the Old Testament. James was familiar with the Old Testament Wisdom literature, and he knew well the teachings of Jesus and the some of the struggles of the early church. James tells us that this kind of behavior is a disorder, while God's wisdom is what leads us to proper behavior. When we live by God's way the following are present: peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits. It is in this way that we can rightfully boast, as Saint Paul did, in the works he accomplished by the grace of God.

We avoid the errors of the disciples and the early Christians if we take seriously the instruction of Jesus at the end of the Gospel; "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." This goes against the grain of the temptation to build ourselves up regardless of the cost to us or others. It is by becoming a true servant of all that we can rise to be the leader, not by our own doing but by the recognition of others of God's presence within us.

September 30, 2018 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary 137

Envy is a particularly evil sin because by means of it we wish to deprive others without gaining anything ourselves—it is the self-pitying refuge of all of us when we become embittered and petty. The YouCat, a version of the Catechism which Pope Benedict XVI directed to be developed for use among young adults, says this about envy: "Envy is sadness and annoyance at the sight of another's well-being and the desire to acquire unjustly what others have" (YouCat 466).

That is exactly what we see happening in today's first reading from the Book of Numbers. Numbers is not often read at Mass; a passage from it is proclaimed every year on New Years' Day, and every third year on the twenty-sixth Sunday of the year (today), aside from a few readings at weekday Masses. It tells the story of the people of Israel after they had left their slavery in Egypt and before they entered into the promised land of Canaan, and it is full of rich imagery and moral lessons.

In today's excerpt from Numbers, we hear how a group of seventy elders of the people were about to receive the Spirit of the Lord so that they could assist the over-worked Moses in leading and judging the people during their desert wandering. A young member of the congregation saw that two men, Eldad and Medad, had received the very same prophetic gift of the Spirit even though they were not among the chosen seventy. He and Joshua, Moses' principal assistant, became envious and complained to Moses "Moses, my lord, stop them!" asking him to forbid Eldad and Medad from exercising their God-given gift. Moses wisely reproves them: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Num 11:28-29).

Moses understood that God will give gifts to whom he wishes to give gifts, and while it is natural to wonder how the Lord "decides" upon such outpourings of the Spirit, nonetheless we are not to be envious of others' blessings. This theme is taken up subtly but firmly in the gospel account of our Lord rebuking his disciples when they had tried to chase away someone who was driving out demons in Jesus' name, but was not of the company of the disciples. Plainly speaking, they were envious of this man who succeeded in doing something they had failed at (see Mark 9:14-29).

Jesus takes up the lesson of the reading from Numbers when he tells the disciples: "Do not prevent him...whoever is not against us is for us" (9:39-40). He then continues to teach them that there are in fact deeds that confirm their practitioners are very much "against" the Lord and "against us" who wish to be his followers. Of such a person Jesus says "it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." Further, he tells his disciples that they must be willing to set aside anything that gets in the way of being "for Jesus" when he says "If your hand / foot / eye causes you to sin, cut it off / tear it out" (9:43-47).

Stemming from that teaching, the reading from the Epistle of James which precedes the gospel can be seen in its proper light: riches and the seeming security they provide can put us squarely in the "against" Jesus camp. James says: "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries" (James 5:1). Be it temporal riches or the spiritual gifts that God bestows on others, many intrinsically good things can become stumbling blocks for us when they become ends in themselves or when envy of them takes over. Let us rejoice then in whatever gifts that come from the gracious hand of the Lord, whether they be given to us—or to another.



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

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Life Insurance Spans Generations

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Acknowledging need

Recent studies show that 59% of respondents regardless of age place a priority on financial matters other than life insurance and 64% think that life insurance policies are too expensive. When Nielsen recently conducted research evaluating insurance ownership by the generations, another trend emerged. While auto insurance ownership is fairly consistent and high across generations, exceeding 80%, people are less likely to have life insurance. This is particularly true for Millennials who are delaying many traditional life experiences that 20- and 30-somethings in the past would have already achieved such as getting married, buying a house or starting a family in favor of paying off student loans or starting a business. Yet now is the very time Millennials should consider life insurance.

Insurance can help protect co-signers of private student loans who may be held accountable for the remaining balance in the event of your death. If you are starting your own business or joining a small business, the right insurance plan that covers your life or the lives of essential people running it can provide the business with funds to recover from such critical owner losses. And, in general, life insurance may be the most cost effective when you are younger and may be healthier than in the future.

For the baby boom generation, the need for life insurance may be even greater. According to a Wall Street Journal article "The Big Squeeze" almost half of adults ages 40 to 59 provide financial support to at least one grown child in the past year, with 27% providing the primary support. And 21% of this group are providing financial support for an aging parent.

If you are a Boomer providing even partial financial support for your family and are no longer here to provide it, where do your children, grandchildren or elderly parents turn to for help? The government? Social Security? Friends and other family members? Insurance can help your family replace lost income. Many Boomers own their homes; and insurance proceeds can help pay home expenses after you are gone. The right policy can help cover burial and other final expenses as well, taking the financial burden off your loved ones at a time they need it the least.

Regardless of the generation you are in – boomer or millennial – the question remains the same: If I die, will anyone I care about suffer an economic adversity that I want to prevent? If the answer is no, then you don't need life insurance. If, however, you want to protect others from the potential economic cost of your death, the right type of life insurance is the best way to accomplish that objective.

Reviewing the basics

A review of the basics can help determine the right life insurance. There are two main types of life insurance policies: term and permanent. Term life insurance provides coverage for a certain period of time. It is the most basic type of life insurance and is relatively affordable for most people. Term insurance expires at a certain point in time, meaning at the end of the term.

Permanent life insurance, on the other hand, is as the name implies, permanent. These

plans include different whole life policies. When you go to buy this type of policy, you will probably have to answer questions about your health and depending on the coverage amount, a simple physical may be required.

As to the amount of coverage needed, there are two common ways of calculating it: needs-based versus human-life value. The needs-based method calculates the coverage amount based on what the individual would need to cover expenses. These include funeral expenses, emergency funds, mortgage, child care, etc.

The human-life value approach is calculated based on the financial loss the family would incur. This includes factors such as person's age, occupation, salary, employment benefits and other information about a spouse and children. It's designed to replace all the income that's lost when the individual passes away. Additionally, when thinking about the right amount of coverage, if you have group insurance already through your job, please remember that you may lose this coverage if you leave that job. While some group policies may allow you to convert coverage to an individual policy, it's often the exception and not the rule.

You also should take into account specific policy features. One of our juvenile term policies, for example, can be converted to permanent insurance with a guaranteed right to purchase with no medical exam required prior to age 25.

This brief overview of life insurance is just a start. It is vitally important to assess each option with an eye to your individual needs and situation. There are many options out there so be sure to do your research, and understand that financial professionals such as our in-house insurance agents are always available to help you answer questions about specific policies.

Don't Delay, Call Now

To make sure everyone is reminded of the need to include life insurance in their financial plans, the nonprofit LIFE Foundation coordinates Life Insurance Awareness Month. Each September, LIFE is joined in this educational initiative by more than 100 of the nation's leading insurance companies and industry groups. It is a very important initiative because the need for adequate life insurance is virtually universal, spanning generations. Life insurance helps make sure that the people you care about will be provided for financially if you're not there to care for them yourself.

Don't let another September, the official Life Insurance Awareness Month, pass you by without taking action to protect those you love. To find out more about the insurance products available to you from the First Catholic Slovak Union, contact your local branch today or one of our in-house agents at the First Catholic Slovak Union Home Office at 1-800-533.6682.

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Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

An Appeal to Music Directors & Organists in Slovak Parishes & Religious Communities



Musicians who are or were part of the music ministry in Slovak national parishes and religious communities, your assistance is requested. The Evangelization and Spirituality Committee of the Slovak Catholic Federation is seeking translations of Slovak hymns that were used in your parishes or chapels. Perhaps local translations were provided by music directors, organists, clergy, parishioners or community members.

The SCF hopes to compile, review, compare, and edit some of our beautiful hymns. The goal is to prepare these hymns to be sent to national liturgical music

publishers in the hope that our entire nation may prayerfully benefit from these beautiful texts and melodies. All categories of hymns (general, seasonal, sanctoral, and occasional) are in consideration.

In addition to these hymns, there is a request to individuals in the Slovak-American community who are well-versed in the Slovak and English languages and who have a lyrical and poetic sense and who would be willing to provide their expertise to help refine these translations, to please make contact with the SCF.

Anyone seeing this article is kindly asked to share it with all those people who have had a role in Slovak hymn translation. Please refer information, questions and contacts to michael@cbhs.edu and thank you for your enthusiastic response.

- Submitted by Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Derzack, National Spiritual Advisor, Slovak Catholic Federation; Chairperson, SCF Evangelization and Spirituality Committee

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**From the Desk of the
Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours**

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday 23, 2018, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE**Fr. Ed Dougherty, M.M., The Christophers' Board of Directors****The Patience of God**

St. Augustine once said, "Patience is the companion of wisdom." Everyone wants to have wisdom. We want to understand the complexities and nuances of life and be capable of acting accordingly; but sometimes we lose sight of the tremendous amount of patience needed to gain such wisdom. One might say that the first step towards wisdom is to understand and cultivate patience within ourselves, and the best way to do that is to consider the immense patience of God.

In The Christophers' short online video entitled "The Patience of God," Father Jonathan Morris explains that God's patience manifests itself at special times that he calls "God moments." These are moments when we sense the hand of God and realize that, no matter how difficult life has been, God has always been by our side.

Father Morris offers an example of a God moment that occurred while he was waiting for a train at Manhattan's busy Penn Station. A man came up to him asking for money to buy breakfast. Father Morris told the man he would not give him money but instead would be willing to buy him breakfast right there at the station. The man said this wouldn't work because he always bought a particular breakfast at a different place down the road. Giving in to what he perceived as the man's creativity in trying to cajole money out of him, Father Morris reached into his pocket for a bill only to find that he didn't have anything lower than a twenty.

Father Morris says, "By this time I was already committed, and I just felt an inspiration – maybe I should just give him a chance. I said, 'Here. Take this money, but bring me back the change.'" Several minutes passed and suddenly the man reappeared and approached Father Morris with the receipt for his breakfast and the entirety of the change. Father Morris said to the man, "Sir, you don't know how much you've blessed me today. I am a Catholic priest." The man asked, "What's that?" Father Morris explained, "It's kind of like a pastor." With astonishment, the man said, "You're a minister?" Then he got down on his knees, raised his hands, and declared, "I won the Jesus lottery!"

This beautiful, funny, and unexpected exchange was truly a God moment. It was a wonderful reminder for Father Morris that God will never stop surprising us with the good that exists in people. And for that man who asked for money for breakfast, it was a powerful example of the joy God has in store for those who follow the right path.

Moments like these are profound manifestations of God's patience at work in our lives, and they are proof that He knows and understands our hearts and can send the right people into our lives even for passing exchanges that can light our way. It's important to remember that it also takes patience on our part to appreciate such moments. When we exercise that patience and look for those God moments, we gain the wisdom that will allow us to accomplish amazing things in this world.

Understanding the patience of God strengthens our faith and teaches us to be patient with others and look for opportunities to bestow little gifts that lead to surprise in the goodness of humanity at the most unexpected moments. Appreciating, enjoying, and taking part in creating those moments is the surest manifestation of wisdom in our lives.

The Pontifical Oriental Institute – 100 years in service to the Christian East**Daniel Černý**

The Pontificio Istituto Orientale (Pontifical Oriental Institute) or as it's commonly referred to - the Orientale - celebrated its 100th anniversary this past academic year. The Orientale was founded by Pope Benedict XV on October 15, 1917, with the main goal of helping Eastern Christians to not only rediscover the richness of their own authentic traditions, but also to share this richness with Latin-rite Christians. His successor, Pius XI, entrusted the Institute to the Jesuits in 1922, who are still in charge today. It is located in Rome, Italy, close to the Basilica of St. Mary Major in the vicinity of the ancient Basilica of St. Praxedes, and is set on top of the Esquilino hill, one of the seven famous hills of ancient Rome.

Throughout its existence, the Institute has seen some 6000 students in its classrooms and corridors; and Slovaks and the Orientale have enjoyed a special connection from the very beginning. The institute is well known to Byzantine Catholics, too, and it has played a special role in the history of the Byzantine Catholic Church, both in Slovakia and North America. Among the Institute's first ministers was the Slovak Jesuit and current candidate for beatification, Fr. Vendelín Javorka SJ. The Slovak Fr. Michael Lacko, SJ, taught history at the Orientale and was always willing to share his free time with his students, or the visitors to Rome, who were coming there from the Pittsburgh Metropolis or the Slovak parishes in Canada. A great moment of history came in 2007, when Fr. (now archbishop) Cyril Vasil', SJ, was named rector of the Institute.

Nowadays, you also can find other religious, lay people and even Orthodox Christians among both the faculty and the student body. Since 1928 the Orientale has been in association with the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Pontifical Gregorian University. Many celebrated scholars have taught there, among them: Michel d'Herbigny, SJ; Prince Volkonsky; Cyril Korolevsky; Cardinal Špidlík, SJ; and Robert Taft, SJ; along with such Eastern Canon Law experts as Ivan Žužek, SJ; Dimitrios Salachas, and others. The former Superior General of the Jesuit Order, Peter Hans Kolvenbach, was a one-time rector of the Orientale as well. The current rector is Fr. David Nazar SJ, Canadian. Several Byzantine Catholics from the USA have studied there as well. Fr. David Petras, native of Cleveland, OH, defended his Doctorate at the Institute. Bishop Kurt Burnette of Passaic, NJ, studied there and obtained a Doctorate in Canon Law, while he was still a priest of the (then) Eparchy of Van Nuys. American-Slovak, Fr. Michael Kuchera SJ, native of Pennsylvania was for a time a Dean of the Faculty of Eastern Canon Law. He still continues to teach there.

The Orientale has given many intellectuals and members of the hierarchy to the Universal Church. Bishop Milan Lach SJ, Bishop of Parma, OH, is another alumnus of the Orientale, where he defended his Doctorate. The present-day patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew also is an alumnus, and there are many more. Martyrs of the 20th century studied there as well. Several have been proclaimed as beatified, while others are awaiting such a process, like the Slovak Ján Ivan Mastiliak CSsR, who spent many years in a communist prison, or Fr. Ján



The Pontificio Istituto Orientale (Pontifical Oriental Institute) is located in Rome, Italy.



The logo of the Orientale.

Kellner, who was shot as a missionary in the Soviet Union, and who was a friend of another Orientale alumnus, Bishop Theodore Romža, the beatified Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Ukraine. The list of the martyrs will likely continue to increase as many former Orientale students are now victims of the religious persecutions and was in the Middle East.

What makes Oriental such a special place? One real treasure is the library, which contains over 180 000 volumes, many of them in English, but there are Slovak titles as well. It houses one of the most extensive collections on Eastern Christianity, including a rare collection of Old Slavonic manuscripts, and is used for research work by scholars worldwide. The true heart of the place, though, may just be a beautiful chapel designed in the Byzantine rite and therefore adorned with icons, painted by two Slovaks, Fr. Rastislav Dvorový and Mr. Rastislav Bujna.

With its relatively low number of students, those who have visited or studied there have commented that being at the Orientale is like being part of a family – a family of fellow Christians, coming from all over the world, from India through Egypt, Ethiopia or Europe all the way to USA, Canada, Brazil or other American countries, as an answer to the prayer of Jesus that All may be one.

About the Author

Daniel Černý (1983) was born in Košice, Slovakia. He received his PhD in 2014 from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, with a thesis on the Slovak Greek Catholics in Canada. He focuses in his writings on Slovaks and their diaspora, especially those of the Byzantine rite. His articles have been published in Slovak and English.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN MEETING:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., 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 II, Treasurer

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the June 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt, and seconded by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

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

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Annuity Rates:

The President asked Nick DePersis of ENDePersis Fraternal Consulting, LLC, Andrew P. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents, and Robert Kopco, Branch Coordinator, to join the meeting. The President presented an extensive review of our current annuity rates and asked for input on the effects of possibly raising our current annuity rates.

Nick DePersis presented information on the impact that raising annuity rates may have on our financial statements.

Andrew P. Rajec presented feedback from our agents regarding our current annuity rates and commissions.

Robert Kopco presented feedback from the branches regarding our current annuity rates.

After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee was unanimously in favor of raising the annuity rates effective August 1, 2018.

- The 8 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity/IRA will increase from 3.60% to 3.85%.
- The 6 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity/IRA will increase from 3.20% to 3.45%.
- The 6 Year Fixed Rate Annuity/IRA will increase from 3.10% to 3.35%.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary gave a full written report on the investment update and answered the Committee's questions.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary and Treasurer submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Committee discussed the report and the Executive Secretary answered the Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

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

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 2018:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 157,863.82
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 16,301.39
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.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting and adding new agents, and at present have 300 agents. The Home Office is sending the independent agents monthly updates on our products. The independent agents are also in frequent contact with Andrew P. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents. Agents now produce over 70% of annuity sales. The Home Office has started an extensive Facebook ad recruiting campaign to recruit agents in the states we are licensed in.

The Vice President stated he is in the process of setting up training seminars and is encouraging branches and districts to contact him for available dates.

The Executive Secretary stated that our outside marketing firm is working on updating our presentations and reviewing all our marketing material.

The Executive Committee decided to continue the first year free on the JEP program until August 31, 2018.

The Executive Committee is reviewing the current commission rates being paid to licensed agents to determine if any changes are necessary.

Andrew P. Rajec will be contacting all our independent agents either by letter, email or telephone call to inform them of the new annuity rates.

The new annuity rates will also be advertised on our website, sent in emails, and mailed to all branch officers.

CONVENTION:

The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office has everything in place for the 51st Convention being held August 4-8, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio. We will be utilizing electronic voting machines for the motions but still have written ballots for the election of officers. We are looking forward to an excellent Convention.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth A. Arendt and seconded by George F. Matta II to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., closed the meeting with prayer.

 Andrew M. Rajec
 President

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary

Reprint of Branch 162 Scholarship Winners

An article about Branch 162 honoring its Jednota Scholarship winners on page 5 of the August 22, 2018 edition of Jednota mistakenly ran an incorrect last name, which is corrected here in these photos – with sincere apologies to Rachel Mills and her family, and congratulations once again to all Branch 162 Scholarship Winners!

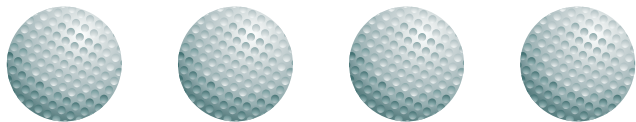
- Resubmitted by James Marmol, Region 4 Director



(L – R) Mark Marmol, President; Rachel Mills, Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; Todd Brown, Elyse Kostelnik, Patty Marmol, Treasurer; Frank Marmol, Auditor; Dolores Mamol, Secretary.



(L – R) 1st row: Paulette; Rachel and Charles Mills; Nancy and Todd Brown. 2nd row: Elyse Kostelnik; Dolores Marmol; Secretary; Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; Patty Marmol, Treasurer. 3rd row: Denise Kostelnik; Frank Marmol, Auditor; Mark Marmol, President.



2018 International Go

Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Patula	Robert M.	A	6	76	70	75	69	139
Quinn	Patrick	A	11	76	65	86	75	140
Ostinowsky	Joseph	A	9	80	71	79	70	141
Falbo	Lou	A	11	87	76	79	68	144
Harr	Scott F.	A	8	83	75	81	73	148
Treskovich	Terry	A	11	88	77	84	73	150
Guzik	Scott	A	8	87	79	82	74	153
DeGol	David	A	2	81	79	77	75	154
Finklestine	Marty	A	5	84	79	82	77	156
Menich	Tony	A	6	87	81	86	80	161
Yokopenic	Richard	A	9	96	87	90	81	168
Yokopenic	Stephen	A	10	92	82	98	88	170
Kasan	William J.	B	13	77	64	78	65	129
Schmucker	David	B	18	82	64	89	71	135
Miller	Roy	B	16	88	72	82	66	138
Beattie	Jeff	B	15	83	68	88	73	141
Kozusko	Tim	B	17	85	68	90	73	141
Rosa	John	B	15	84	69	87	72	141
Groner	Rusty	B	18	89	71	89	71	142
Kozusko	Alex	B	18	93	75	86	68	143
Patula	John F.	B	14	82	68	90	76	144
Pipak	Mike	B	17	88	71	91	74	145
Lako	Raymond	B	15	90	75	87	72	147
Terpin	Mark	B	18	91	73	93	75	148
Johnston	Derek	B	18	97	79	87	69	148
Quinn	Bill Jr	B	14	89	75	93	79	154
Nemcheck	Mike	B	17	95	78	94	77	155
Barron	Joe	B	18	94	76	101	83	159
Quinn	Timothy	B	14	87	73	101	87	160
Halula	Barry	C	27	97	70	96	69	139
Felus	Bruno	C	22	96	74	88	66	140
Tokarsky	John	C	23	91	68	100	77	145
Metarko	John	C	22	92	70	98	76	146
Piper	Rick	C	20	95	75	93	73	148
Vargo	Stephen P	C	26	100	74	101	75	149
Sinagra	Dave	C	25	98	73	102	77	150
Shank, Sr	Clarence	C	24	103	79	97	73	152
Torok	Gene	C	24	103	79	97	73	152
Vargo	Dan	C	28	103	75	106	78	153
Kopanic	Robert J.	C	22	93	71	106	84	155
Yokopenic	Jim	C	21	93	72	104	83	155
Kochis	Derek	C	25	101	76	107	82	158
Mitro	Milos	C	23	103	80	103	80	160
Collins	Greg	C	26	106	80	106	80	160
Collins	Dave	C	24	116	92	106	82	174
Simkovich	Paul	C	27	115	88	115	88	176
Zoldak	Milan	D	33	101	68	105	72	140
Smith	George	D	29	104	75	99	70	145
Barton	David	D	35	110	75	105	70	145
Lako	George	D	40	112	72	116	76	148
Nasta	Fr. Tom	D	40	109	69	120	80	149
Collins	Patrick	D	32	110	78	104	72	150
Helman	Tom	D	35	114	79	106	71	150
Ferrance	George	D	29	111	82	100	71	153
Nasta	Damian	D	40	121	81	120	80	161
Ferrance	Jerome	D	35	112	77	121	86	163
Lako	Michael	D	29	114	85	116	87	172
Burkhart	Joe	D	39	123	84	135	96	180
Uhring	Tom	CAL	CAL	92	72	106	72	144
Hromada	Jerry	CAL	CAL	86	71	84	75	146
Kozusko	Andrew	CAL	CAL	109	71	118	78	149
Nasta	Nicole	CAL	CAL	136	74	133	75	149
Prpich	Jack	CAL	CAL	101	72	103	79	151
Mohrbacher	Fred	CAL	CAL	91	73	99	78	151
Miklos	Terrance	CAL	CAL	89	78	83	74	152
Saul	Jim	CAL	CAL	99	77	97	75	152
Sarchetti	Robert	CAL	CAL	92	74	103	79	152
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Piper	Rickie Lee	CAL	CAL	97	76	110	78	154



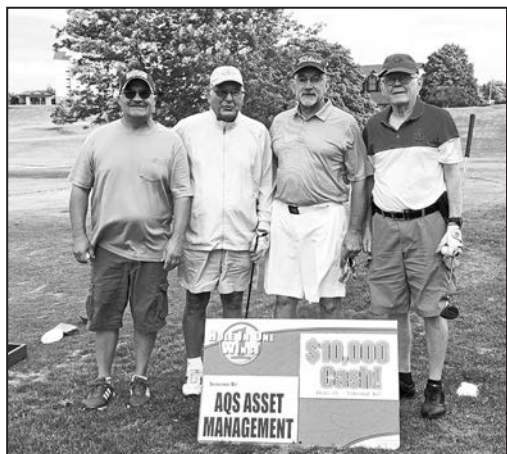
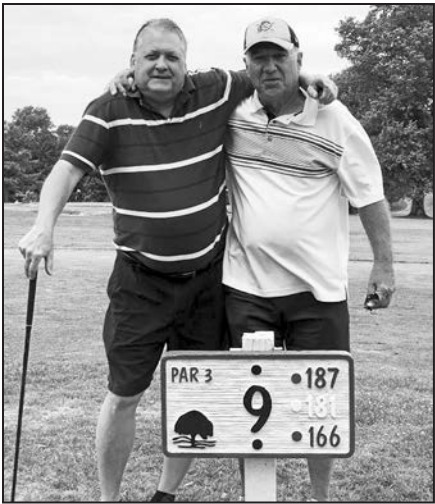
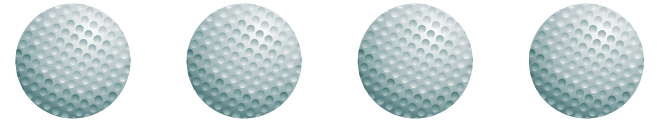
Skins Winners	
Saturday	
#6 Birdie	John Rosa
#7 Birdie	Derek Johnston
#12 Birdie	John Rosa
#15 Birdie	Roy Miller
#16 Birdie	David Schmucker
Sunday	
#10 Birdie	Scott Guzik
#13 Birdie	Robert Patula
#18 Eagle	David Schmucker

Skill Prize Winners	
Putting Contest	Bill Quinn, Greg Collins
Longest Drive Saturday	Bill Kasan
Longest Putt Saturday	Fred Mohrbacher
Longest Drive Sunday	David DeGol
Longest Putt Sunday	Clarence Shank

Sponsors	
Gold Level	AQS Asset Management
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Skill Contest	Gary Matta, FCSU General Counsel Pittsburgh District, FCSU



Golf Tournament Results



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Get your cameras ready! We are having a photography contest for all members. There will be two groups: the 12 – 18 age group and an over 18 age group.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

- People
- Nature or Environment
- Travel or Destinations
- FCSU Fraternal Activity

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



For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

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

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Rules:

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

Mail your entry to:

Rudy Ondrejco
Photo Contest
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
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**CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL
OF PITTSBURGH**



The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc has extended its deadline for accepting applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program to October 31, 2018.

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

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

**For applications, please contact:
Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.**

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131
Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310

E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com – Website: <http://www.fcsu.com/membership-benefits/scholarships/>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 2018

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

My 2018 Adventures in Slovakia (Part 2)

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

This second installment about my travels in Slovakia covers my trip to area north of Trenčianske Bohuslavice.

Trenčianske Bohuslavice Folk Songs

On May 31, I again awoke early with the dawn and the rooster. Tilka (Matilda Macháčová) and I continued our interesting conversations over breakfast about her work on the village. As I was interested in folk culture, I asked Tilka whether she knew some local songs from the village. She treated me to singing a set of folk songs from Trenčianske Bohuslavice and I recorded them on video. Subsequently, I posted these on my Facebook page and uploaded them to YouTube, so all might see and hear them and appreciate village songs: <https://youtu.be/6ZVIKHRTQpw> and https://youtu.be/hiPO_wpv2H4. They are well worth listening to and a rare treat.

We had a busy day ahead of us so we got an early start, as we were traveling northwest up the Bošác valley, which is about 20 km long and lies at the foothills of the White Carpathian Mountains, with the river toward Moravia. The valley abounds with historical monuments dating back to the 19th century Slovak national awakening.

Day 4 - North of Trenčianske Bohuslavice -- Bošáce and Its History

Our first stop was in Bošáce, just 4 km from Trenčianske Bohuslavice. According to written documents, the village of Bošáca originated around 1380 and was named "Bosach", then Bosacz in 1506, and Bosacza in 1773. The Hungarian spelling is Bosác.

At one time, the population grew considerably larger as kopaničiari colonized the village in the 18th century. Kopaničiari were independent people, not serfs, and lived in small groups of humble homes in the mountains, especially in this region of the White Carpathians. One Slovak emigré once described them as "Slovak hillbillies"! They gradually moved downhill and relocated mountain valleys. The population of Bošáce rose so much that by 1784, 2,146 inhabitants lived there, and by 1900, there were 3,488 inhabitants, but declined into the late 20th century. Today it is home to just 1,393 people.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Bošáce residents worked mainly in agriculture, but benefited from a thriving trade. The area acquired a reputation for its fruit orchards, mainly plums and pears (slivky a hrušky). Merchants would load crates of dried fruits in carriages to the Vah River and then load the cargo on rafts traveling to the Hungarian lowlands, and down the Danube River as far as Budapest; trains replaced water transport after the opening of a railroad in 1878. A prized product of the village was Bošácka slivovica (plum brandy), which is still manufactured there to this day by the distillery firm Bošácka palenica. To this day, Bošáčania (the people of Bošáce) feel proud knowing that they have a reputation for producing the best slivovica in all of Slovakia.

In the early 19th century, vineyards used to dot the hills around Bošáce, but those have disappeared since due to a devastating blight. Other trades enhanced the Bošáca economy as well, and the village boasted 11 mills at one time. It was also the



The interior of the Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Bošáce, Slovakia.



Bošáca folk costumes

home of many sculptors, carpenters, blacksmiths and other craftsmen.

Cultural life thrived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as amateur theater and clubs; the gymnastic Sokol (Falcon) and Orol (Eagle) built gyms and sports fields for its members. There used to be a Jewish synagogue in the center of the village, but went into ruins after the Second World War.

A Baroque Jewel

At the south end of the village stands the baroque Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (kostol Nanebovzatia Panny Márie). From the 11th to the 16th century, the Benedictines occupied the site and made a fortified area during the 14th century Tartar incursions. After 1380, it came under the lordship of Miklós Bánffy, the lord of Beckov Castle. After the Benedictines left, later the barefoot Augustinians moved on the site; according to local lore, the name of village derives from the term Bosáci (barefoot monks). Tradition has it that the hermit St. Svorád resided there for a while and later lived moved to in Skalka near Trenčín. The monks constructed a wooden monastery on the site, with a small chapel, but it lay in ruins by 1691.

The current yellow church with white trim was built in a late baroque style between 1729 and 1733, and modified in a more classical style in 1789. The church contains a single isle, with three sanctuaries and a bell tower. The tower features a helmet-like roof with a skylight turret. The original bells were added in 1737, but the three largest bells no longer exist because the Austro-Hungarian War Ministry confiscated them and melted down the material for military purpose during World War I.

As with most baroque churches, the exterior appears rather plain, but the interior lifts one up to the heavens. The main altar was originally painted by the artist Pauer from



Bošáca slivovica

Nitra, but the current altar is made of Tyrolian wood and dates from 1928. On the two sides of the main altar stand statues of St. Augustine and St. Nicholas, who dazzle with amazement at God's glory.

The main feature that draws one's eyes upon entering the nave is the painting of the Assumption of Our Lady, the work of the renowned painter Josef Hanula. It consists of four scenes: the first depicts the most Holy Trinity; the second groups together prominent saints -- St. Svorád and St. Benedict, St. Vojtech (Adalbert), St. Augustine, and SS. Cyril and Methodius; the third scene shows Stephen, the first King of Hungary with his wife Gizella and their children - Ladislav I, Imrich, Alžbeta and Margita; the final section, the highlight, shows the Immaculate Virgin Mary with her child Jesus. Marble columns and gold trim surround the sanctuary and add accent to the artist's masterpiece.

The Bošáč Valley Museum

The village also boasts its own local museum for the region, the Bošáč Valley Museum (Múzeum Bošáckej doliny). The museum opened just in 1996. Two retired teachers, Ján Jurák a Adam Rýdži, organized the effort and raised the funding through donations.

It is a skanzen type museum (an open-air museum) that presents visitors with an overview the folk culture of a picturesque Slovak region. It is situated in an original peasant

home next to the local distillery.

The central living room displays the original historical furniture; the kitchen is equipped with a classic masonry stove and a traditional loom (krosná), which saw much use during the winters. Another part of the house contains an exhibition of rare, traditional Bošáca folk costume (kroj), which are decorated with intricate hand-embroidery.

As is typical in many peasant houses, in the back there is a small barn with a stable (maštal) for cattle and, goats, and a pig-pen (chlievik) and a chicken coup (kurín). There is also a work bench area for the man of the house (gazda) and a storage place for farm equipment and tools such as a wagon, chaff cutters, and a threshing tool (vozy, sečkovica, mláčačka). The lady of the house (gazdina) would also have her space -- a summer kitchen. There would be a large pot (kotol) for boiling plums to make lekvár (plum jam or preserves) and perform other cooking outside during the warm summer months.

In the past, a cellar would serve as protected place for storing fruits and vegetables during the cold winters. Finally, no respectable Slovak peasant an outhouse (záchod) and a manure pit (hnojová jama).

The museum is well worth of visit. But a note of caution. Since it a small museum, it is not regularly open. Any museum visit planned should have an advance notice of 2-3 days. One may telephone at this number: 032/7781130.

Part 3 will continue in a future Jednota issue.

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Branch 181 Officers and FCSU National officers: (L – R) Branch 181 Vice President Ed Mizikar and his wife Barb; Branch 181 Recording Secretary Vicki Hricik; Branch 181 President Darlene Patty and her husband, President of the George Onda District 3 Bill Patty; Regional Director (Region 4) James Marmol, and his wife Patty; FCSU National Executive Secretary Ken Arendt and wife Theresa; FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec; Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec, FICF; FCSU National Treasurer George Matta II and wife, Kathy and their faithful dog.



Gerry Hricik (far right) with friends, JoAnn Iliam and Ethel Grimm

Linda and Steve Gonta greeting everyone.



Fun games for children!

Scenes from Branch 181 Family Picnic

The St. John the Baptist Society Branch 181 of United, PA held their annual family picnic on Sunday, June 25, 2018 at Mammoth Park. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the event! The branch supplied several delicious main entrees and members brought their favorite side dishes and desserts. Darlene Patty extended a warm welcome to all the members and guests. It was an honor to have several FCSU National Officers attend the picnic. President Andrew M. Rajec addressed everyone. Children of all ages participated in games. There were many lucky winners drawn for fabulous door prizes. It was a wonderful fraternal event to get everyone to socialize, get reacquainted with friends and make new ones!

- Submitted by Vicki Hricik, Branch 181 Secretary



(L – R) Gerry Hricik, Florence Matta, Ed Mizikar and Patty Marmol enjoying the beautiful day. Branch 181 – 5:

Branch 493 Semi-Annual Meeting & Summer Luncheon in Chicago

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, held its semi-annual meeting on August 11, 2018, at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant. Attendees gathered at 1:30PM for a half-hour period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments.

The meeting started at 2:00PM with a prayer by Robert Ľapák Magruder. Thank you letters from charities to which Branch 493 had donated were read. The Financial Report was read. Branch delegates to the recent FCSU Convention in Cleveland, OH, reported on the proceedings. The branch roster was passed around so attendees could check on their policies.

The meeting concluded at 2:25PM with a prayer by Robert Ľapák Magruder. Attendees then enjoyed a delicious meal.

- Submitted by Robert Ľapák Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary



Branch 493 Financial Secretary Robert Ľapák Magruder (L) and Recording Secretary Val Vesely (R) present Ryan Peters with a branch college grant for this brother Chris Peters who is a 2018 Jednota Scholarship winner



Val Vesely and Don Cummings



Wayne and Cheri Duncan



Alissia Armstrong with fiancée Ryan Peters



Mike Pesola (C)



Cousins Sue Hepner and Melody Bobo

Consular Tour a Huge Success



Thirty-eight Slovak-Americans from 12 different states toured four countries (Austria, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary) on Joe Senko's 14th consular tour. They visited 15 basilicas, cathedrals and historic churches; saw nine castles; and four UNESCO sites. Some of the highlights were a tour of Auschwitz, the Wieliczka salt mine, an ancient wooden Byzantine church, St. John Paul's home, the shrines of St. Faustina and Our Lady of Chestochowa, cruising on the Danube and rafting on the Dunec. The group also had an exclusive private invitation by U.S. Ambassador Sterling to a reception at his residence and an exclusive



private invitation by Presov Mayor Turcanova to a reception in her office.

The tour covered many of the major cities such as Vienna, Bratislava, Tatra, Levoča, Kežmarok, Ždiar, Zakopane, Krakow, Kosič, Prešov, Bardejov, and Budapest as well as many smaller historic towns. All enjoyed a variety of ethnic dishes.

Many in the group attended Holy Masses in the Slovak, Polish and Hungarian languages. Also, several met with relatives in Slovakia for the first time.

- Submitted by Joseph Senko, Branch 254

**The 2018 Lúčina Slovak Gala:
An Evening in the Heart of Europe**

Saturday, November 10, 2018
Holy Spirit Party Center
5500 W. 54th Street • Parma, OH 44129

Featuring:
The Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland
Lúčinka Children's Ensemble
Michael Anderko, Fújara Soloist
Veselica Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Chicago
DJ Denis

Tickets: \$50/Person
\$360/Table of 8
\$40/Person under 21

Limited Seating! Only 250 seats available. Advanced sales only.
No tickets sold at the door.

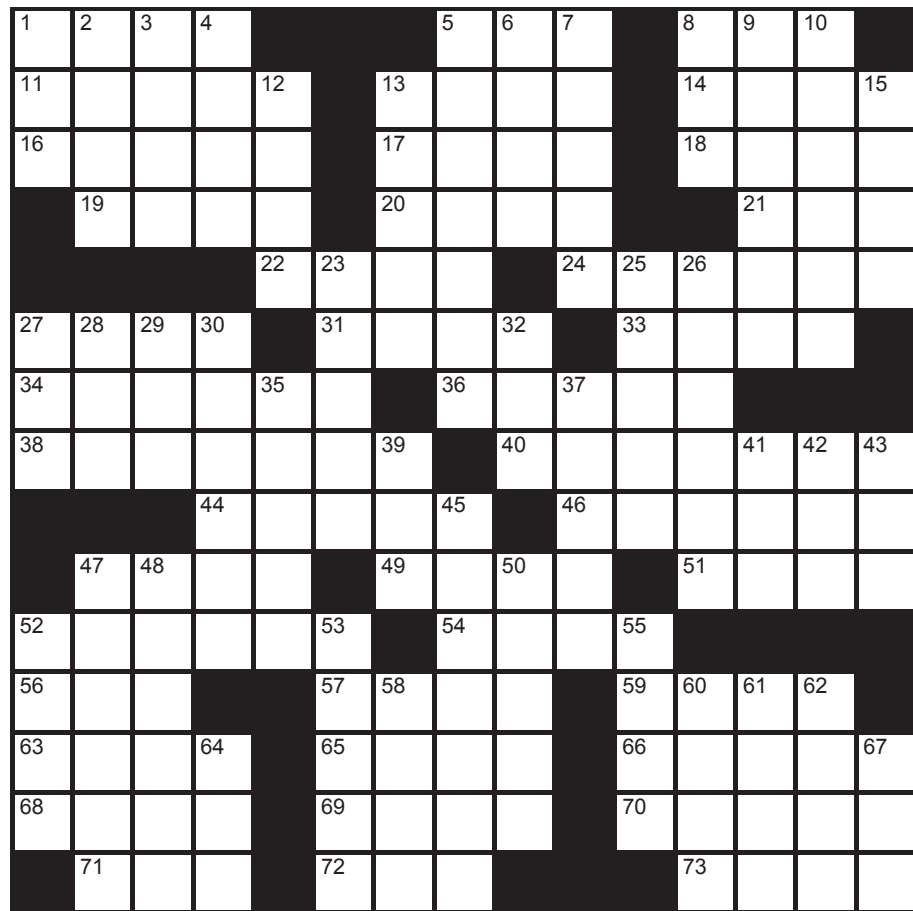
Ticket includes:
Entertainment
Full-course dinner with 3 entrees & dessert
(vegetarian and gluten-free meals available if preordered)
Open Bar
Raffles & Gift Baskets throughout the evening
Followed by music for dancing and listening pleasure with DJ Denis
Doors open: 6:00PM ** Dinner 6:30PM ** Program: 7:30PM

For tickets, call: Tom Ivanec, 440-668-7797
Miriam Visnovsky, 440-638-9921

All proceeds to benefit the Lúčina Slovak Folklore Ensemble,
celebrating their 37th Anniversary



Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Makes a scene?
- 5 Commuting option
- 8 Mermaid's home
- 11 Needle point?
- 13 Paltry
- 14 Scoop, briefly
- 16 French farewell
- 17 Pond organism
- 18 Snob
- 19 Long, dismal cry
- 20 Level
- 21 "___ the fields we go"
- 22 *The Night of the Hunter* screenwriter
- 24 Horse barn
- 27 Meter reading
- 31 Invitation request
- 33 Like some cigars
- 34 Winter eave hanger
- 36 Colonel's insignia
- 38 Responded
- 40 Treated badly
- 44 Up and about
- 46 Deep blue
- 47 Get-out-of-jail money
- 49 Nimble
- 51 Awestruck
- 52 Croatian capital
- 54 After star or gold
- 56 Course setting (Abbr.)
- 57 Judge's forte
- 59 Santa ___, California
- 63 Go ballistic
- 65 Rara ___ (rare bird)
- 66 Kick out
- 68 Enough, for some
- 69 Refuse

Down

- 70 Fate
- 71 Reply to a captain
- 72 Bard's "before"
- 73 Lecherous look
- 1 Gasteyer of *Mean Girls*
- 2 Buffalo Bill's surname
- 3 Threesome
- 4 One-dish meal
- 5 Trust in
- 6 Implore
- 7 Parches
- 8 Small intake
- 9 Dress
- 10 Away from home
- 12 Maui dance
- 13 Aussie pals
- 15 Folklore fiend
- 23 Welcome
- 25 Falcon's picker-upper
- 26 "To do" list
- 27 Evergreen
- 28 King topper
- 29 Dead letters?
- 30 Bakery buy
- 32 Manhandle
- 35 Fine thread
- 37 Southern breakfast dish
- 39 Completed
- 41 Band booking

- 42 Conceit
- 43 Follow persistantly
- 45 Beaujolais or Merlot, e.g.
- 47 Chimp's treat
- 48 Part of CIA
- 50 Fastidious
- 52 Zilch
- 53 Knife edge
- 55 Arduous journey
- 58 Swear to
- 60 Race place
- 61 King
- 62 Pinnacle
- 64 Golf ball support
- 67 Nicotine's partner

Upcoming Events at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH

United Slovak Societies announces the hosting of the following:



Slovak Day Chicken Paprikas Dinner Sunday September 30th, 11a.m.-3:00p.m., \$14.00, advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Kid's Halloween Costume Bowling Party for children of the members of the American Slovak Club, ages 16 and under, on Sunday October 21st, 1:00p.m., by reservation only.



Traditional **Christmas Eve Dinner, "Vilija"**, Sunday December 3rd, 5:30 p.m., \$22.00 advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Silvester Steak Fry, December 31st, 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m., \$25.00, advanced ticket sales, open to the public.

Please note, all events are held at the **American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.**

Tickets sales and reservations will close 10 days prior to the event.

All tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling **Pam at 440/245-5146.**

Bowling at the Club starts soon, please contact Rusty for more information at 440/244-1293.

- Submitted by Michele Mager, Secretary-United Slovak Societies; Board of Director Member, American Slovak Club- Lorain, OH; Member, FCSU Branch 228

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 2 – THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District for Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky will conduct its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Location: Missionary Benedictine Sisters Convent, 5900 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fellowship and refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. A delicious dinner will be served. All branches are encouraged to send delegates. Individual Jednota members who wish to become more active in District 2 are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call the district President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810.

Robert T'apa'k Magruder, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The meeting will begin following the 5:00PM Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. We will meet in the Formation Room. On the agenda will be: branch news, election of officers for 2019, our thoughts on the Convention, and plans for our annual Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to a great turnout.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 4 – THE MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at Carpaccio Ristorante, 651 Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, NJ 08846. Please RSVP to Steve @ (908)-507-0505 by October 10th if you plan on attending. Agenda will include discussion and a summary review of the Cleveland Convention, as well as plans for future events. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the Deer Lake Inn located at 7504 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346 (that is exit 93 on I-75, and just 1 mile west of I-75).

Our meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the Agenda will be Officer Reports and New Business which includes 2019 FINANCIAL BUDGET, ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2019 and results from the FCSU AUGUST, 2018 CONVENTION held in Cleveland, OH.

Branch 633 is hosting this meeting. Please notify Dianna Rimarcik at (PHONE NUMBER) 248-714-9620 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than October 12th so the restaurant can be notified of the number of attendees expected. If you are unable to confirm prior to the event but wish to attend, a \$20.00 fee will be collected at the restaurant. Those making advance reservations will NOT be charged.

****Please remember, a branch delegate must attend at least one District meeting in order to be eligible for compensation from the Home Office.

Dianna Rimarcik, Secretary
4945 Wavewood Dr.
Commerce twp., MI 48382
248-714-9620

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 38 will host the Fall Meeting on November 25 at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Street, West Mifflin. Officers for 2019 will be elected and events for the year will be discussed. The Steelers play at Denver. The game does not start until 4:25.

Branch 276 will host the Spring, 2019 meeting in early April. Other branches are encouraged to host the Fathers' Day brunch and the Fall business meeting.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments.

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

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library. Meetings resume October 1 when Lisa Alzo will be speaking on Slovak genealogy. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** September-Fest at the NSS Heritage Museum – Saturday, September 22. Free. Entertainment & vendors.

** Slovak Beer Tasting – October 6 – Contact Joe Senko.

** Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt – Sunday, November 4 – noon till 4. Free. Entertainment, talks & vendors.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net. Fall classes are directed toward intermediate and advanced students. Spring classes are for beginners.

** Don't forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730. The program is also streamed live at www.wpitam.com.

** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids also has a Facebook page. Check out your family's hometown in Slovakia. Even a small village may have a Facebook page.

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

** If you're interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakia.com/study-in-slovakia/

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nsslife.org/Museum.php. Plan a trip to see the animated, hand-carved Nativity.

** The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting in Nebraska in 2019. "Nasa Rodina," their quarterly publication, has many interesting articles on Slovak history and genealogy. See www.cgsi.org.

** FCSU insurance information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com. Many interesting Slovak-related links may be found at fcsu.com/resources.

If anyone knows of additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice, they should email information to the secretary.

Faternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, District Secretary
manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 7 – THE REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

All branches of District 7 are welcome to attend the 2nd semi-annual meeting for 2018. The meeting will be held on Oct.28, 2018, at 2:00PM at Hosses Steak and Sea House, Wayne Ave,

Indiana, PA. Branch 484 of Coral, PA, will host the meeting. It's so nice to get together and try to bring so new friends. Come and listen to all the happenings of the convention and enjoy a great meal. Hope to see you there.

Any questions contact Sharon Allison 814-322-1052.

Sharon Allison, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 8- THE REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

District 8, the Rev. Stephen Furdek District, will be having its annual meeting October 14, 2018. Mass will be held at 10:00 am, at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4454 Main St, Egypt, Whitehall Township, PA. 18052.

Immediately following the Mass, a luncheon will be served, concluding with our annual meeting. The location for the luncheon/meeting will be held at the VFW Post 7293, 5209 Springmill Road Whitehall PA. 18052.

All Branches are encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be discussion about the 2018 Convention which was held in Cleveland, OH.

ALL Delegate forms/credentials must be received by September 29, 2018.

Any Branch dues can be paid prior to the meeting or at the meeting. We have a few Branches who have not yet paid the District dues. They can be mailed to Monica Fabian at: 4137 Wilson St, Whitehall, PA 18052-1615.

Any questions regarding the meeting please contact Monica Fabian at mfabian922@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Fabian, Secretary

DISTRICT 9 - THE FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly, Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. at the Uniontown Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, 575 West Main Street. Regional Director James Marmol will brief the group on current events taking place at the home office and the results of the 51st convention. All members are urged to attend. A Dairy Queen social will take place.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 10 – THE REVEREND STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT – OHIO

Please mark your calendars for our final meeting of 2018. It will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 2:30 pm at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311.

Election of Officers for 2019 will be held and planning our future as a District will be covered. If you are interested in running for an office for the District please email your intentions and the office which you are interested in servicing for the District. Email to lhanko@neo.rr.com.

If you plan on sending branch members to the meeting – please call Linda Hanko at 330-706-0151 (home) or 330-690-6911(cell) or email to the address listed above.

We hope to see a good turnout in support of our District and for the Society as a whole.

Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 – THE MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District (District 11) is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 1:30 PM at the C.U.Club, 910 Sixth Avenue, Ford City. When possible, Branches should designate their representatives to Grace Charney, District Secretary, at (724) 664-7185 by October 20; however, Branch members not previously identified are welcome to participate in all District meetings on a walk-in basis.

Significant Agenda Items

- Election of 2019 District Officers
- Discussion on current/pending alignment of active & inactive Branches within District 11
 - Whom to call (FCSU HQ vs Branch 200/401) for policy issues
 - Mergers/realignment still pending
 - Survey results
- Proposed Fraternal or PR Activities
 - Relics Crusade in Butler
 - Wine/Beer Tasting Event
 - Butler Blues, Altoona Curve baseball
 - Parades/other venues around Western PA to use our new Slovak Heritage/Br 200/Br 401 banners

Reminders

-- Per FCSU By-Laws, Branch representation at one of the two District meetings each year is required to qualify for receipt of the annual Branch stipend.

-- Up-to-date payment of District dues and attendance at District meetings are requirements for Branch eligibility to send delegate(s) to the quadrennial FCSU Convention.

-- Branch representation at District meetings need not be by Branch officers; any beneficial member may represent his/her Branch.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 13 – JOZEF CARDINAL TOMKO DISTRICT

Jozef Cardinal Tomko District 13 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Cozy Corners in Osceola Mills, PA, 16666 at 2:00 pm. (Route 53 South on Osceola Mills/ Houtzdale Highway. There will be election of officers for 2019 and update of branch dues. All local branches belonging to the district are to send a member to the meeting. Luncheon will be served immediately prior to meeting. E-mail rosemariydeliman@me.com or call Rosemary Deliman 814-342-5592 if you plan to attend.

Rosemary Deliman; Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 14 - REVEREND JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

Reverend Joseph L. Kostik, District 14, Region 6 will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 20th at 6 pm at the Falcon Grille, 39 N. Canfield-Niles Road (Rt. 46) in Austintown. We will be electing and installing officers at this meeting so please try to attend and bring a fellow member with you if possible. We will be discussing our Christmas Party and activities for the coming year. Suggestions are encouraged and welcome for 2019 activities.

Grace Kavulic, Secretary

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Prince Pribina District will hold semi-annual Meeting on Saturday September 22, 2018. The meeting will be held at 11:00 AM at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. On the agenda will be: Up-date on Bylaw changes adopted by 51st Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland on August 4-8, 2018, Activities focused on membership drive, and search for kitchen sponsor at fraternal

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Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
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108K	Eric M Kuczma	254K	Robert J Poklemba	670K	Leonard J Valko Sr	796K	Leiana J Wilson
112K	Rose M Luke	260K	Raymond M Bartos	743K	Ronald J Kotulak	831K	Andrew Kraynick
132K	Dennis W Costello	315K	Shirley A Lutheran	746K	Anna M Buber	855K	Gary C Baka
157K	Sera Jane Coombs	320K	Frank A Novotny	746K	Margaret H Feltovic	855K	Louis P Havrilla Sr
157K	Michael Demko	320K	Edward R Popcun	746K	Virginia M Mcgillick	920K	Margaret R Gill
		367K	Joseph J Rocheck III	746K	Edward Mihalko		

*Processed through the month of August

OBITUARIES

**RONALD HORNAK
BRANCH 670 –
DONORA,
PENNSYLVANIA**



Ronald J. Hornak, 73, of Kendall Park died Monday, July 9, 2018, at his home. Born in Oceanside, CA, he was raised in Donora, PA. Ron was valedictorian at Mon Valley Catholic High School Class of 1963 and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where he also received his MBA. Ron was an Assistant Vice President of cash management at Marine Midland bank in New York City and later was the Assistant Treasurer at PSE&G in Newark, NJ, where he worked for over 30 years. Ron had many friends and was loyal to all of them. He was president of the New Jersey Chapter of the Pitt Alumni Club. His passion for Pitt was so great that some say it was Ron who coined the phrase, "Hail to Pitt!"

Son of the late Joseph J. and Lillian (Zack) Hornak, husband of the late Marguerite (Rudek) Hornak, brother of the late Bernard Hornak, he is survived by 2 brothers and a sister in law Joseph A. Hornak, Richard and Carol Hornak, niece Natalie, and 2 nephews Timothy and Brian.

Friends called on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the MJ Murphy Funeral Home Monmouth Junction, NJ. The funeral was held Monday, July 16, 2018, where mourners gathered at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Kendall Park, NJ. Burial was in St. Dominic's Cemetery in Donora, PA.

- Submitted by Natalie Hornak

**DOROTHY T. STARK
BRANCH 743 –
STERLING HEIGHTS,
MICHIGAN**



Dorothy T. Stark (nee Krisak) passed away on July 29, 2018, at the age of 88 at Windsor Regional Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan

of 40 years, and her baby daughter, Darlene Marie. Daughter of the late Simon and Mary Krisak. Dear sister of Emily Bylicki, and dear sister-in-law to Catherine (John) Drexler. Her late siblings: Margaret (Roman), Frank, John, Mary Paul, Rose (Senall), Agnes (Borys), Anne (Gensor), and Helen Krisak. Dorothy was born in Detroit, MI. She worked as a Key punch Operator at Chrysler for 30 years and retired. In these years, she met and married her husband, Ivan, and resided with him in the Colchester and Harrow area of Ontario, Canada, for many years until her recent move to Windsor, Ontario, at Kensington Retirement Home, which she loved. In earlier days, she and Ivan frequently traveled, and they spent many winters in their condo in Lake Havasu, AZ. She loved the warm climate. She always enjoyed family and friends, and hosted the family reunion for over 35 years at her home on Baldwin Beach on Lake Erie. She always had a deep interest for life, people, family, parties, shopping and was always fascinated with the newest innovations and technology. Dorothy is survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends met on Thursday August 2, 2018 at Corpus Christi Church, Windsor, for visitation before the Funeral Mass at 1pm. The celebrant was Fr. Darrell Roman. Interment followed at Windsor Memorial Gardens.

**ROSE J MRAZ
BRANCH 746 –
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

Rose (Monek) Hadobas Mraz, 99, of Linden, N.J. entered into eternal rest on Friday July 20, 2018.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday July 24, 2018 at 9AM from the Leonard-Lee Funeral Home in Linden. A Funeral Mass was offered in Holy Family Church Linden at 10AM, with interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours were on the previous Monday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Rose was born in New Brunswick, NJ, on October 29, 1918, and lived in Carteret before moving to Linden in 1933.

She worked for Supermarket Services in Linden for 20 years before retiring in 1981.

Rose was a long time communicant of

Holy Family Church and a 50 year member of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota).

Rose was the loving wife of the late Joseph Hadobas who died in 1973 and Michael Mraz who died in 1978. Loving mother to Rosemarie Hadobas, Elizabeth Vertucci and her husband Nicholas and Catherine Nassr and her husband Richard. Dear sister to Julius, Geza, Joseph and Richard Monek and the late Mary Schaffer and Elizabeth Keller. Cherished grandmother to Nicholas J. Vertucci and his wife Alexis and great-grandmother to Nicholas M. and Gianna Vertucci. Also surviving are many beloved nieces and nephews.

- Submitted by Catherine Nassr

**EMIL MADEA
BRANCH 796 –
EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA**

Emil Madea, 94, of Allentown, PA, passed away April 17, 2018. Born in Egypt, (now Whitehall) PA, he was the son of the late John and Justina (Kiss) Madeya. Emil was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Irene (Griech) Madea. During his career,

Emil worked as a presser at Modern Clothing in Allentown for forty years until his retirement while also running and maintaining the family farm with his brother, Bernie. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union – Jednota Branch 796 Egypt, PA, and the Pike Township Sportsmen's Association in Pikeville, PA; and was a life member of the Cetronia Fire Company No. 1, as well as the Cathedral Church of Saint Catharine of Siena. In his free time, Emil was an avid sportsman (he especially loved hunting and fishing), and he was a huge fan of the Phillies baseball team. He is survived by his daughter, Elaine (Madea) wife of Robert Klucharich, his brother, Bernard J. Madeja and his wife Dorothy, and nieces and nephews. Emil was preceded in death by his sister, Emma (Madea) Zgebura, and two brothers, John and Edward Madea. A viewing was held on the morning of Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at Weber Funeral Home in Allentown. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 11AM the same day at the Cathedral Church of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

- Submitted by Elaine Klucharich

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553, will be holding the final lodge meeting for 2018 on Sunday, November 18th at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Slovak "J" Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors must send your written intentions stating the position you are interested in filling to the Nominating Committee at the above address. Letters must be in by November 12, 2018.

Upcoming events at the Slovak "J" Club:

1st Wednesday of every month – Spaghetti served from 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday's club opens at 11:30 am – come watch your favorite college teams

Sunday's club opens at 12:00 pm – come support the Browns

10/28 Sunday – Browns/Halloween Party

11/10 Saturday – Wine Festival featuring Jim Golen and George's famous sausage sandwiches

11/24 Saturday – Ohio State VS Michigan – Tailgating event

12/16 Sunday – Annual Vilija Celebration 4:00 pm - \$15.00 per person

Any questions – call the club at 330-786-9972.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M Hanko,
Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart of Jesus Branch 580 will hold a meeting on October 24, 2018 at my home in Ligonier at 1PM. Election of officers will take place. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Secretary

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at Harolds Inn, 2134 Broadhead Road, Aliquippa, PA, at 2:00PM. Election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to

attend. Please make reservations by calling 724-375-2287 before October 25, 2018.

Edith Valo, Secretary

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The next meeting of Branch 682 is scheduled for Noon on Thursday, September 27th, 2018 at Materials Research Laboratories, 290 N Bridge St in Struthers, OH 44471. Discussion of results of the Convention and the Slovak Fest at St. Matthias grounds will take place.

Drew Hirt, President

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 716 FCSU, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018, after the Slovak Mass at 12:30 PM in the Meeting Room, in the downstairs hall at St. John Nepomucene Church, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, also a report on the year's activities, election of officers for 2019, and a Convention report from delegates. Also discussion of plans for the upcoming year 2019 will take place. All Members are urged to attend and participate. After the Meeting adjourns, a hot lunch will be served.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 756 - OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

Branch 756 will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018, in the gym of the St. Joseph School, on 811 E. Oliver Street in Owosso, MI.

We are also looking for additional paid officers, and then we will have an Officers' Election.

After a short meeting we will go to the Knights of Columbus Center on East Main St for a delicious Chicken Dinner. All members and guest are invited. I will reimburse your cost for the first 10 members. Please RSVP your attendance to 517-381-8358.

Stephan J. Patoprsty, President

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 will hold a meeting on October 9, 2018, at 9:30AM at Kozy Korner Kitchen on Elm Road in Warren, OH. On the agenda: a discussion of a fall fundraiser for the church. For more information, contact William Hrusovsky at 330-372-1948 or hruskovskyw@embarqmail.com.

William Hrusovsky, Secretary

BRANCH 784/810 - MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Branch 784/810 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, immediately following the 11 o'clock Mass at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish hall.

We urgently request the attendance of members of the branch, as yearly elections are on the agenda.

A report of the activities for 2018 including reports of officers will be held at the meeting. Any future activities will depend on the election of the new committee.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796 will hold their annual meeting November 11, 2018. Meeting will be held in the basement of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 4454 Main St. Whitehall, PA 18052.

The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm. All Branches recently merged with Branch 796, Holy Trinity Society, Egypt PA, are cordially invited to the meeting.

Election of Officers for 2019 will be held, as well as discussion on the recent Convention held Aug. 2018.

As is our long-standing fraternal tradition, we will join the members of Sokol Assembly 255 in a Slovak culinary specialties and spirits. Slovak fraternal unity has always been a tradition of the lodges associated with Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church.

We are looking forward to seeing a good turnout of our members.

God Bless,

Monica Fabian Recording Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Saturday September 22, 2018, at Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. Meeting will start at 11:00 AM with agenda as follow: Membership Drive with focus on benefits cherished from FCSU, Up-date on Bylaw changes adopted by 51st Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland on August 4-8, 2018 and search for kitchen sponsor at fraternal gathering after Slovak masses. All members in our area are encouraged to participate.

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON DC AND AREA

Branch 856 will have their meeting on October 15, 2018, at 1:00PM at the Tyson Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA, 22043. On the agenda will be discussion on the district meeting, highlights of the convention held in Cleveland Ohio in August. Also election of officers for the coming year 2019. All members are invited to attend this meeting. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Katherine Nowatkoski 919-651-0363.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary

BRANCH REQUIREMENTS FOR BRANCH STIPEND

The following are requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend:

Bylaw Section 4.05 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

"By the end of March of each year, the Home Office shall pay each local branch \$5.00 per member, per year, not to exceed \$8,000.00, provided the local branch has fulfilled the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The Executive Secretary shall publish no later than May 1st in the Official Organ those branches failing to meet the requirement of section 4.05.

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

(i) The requirements of this Section must be met by the branch to receive payment of any other compensation.

Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES

14.01 General Rules

a) Branch and district meetings shall be held in the close proximity of the hub of its members. The meetings shall be held at least semiannually, one of which must be for the elections of officers, who shall assume their duties upon election. Notice of each of these meetings shall be published in the Official Organ at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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gathering after Slovak masses. All Branches in our area are encouraged to participate.

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 - THE MSGR STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2018, in the Rectory of St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York, NY immediately following the 10:15 Slovak Mass. On the agenda will be reports from the Districts, financial report, election of officers for 2019, and discussion of upcoming activities in 2019. Members of Branches 41, 45 and 716 are urged to attend. Representatives from other Districts are also cordially invited to attend.

A light Lunch will be served to the Members attending.

Joan Mary Skrkon, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHIDIUS DISTRICT – LUZERNE & LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA, & BROOME COUNTY, NY

The District's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, with Mass celebrated at 11:30AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, followed by lunch at 12:30PM. Meeting will begin immediately after. Election of officers will take place and everyone has the opportunity to hold a position. You may be nominated from the floor. Everyone has a gift of themselves to offer – i.e., interest in Jednota/talent willing to share with the members/ideas to increase awareness of the benefits of belonging and/or just your presence is welcome. COME AND KEEP FRATERNALISM ALIVE ...

Are your district dues up to date? IMPORTANT. A review of the Convention will be given so that those who were not able to attend will be informed.

See you on Sunday, October 28th. No reservations necessary. Call Michael Slovenkai, District President at (570) 342-7562 if you have a question.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 20 - THE PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT

The Prince Rastislav District of Montreal, Quebec, will hold its yearly meeting on November 18, 2018, immediately following the 11 o'clock Mass at Sts Cyril and Method Parish Hall.

The past year's events will be discussed including the reports of officers and future prospects for the District. It is important that members of Branches 784 and 810 be present in sufficient numbers as a new committee will have to be elected. The future of the District along with all future events will depend on the ability to elect a committee for the future.

A light lunch will be served following the meeting.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President

Statement as of June 30, 2018 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**
ASSETS

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	352,963,980		352,963,980	348,541,005
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....			0	
2.2 Common stocks.....	2,746,060		2,746,060	2,710,635
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	511,499		511,499	609,764
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	387,198		387,198	401,326
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,012,163		1,012,163	1,045,630
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	780,896		780,896	779,196
5. Cash (\$.....9,370,522), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....7,900,787).....	17,271,309		17,271,309	30,811,526
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,095,351		1,095,351	1,094,955
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	6,459,162		6,459,162	5,280,869
9. Receivables for securities.....			0	
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	383,227,618	0	383,227,618	391,274,906
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	4,580,429		4,580,429	4,658,595
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	13,828		13,828	23,586
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums (\$.....0) and contracts subject to redetermination (\$.....0).....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	6,325	6,325	0	
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	387,828,750	6,875	387,821,875	395,957,087
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	387,828,750	6,875	387,821,875	395,957,087

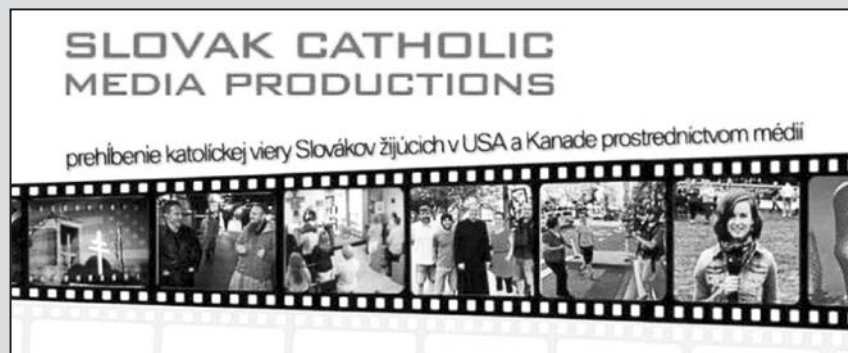
Statement as of June 30, 2018 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	313,350,000	313,139,204
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	29,905,844	39,687,240
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	61,288	61,288
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	909,772	1,128,886
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	23,126	23,126
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	34,552	62,102
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	18,072	18,072
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	6,179,859	6,190,944
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	9,511	9,511
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,937,114	2,913,033
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....	495,912	
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	1,140,835	1,240,835
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	355,765,885	365,174,241
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	355,765,885	365,174,241
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	32,055,990	30,782,846
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	32,055,990	30,782,846
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	387,821,875	395,957,087

Statement as of June 30, 2018 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	6,724,769	11,127,527	19,448,102
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	8,046,419	7,920,001	15,764,562
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	219,113	191,955	485,085
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	907	2,327	31,642
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	14,991,208	19,241,810	35,729,391
10. Death benefits.....	1,512,267	1,418,561	2,607,722
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	9,549,036	8,280,936	15,550,939
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	294,870	259,979	559,825
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	93,353	82,576	169,629
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	210,796	5,918,661	10,847,624
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	11,660,322	15,960,713	29,735,739
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	106,306	181,424	304,518
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	2,006,374	1,778,348	3,038,946
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	59,169	49,345	95,852
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	(178,079)	(166,211)	(192,209)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	13,654,092	17,803,619	32,982,846
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	1,337,116	1,438,191	2,746,545
28. Refunds to members.....	139,153	138,290	420,527
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	1,197,963	1,299,901	2,326,018
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....195,233 transferred to the IMR).....	61,594		(151,690)
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	1,259,557	1,299,901	2,174,328
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	30,782,846	28,099,397	28,099,397
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	1,259,557	1,299,901	2,174,328
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	1,846	98,353	784,400
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	1,459	1,460	2,919
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	(24,081)	(162,770)	(305,475)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	34,363	(4,591)	27,278
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	1,273,144	1,232,353	2,683,450
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	32,055,990	29,331,750	30,782,846

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia



LUX New York je slovenská katolícka produkčná spoločnosť so sídlom na Manhattane, ktorej hlavným cieľom je prostredníctvom audiovizuálnej tvorby **pomáhať prehlbovať katolícku vieru medzi Slováckmi žijúcimi v USA a v Kanade**. Naším snom je zároveň navzájom prepájať jednotlivé slovenské farnosti a komunity "za oceánom" a šíriť evanjeliové hodnoty v mediálnom priestore.

Z Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého vám pravidelne prinášame **priame prenosy nedeľných sv. omší** v slovenčine o 10.15 hod. a v angličtine o 12.00 hod., ktoré môžete sledovať na našej facebookovej stránke LUX New York. Okrem toho každú druhú sobotu o 10.00 hod. z nášho kostola vysielame naživo na TV LUX slovenskú sv. omšu, na ktorú vás srdečne pozývame (informácie nájdete na našom Facebooku alebo vo farskom bulletinu).

Každý utorok si tiež môžete pozrieť **reláciu Spojení oceánom** so zaujímavým hosťom so slovenskými koreňmi žijúcim v USA alebo v Kanade. LUX New York pre vás zároveň pripravuje **krátke reportáže** zo života slovenských farností "za oceánom", **zamyslenia a povzbudení** biskupov a kňazov i laikov.

Na to, aby sme mohli v tejto službe pokračovať ďalej, potrebujeme aj vašu pomoc! Podporte nás už dnes online, telefonicky alebo poštou. Ďakujeme za akúkoľvek podporu, vďaka ktorej môžeme prinášať duchovné povzbudenie vám i mnohým ďalším.

Ponuka populárnych rozprávok a folklórnej hudby čo pre najväčší okruh krajanov

Dovoľujem si Vás osloviť s prosbou o spoluprácu. Moje meno je Rastislav Martinický a spoločnosť A.L.I. spol. s r.o., ktorá od roku 1993 pôsobí na slovenskom trhu ako vydavateľ od roku 1993. Vydali sme jedinečné nahrávky Terchovskej muziky, ktorá je zapísaná ako Svetové kultúrne dedičstvo UNESCO, v interpretácii Bratov Muchovcov a tiež množstvo piesní z regiónu Šariš v interpretácii Ludovej hudby Šarišan a veľmi obľúbenej a populárnej speváčky Moniky Kandráčovej.

Spracovali sme viac ako 200 rozprávkových titulov a desiatky piesní pre deti, na ktorých tvorbe sa podieľalo množstvo popredných autorov slova a hudby, výtvarníkov, režisérov, profesionálnych tvorivých pracovníkov a viac ako 300 populárnych slovenských hereckých osobností a detských interpretov.

CD nosiče ponúkame prostredníctvom v našo e-shopu www.alisk.sk a tiež 125 najpopulárnejších rozprávok / tri z nich sú aj v českom a dve v maďarskom jazyku / a 130 piesní pre deti prostredníctvom NOVINKY - aplikácie „Rozprávko“, ktorá je vyvinutá pre všetky mobilné zariadenia s operačným systémom Android. Je vhodná pre deti už od 2 rokov. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=eu.inloop.fairytales>

Veľkou prednosťou aplikácie je jej okamžitá dostupnosť kdekolvek na svete, jednoduchosť inštalácie a ovládania, prehľadnosť, spoľahlivosť, vysoká technická kvalita zvuku, nahrávky je možné počúvať vždy a všade aj bez pripojenia na internet tzv. OFFLINE, veľmi výhodná cena za používanie v porovnaní s cenou CD a v neposlednej rade významne šetrí životné prostredie

Bol by som veľmi rád, keby sa nám podarilo s Vami nadviazať spoluprácu v propagovaní našej ponuky, aby sa informácie dostali medzi čo najväčší okruh krajanov a tiež k všetkým tým, ktorí sa chcú zoznámiť našou kultúrou a jazykom. Naše aktivity a činnosť môžete sledovať a zdieľať aj na: Webe: www.rozpravkypredeti.sk; Youtube rozpravkovo ali <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzNuAUvKkDBR89AhdGBUtzg>; Facebooku / rozpravkovo.ali <https://www.facebook.com/pg/rozpravkovo.ali/posts/>

Ďakujem Vám a teším sa na krásnu a plodnú spoluprácu v šírení našej kultúry v zahraničí.

Rastislav Martinický

Šaštín-Stráže: Bazilika sa pripravuje na národnú púť

Bazilika Sedembolestnej Panny Márie v Šaštíne-Strážach sa pripravuje na tohtoročnú celonárodnú púť pri príležitosti sviatku Patrónky Slovenska. Pre pútnikov všetkých vekových kategórií je pripravený duchovný program, ktorý potrvá tri dni. Vyvrcholí v sobotu 15. septembra slávnostnou omšou o 10.30 hodine, hlavným kazateľom bude eparchiálny biskup Eparchie Parma v USA Milan Lach.

Program sa začne v piatok 14. septembra napoludnie pešou púťou Po stopách Titusa od rieky Moravy do Šaštína, po sobotnej slávnostnej omši bude pokračovať do nedele 16. septembra viacerými bohoslužbami a púťou seniorov. Informoval o tom PR manažér púte Miroslav Janák. V rámci sprievodného programu organizátori púte už v piatok ponúkajú modlitbové pásmo, divadlo komunity Cenacolo a modlitbu chvál Dominiky Gurbaľovej. V sobotu popoludní bude k dispozícii program pre rodiny s deťmi, vystúpenie komorného orchestra Zoe, pásmo Cliptime pre mladých i divadelná hra Nepolepšiteľný svätec v podaní hercov SND o osude katolíckeho disidenta a lekára Silvestra Krčméryho, tiež večerné modlitby chvál spoločenstva Piar.

V nedeľu 16. septembra sa uskutoční tradičná Púť seniorov a chorých, hlavným celebrantom a kazateľom bude bratislavský pomocný biskup Jozef Haľko. Počas celej púte budú k dispozícii kňazi, ktorí budú vysluhovať sviatosť zmierenia.

TASR



To celebrate its 70th anniversary the weekly Slovenka announced the first Slovak Costume Day.

„Slovenka“ pozýva na prvý Slovenský deň kroja

Renomovaný, no najmä tradičný, rodinný týždenník Slovenka onedlho oslávi 70. výročie. Toto jubileum si vydavateľský dom STAR PRODUKCION rozhodol pripomenúť nezabudnuteľne a usporiadať Slovenský deň kroja v Banskej Bystrici. Leitmotívom podujatia bude nielen prezentácia nášho tradičného odevu širokej verejnosti, ale bude i spomienkou na život a dielo Štefana Nosáľa.

Do podujatia, ktoré organizuje týždenník Slovenka a Združenie miest a obcí Slovenska sa zapojí aj Matica slovenská, ako i mnohé iné slovenské organizácie, folklórne a umelecké kolektívy pôsobiace doma i v zahraničí.

Zároveň sa organizátori pokúsia o vytvorenie rekordu. „Najviac ľudí v kroji na jednom mieste“. Podujatie bude voľne prístupné verejnosti, ako i všetkým tým, ktorí bude chcieť prezentovať svoj kroj. Všetky potrebné informácie nájdete na stránke www.denkroja.sk.

Milí krajanovia, budeme sa na Vás tešiť 8. 9. 2018 o 15.00 v Banskej Bystrici, počas Radvanského jarmoku. Príďte aj Vy odtiaľ do krásy slovenskosti a prezentujte veľkoleposť nášho kultúrneho dedičstva! Tešíme sa na Vás.

Zuzana Pavelcová



FOTO: Tomáš Kopecký

Piešťanský kroj: Požičovňa krojov a kostýmov Matice slovenskej, Martin

Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey

41. Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 23. septembra v Mercer County Park, Old Trenton Road, Windsor, NJ. Evanjelická omša začne o 10.00 hodine a katolícka o 11.00 hodine. O 1.00 hodine začne kultúrny program, v ktorom sa predstavia detské folklórne súbory Pramienok zo Slovenskej školy v Trentonu, NJ, Limboráčik zo Slovenskej školy v New Yorku a folklórny súbor Limbora z New Yorku. O 3.00 hodine začne vystúpenie hostí zo Slovenska: speváčka Veronika Rabada, Igor Kucer a Basta Fidli Band. Vstupné je \$10.00, deti do 15 rokov majú vstup bezplatný. Parkovanie je bezplatné.

Zájemcovia o predajné stánky sa môžu skontaktovať s Janou Romanskí na telefónnom čísle 973-390-2810; email: jannasopt@gmail.com

Slovenskú delegáciu na septembrovom VZ OSN povedie prezident A. Kiska

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Slovensko bude podľa smernice pre postup delegácie aj naďalej prispievať do mierových operácií OSN na Cypre, Haiti a Blízkom východe. Bude tiež presadzovať reformu bezpečnostného sektora a boj proti terorizmu, extrémizmu a radikalizmu. V rámci migračnej politiky OSN chce zas zdôrazňovať právo štátov určiť si, koho prijímajú na svoje územie.

Podľa dokumentu je pre Slovensko dôležitá aj implementácia Parížskej dohody a jej čo najširšia univerzalita. „Rok 2019 bude kľúčový pre urýchlenie opatrení na ochranu klímy a pre operatívnu realizáciu Parížskej dohody,“ zdôrazňuje.

Čo sa týka úlohy Slovenska v orgánoch OSN, predložilo kandidatúru do Bezpečnostnej rady OSN na obdobie 2028 – 2029. Zároveň sa Peter Tomka uchádza o znovuzvolenie za sudcu Medzinárodného súdneho dvora v Haagu (MSD) na obdobie 2021 – 2030. Slovensko tiež predložilo kandidatúru Mlynára na post predsedu 6. právneho výboru VZ OSN počas 74. zasadnutia VZ OSN.

TASR

Príhovor prezidenta Andreja Kisku z príležitosti 50 výročia okupácie Československa

Pred päťdesiatimi rokmi sa milióny obyvateľov Československa ocitli v šoku. Rozhlasoví reportéri ohlasovali neslýchanú správu: do našej krajiny vtrhli cudzie vojská. Po uliciach miest a obcí rachotili tanky, ľudia stáli pred nimi s holými rukami. Na mnohých miestach sa ozývala strelba.

Všetko to malo podobu nepredstaviteľného, príšerného filmu. Naozaj, kto by bol uveril, že raz nás budú okupovať armády takzvaných „sriateľených krajín“, spojencov z Varšavskej zmluvy? Uverili by sme tomu, že vrcholných predstaviteľov nášho štátu na čele s Alexandrom Dubčekom okupanti zatknú a odvedú do Sovietskeho zväzu?

Žiaľ, naozaj sa to stalo. Našu vlasť zaplavilo pol milióna vojakov, vyše 6 000 tankov, 800 lietadiel a 2 000 diel. Sovietske divízie nás v noci napadli z východu, zo západu, zo severu aj z juhu. Pridali sa k nim poľskí, maďarskí a bulharskí vojaci. A jednotky armády východného Nemecka stáli na hraniciach ako „rezerva.“

Najväčšia operácia v dejinách Varšavskej zmluvy sa vydarila, do rána obsadili celú republiku. Nijakých kontrarevolucionárov nenašli, zato však v krajine, kde sa dovtedy šírila nádej na slobodnejší život, zabili desiatky nevinných obetí.

Po podpísaní Moskovského protokolu sa hororový film menil na krutú realitu normalizácie. Začala sa potláčať slododa tlače, prejavu či viery. Na pracoviskách sa rozbehli potupné previerky, desaťtisíce zamestnancov boli šikanované, vyhadzovali ich z práce, ich deti nesmeli študovať. Mnohí šikovní a vzdelaní ľudia emigrovali. Moc prevzali bezcharakterní jedinci opierajúci sa o sovietske bodáky.

Dnes sa vám prihovám zo Sliača. Z miesta, odkiaľ po dlhých 23 rokoch odišli poslední cudzí vojaci. Zanechali za sebou zdevastovanú krajinu, zdemolované byty, ale najmä zmarenú nádej na zmenu v roku 1968. Je povinnosťou dnešných demokratických politikov chrániť našu slobodu, možnosť rozhodovať o našej budúcnosti bez obáv z toho, že naše rozhodnutia zlomí hrubá sila. Preto potrebujeme spojencov s rovnakými hodnotami a rovnakým rešpektom k slobode, právam ľudí a demokracii. Takých spojencov a partnerov máme v Európskej únii a Severoatlantickej aliancii, dvoch pilieroch našej prosperity a bezpečnosti.

Dovoľte mi však vysloviť jednu prosbu. Okupáciu našej krajiny vojskami Varšavskej zmluvy dnes odsudzujú tri pätiny obyvateľov Slovenska. Pribúda však tých, ktorí o nej vedia málo alebo nič. Najmä medzi mladými ľuďmi.

Prosím preto rodičov, učiteľov, príbuzných, ako aj pamätníkov, aby si v tieto dni našli chvíľku času a s mladšími ľuďmi a deťmi sa podelili o svoje poznatky a skúsenosti. Aby im priblížili časy nádeje, ale aj chvíle zrady, zúfalstva a poníženia. Spomenuli si na obeť okupácie i zásadnú zmenu, akú nám priniesol November 1989. Aby sme im pomohli pochopiť, že slová „nikdy viac“ znamená nielen odhodlanie, ale vyžadujú si rozumné, zodpovedné rozhodnutia, ktoré túto túžbu naplnia obsahom.

TASR

V Bratislave rokovania o zmene sídla americkej ambasády

Hlavné mesto a Veľvyslanectvo Spojených štátov amerických v Bratislave začínajú rokovania o zmene sídla americkej ambasády. Tá si za možnú lokalitu vybrala súčasné sídlo Dopravného podniku Bratislava (DPB) na Olejkárskej ulici. Splňa vraj bezpečnostné štandardy. Rokovania aj s vedením DPB by sa mali v tejto súvislosti začať v najbližších týždňoch. Americká ambasáda sa medzitým odvolala voči rozhodnutiu, ktorým mestská časť Staré Mesto ako príslušný stavebný úrad nariadila odstránenie oplotenia okolo súčasného sídla veľvyslanectva. Staromestský starosta Radoslav Števík to odôvodnil tým, že americká ambasáda stále nepreukázala vlastnícky vzťah, ani iné právo k pozemku, na ktorom je predmetné oplotenie. Toto právo časom stratilo svoju platnosť a bratislavské mestské zastupiteľstvo od roku 2016 opakovane ambasáde neschválilo nájom mestských pozemkov pod oplotením.

Ambasáda ešte v júli uviedla, že bezpečnostné oplotenie neplánuje odstrániť. Odvoláva sa pritom na bezpečnostné dohody podpísané s hlavným mestom a mestskou časťou, a taktiež na Viedenský dohovor v súvislosti so zabezpečením bezpečnosti diplomatických misií hostiteľskými krajinami. Momentálne podotkla, že sa k prebiehajúcim právnym prípadom nebude vyjadrovať. Odvolanie však potvrdila mestská časť. „Áno, odvolali sa. Rozhodovať bude okresný úrad,“ uviedla staromestská hovorkyňa Nora Gubková. Okresný úrad Bratislava zatiaľ danú vec neevduje.

Ambasáda USA mala mestské pozemky na Hviezdoslavovom námestí a Paulínyho ulici prenajať od roku 2005. Veľvyslanectvo ešte v roku 2002 prijalo bezpečnostné opatrenia v podobe oplotenia budovy aj v súvislosti s teroristickým útokmi v New Yorku z 11. septembra 2001. Diskusia o odstránení oplotenia z historického centra mesta prebiehajú od roku 2016. Podľa mnohých by bolo práve presídlenie budovy, aj vzhľadom k bezpečnostným opatreniam, najvhodnejším riešením.

TASR

Veľvyslanec Peter Kmec sa rozlúčil s krajanmi v USA

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„Podarilo sa nám takisto rozbehnúť niekoľko inováčných projektov v oblasti inteligentných miest. Máme veľmi nádejne sa rozbiehajúcu spoluprácu medzi univerzitami v Berkeley a Žiline v oblasti inteligentných dopravných systémov a takýchto projektov je čím ďalej, tým viac,“ uviedol veľvyslanec Peter Kmec a dodal, že je cítiť veľký záujem jednotlivých štátov USA o bilaterálnu spoluprácu. „Za ten čas sa mi podarilo nadviazať dosť kontaktov, tak dúfam, že ovocie sa objaví v najbližších rokoch,“ povedal Kmec. Veľvyslancom SR vo Washingtone sa od jesene stane súčasný štátny tajomník rezortu diplomacie Ivan Korčok.

TASR

Polstoročie útlaku katolíckych cirkví v socialistickom Slovensku

Zánik demokracie

Československo si po 2. sv. vojne udržalo svoju demokraciu len krátko.

Zrod socializmu

Už vo februári 1948 sa dostala po politickom puči k moci Komunistická strana Československa.

Po vzore Sovietskeho zväzu

Jej ústredný tajomník, súčasne aj predseda vlády a neskôr prezident Klement Gottwald, bol neochvejným a horlivým stúpencom politiky Sovietskeho zväzu. Čoskoro sa začalo presadzovať do praxe jeho heslo: „So Sovietskym zväzom na večné časy a nikdy inak.“ Ten sa nám stal vzorom vo všetkých sférach spoločnosti: v poľnohospodárstve, priemysle, kultúre, vede, školstve... No najviac zasiahol katolíckej cirkvi.

Kňazov, ktorí neprejavovali viditeľne a s patričnou úctou svoje sympatie k súčasnej politike štátu, sa považovali za jeho nepriateľov a odporcov a zatvárali ich.

Likvidácia reholí

Postihnuté boli aj rehoľné rády. Tak pri akcii „Barbarská noc“ z 13. na 14. apríla 1950 vnikli príslušníci štátnej bezpečnosti do kláštorov, Rehoľníkov v autobusoch podväzali na vopred sústredené miesta a tam ich internovali a prehovárali, aby sa vzdali svojich reholí, ktoré boli zrušené.

Podobný osud stihol aj ženské rehole. Po „Barbarskej noci“ nasledovala akcia „R“, pri ktorej 28. – 31. augusta 1950 násilne odvliekli 1962 sestier a dali ich dispozícií na rôzne pracoviska, kde pracovali v poľnohospodárstve v rastlinnej a živočíšnej výrobe, v závodných kuchyniach a jedálňach... Boli izolované od kostolov a znemožňovala sa im účasť na cirkevných obradoch.

Náboženstvo – brzda socialistickej výchovy
Ešte väčšia nepravosť postihla náboženstvo, ktoré bolo považované za brzdu socialistickej výchovy. Začalo sa uvádzať do praxe Marxa-va téza: „Náboženstvo – ópium ľudstva“. Vyučovanie na školách sa sťažovalo rôznymi taktikami a formami. Na prihlasovanie žiakov sa vyžadoval podpis oboch rodičov. Vyučovanie sa zaraďovalo do rozvrhu na neskoršie popoludňajšie hodiny, kedy už žiaci z okolitých obcí nemali vhodné dopravné prostriedky na cestu domov.

A nakoniec rodičia často neprihlasovali deti na náboženstvo v obave, že by sa pred nimi uzavrela cesta na strednú alebo vysokú školu, pretože v komplexnom hodnotení žiakov sa uvádzalo aj to, či navštevovali náboženstvo a či nie sú ich rodičia príliš nábožensky angažovaní.

Sledovanie kňazov

Učitelia dostali od nadriadených úradov pokyn, aby hospitovali na hodinách náboženstva a overili si či kňaz – katechéta nemará ich socialistickej výchovu. Na školách, kde sa za pomoci „šikovného“ riaditeľa a ideologicky uvedomelého kolektívu náboženstvo nevyučovalo, bola takáto škola na ONV a OV KSS vysoko hodnotená a davaná iným za príklad.

Na ONV bola zriadená funkcia „cirkevného tajomníka“, ktorého úlohou bolo sledovať činnosť kňazov, kázne v kostoloch, ich lojalitu k socialistickému zriadeniu, a či učitelia a iní verejní funkcionári sa v kostoloch nesobášia alebo si tam nedávajú deti krstíť.

Zánik ČSSR a obrodný proces

Tento neblahý stav trval až do zániku socialistického Československa v roku 1991, no výrazné zlepšenie nastalo prechodne už aj v období Dubčekovho Obrodného procesu, ktorý výrazne presadzoval voľnejší „socializmus s ľudskou tvárou.“ A ten sa prejavoval v mnohom: v odstraňovaní hraničných zátarasov a ostnatých drôtov, v slobode tlače a vyjadrovania sa, v slobodnom cestovaní do zahraničia, v amnestii politických väzňov a účastníkov v západných štátoch, v rehabilitácii súdnych procesov s kňazmi a cirkevnými hodnosťami, v navrátení gréckokatolíckych kostolov, ktoré boli násilím včlenené do pravoslávnej cirkvi, vo výstavbe nových kostolov...

V obnovenom demokratickom Slovensku odvtedy pribúdajú nové kostolov, kláštory, otvárajú sa cirkevné školy všetkých druhov...

Už len spomienky

Nuž takéto bolo obdobie. Búrlivé, rušné, nepokojné, niekedy nepochopiteľné, obdobie nepravosti, prenasledovania, krutosti a útlaku. Ostáva už len v spomienkach staršej generácie, ktorá sa o ne občas podelí so svojimi deťmi a vnukmi.

Andrej Štelmák, Sliač, Slovakia



Katolícka základná škola sv. J. Nepomuckého v Rožňave.



Katolícka spojená škola v Rajci.



Kláštor Hronský Beňadik.



Nový kostol Žiar nad Hronom.

O. Štefan Furdek
Naš zakladateľ

Veľvyslanec Peter Kmec sa rozlúčil s krajanmi v USA

Diplomat by rád zo Spojených štátov preniesol na Slovensko niekoľko vecí: odvahu riskovať, podnikavosť a schopnosť oceniť prácu.

Na Spojené štáty sa nemožno pozerat' európskymi očami, Spojené štáty nie sú len New York, ľudia tam viac pracujú a riadia sa heslom "take it easy". O živote v USA to povedali slovenský veľvyslanec v USA Peter Kmec a jeho manželka Monika krátko pred ukončením svojho pôsobenia vo Washingtone. V Spojených štátoch žili takmer deväť rokov. Kmec bol slovenským veľvyslancom vo Washingtone od septembra 2012. Ako zástupca veľvyslancu tam pôsobil aj v rokoch 2003 až 2005.

Na rozlúčkovom podujatí na slovenskom veľvyslanectve vo Washingtone sa zúčastnili aj miestni Slováci, predstavitelia krajských organizácií a spolkov, slovenskí honorárni konzuli v USA, veľvyslanci a zástupcovia viacerých európskych veľvyslanectiev, ako aj predstavitelia amerického ministerstva zahraničných vecí. Kmec pôsobil na pozícii veľvyslancu vo Washingtone šesť rokov a toto obdobie zhodnotil ako veľmi intenzívne. V oblasti vzťahov medzi Slovenskom a USA sa podľa neho udialo veľa, pričom spomenul spoluprácu oboch krajín v oblasti bezpečnosti, a to v Afganistane, Iraku, na západnom Balkáne a vo východnej Európe, a tiež spoluprácu v ekonomickej oblasti.

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Na snímke v strede veľvyslanec Peter Kmec zľava s prezidentom IKSJ, Andrejom M. Rajecom a s prezidentkou IKSŽJ, Cynthiou Maleski.

Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec (center) bids farewell to FCSU President Andrew Rajec and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association President Cynthia Maleski.

Slovenskú delegáciu na septembrovom VZ OSN povedie prezident A. Kiska

Prioritami Slovenska na septembrovom Valnom zhromaždení (VZ) OSN budú mier a prevencia konfliktov, spoločná „pozitívna“ agenda, angažovanosť v globálnych témach a úloha SR v hlavných orgánoch organizácie. Vyplýva to z uznesenia vlády.

Zasadnutie VZ OSN sa začne 18. septembra v New Yorku, pričom všeobecná rozprava na najvyššej úrovni sa uskutoční od 25. septembra do 1. októbra. Témou 73. zasadnutia bude Dialóg a posilnenie multilateralizmu ako katalyzátora blahobytu všetkých osôb a udržateľnej planéty.

Delegáciu SR povedie prezident SR Andrej Kiska, jeho zástupcami budú minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslav Lajčák (nominant Smeru-SD) a stály predstaviteľ Slovenskej republiky pri OSN v New Yorku Michal Mlynár. Ďalších členov delegácie vymenuje Lajčák.

Pokračovanie na str. 22

Blahorečenie Anny Kolesárovej prilákalo do Košíc viac ako 35 000 ľudí

Vyššie 35 000 ľudí prilákalo do metropoly východného Slovenska víkend blahorečenia Anny Kolesárovej z Vysokej nad Uhom. Z toho 30 000 prišlo na hlavnú sobotnú slávnosť spojenú s obradom blahorečenia, pričom medzi nimi boli dvaja kardináli, viacero arcibiskupov a približne 30 biskupov zo Slovenska i zahraničia a viac ako 600 kňazov, vyše 650 rehoľníkov a desiatky predstaviteľov verejného a spoločenského života.

Pápeža Františka zastúpil legát kardinál Giovanni Angelo Becciu, prefekt Kongregácie pre kauzy svätých. V službe bolo počas troch dní 630 dobrovoľníkov, viac než sto policajtov, 15 supervízorov, 5 pracovníkov control roomu, 150 usporiadateľov a vyše 50 zdravotníkov a záchranárov. Na podujatie sa akreditovalo vyše 60 novinárov. V spevokole bolo 80 ľudí a približne 20 bolo hudobníkov. Nechýbali médiá z Čiech, a o udalosti informovali aj médiá v Poľsku, Maďarsku, Rakúsku i v Taliansku.

V metropole východu zapečatili relikviár s ostatkami Anny Kolesárovej

Po modlitbe vložil do schránky, ktorá bola vložená do relikviára niekoľko ulomkov z ostatkov Božej služobnice, Marek Ondrej - prokurátor a advokát Apoštolského Tribunálu Rímskej Roty. Pozostatky tela Anny Kolesárovej budú uložené do dvoch relikviárov – jeden bude v Katedrále sv. Alžbety v Košiciach a druhý v kostole Sedembolestnej Panny Márie vo Vysokej nad Uhom.

Na hlavnej slávnosti blahorečenia, ktorá sa uskutočnila v sobotu 1. septembra 2018, to bol relikviár, ktorý bol vyrobený zo striebra. Jeho príprava trvala niekoľko mesiacov. Autorom je šperkár Marek Husovský. Relikviár je v tvare srdca - ako symbol obety a lásky, po ktorej túži každé ľudské srdce. Má priemer asi pol metra. Srdce má v strede perlu, cez ktorú sa dá pozrieť

Pokračovanie na str. 21



Výročie vpádu vojsk do Československa pripomína pošliapanie slobody

Výročie vpádu vojsk Varšavskej zmluvy do Československa pripomína pošliapanie slobody a nádeje. Pri príležitosti 50. výročia tejto udalosti to uviedol predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) Stanislav Zvolenský.

„Spomienka na komunistickú propagandu, ktorá okupáciu vyhlásila za pomoc a útlak za normalizáciu, je varovaním, aby sme sa ani v našej súčasnosti nenechali oklamať,“ uviedol Zvolenský. Nastavovanie krivých zrkadiel, prekrúcanie dejín a bagatelizovanie zločinov podľa jeho slov poškodzuje slobodu aj správny úsudok.

„Odvaha tých, ktorí sa v auguste 1968 vzopreli, nech nám pripomenie hodnotu našej nezávislosti. Ich utrpenie nech nám nedovolí nechať sa manipulovať cudzími záujmami z ktorejkoľvek strany,“ povedal predseda KBS. Ako ďalej doplnil, v súčasnosti má spoločnosť možnosť kráčať vlastnou cestou. „Cirkev, ktorá je jej súčasťou, je vďačná za obnovu náboženskej slobody. Svojím úsilím chce prispievať k tomu, aby si ľudia zachovali vonkajšiu i vnútornú slobodu a aby za nijakých okolností nestratili nádej,“ dodal Zvolenský.



Arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský