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Dear Board of Directors and Members of the FCSU:

It is an honor to be your National Chaplain. I was happy to be present for and to participate in several events in 2023.

I attended all four Board of Directors Meetings that were held either in person or virtually. Each session was opened and closed with a prayer and Mass was offered for the meetings held in person. National President Ken Arendt extended the invitation for me to be present for the Executive Committee meetings in March and December. I also opened and closed those meetings with prayer.

I accepted an invitation from Saint Michael Church in Trenton, NJ to celebrate a Sunday Mass and bless their newly renovated classrooms for religious instruction.

The annual prayer service at my parish on Holy Saturday for the blessing of Easter food was livestreamed for the benefit of all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union to be able to participate virtually.

I participated in a number of fraternal activities in 2023. First, I bowled in the annual fraternal bowling tournament in Cheektowaga, NY and played a round of golf at the tournament in Salem, OH. Mass for the participants was celebrated at each event. I also celebrated Mass for our members at the two national picnics held during the summer at Wiegand Lake Park in Novelty, OH and Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA. In July I traveled to West Mifflin, PA for the 100th anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day at Kennywood Park and concelebrated the Mass. I also was in Pittsburgh for a Major League Baseball game between the Cleveland Guardians and the Pittsburgh Pirates. This event was a combined fraternal activity between Region 5 and Region 6.

By virtue of my position as National Chaplain, I am an ex officio officer of the Slovak Catholic Federation and serve as its First Vice President. My primary responsibility in this role is to coordinate the annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal, which raises funds to support the operating costs of the residence for priests from Slovakia pursuing post-graduate studies in Rome. This Board meets twice a year and I give an updated report on the Appeal at each meeting.

I received an invitation from The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association to be their guest at their national convention in Indianapolis, IN. I was a concelebrant of the convention Mass that weekend.

Each month I write either a faith formation article or spiritual message for the *Jednota* newspaper. I also have responded to correspondence sent to me. May our Lord continue to bless the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Fraternally,

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