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## *From the Office of the Vice President* **MICHIGAN SALES SEMINAR**



**Victor Jiompkowski, President of the Michigan District, welcomes members to the Seminar.**

The Membership and Marketing Committee held a Sales Seminar on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at the Best Western, in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Recommenders from the Michigan District and Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District were invited to attend. Among those present was National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. and Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt. Representing Region 7 was its Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky.

The Committee would like to thank Branch 743 for hosting the event. The event started with a Slovak Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Sterling Heights. The Michigan District President, Victor Jiompkowski held a short meeting before the Seminar.

The Seminar centered on our insurance and annuity portfolio.

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The insurance prospect can buy insurance from a multitude of Fraternal and their recommenders...we must emphasize ourselves and the product and services we sell. We cannot hesitate in our answers. We must know our portfolio inside and out. How? By attending and getting involved in our seminars. The success in the life insurance business depends on our sales ability and perseverance...perseverance...perseverance.

Make it a habit to stay on top of this ever-changing business by continuing to learn formally and informally. Hope to see you at the next seminar.

*Until next time...  
Good luck and God bless!*

**Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.  
National Vice President  
Membership & Marketing Chairman**

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## **Jan A. Kocur and the Golden Age of the Slovak League**

**By Richard D. Kocur, Jr.**

The year 2007 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Slovak League of America, an organization made up of Americans of Slovak ancestry and dedicated to the advancement of cultural, social, and political issues important to Slovak-Americans. Organized in Cleveland, Ohio, in May of 1907, by the Reverend Stephen Furdek and Peter Rovnianek, the Slovak League sought to provide a single voice for Slovak causes among the many Slovak-American fraternal and cultural organizations of the time as well as a harbor for the ever increasing number of "new" Americans coming from the Slovak homeland.

Over the proceeding years, the Slovak League of America was the driving force in the United States for the idea of Slovak freedom and independence. Backed by thousands of members eager to give their brothers and sisters in the old country a taste of the same freedoms and personal liberties enjoyed in the United States, the Slovak League worked at all levels of society and government. From grass roots efforts designed to further Slovak ethnic pride to advocating the international standing of Slovaks among the highest levels of the U.S. government, the Slovak League of America was an integral part of the lives of Slovak-Americans.

At no time in the history of the Slovak League was the organization more influential, more valuable, or more prominent in the United States and abroad than the time between the end of World War I in 1919 and the end of World War II in 1945. It was during this twenty-six year span that the League fought on two fronts, first as a voice for justice and respect for new Slovak-Americans and second for the freedom and independence of their Slovak homeland.

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## **Honorary Consul Welcomes Slovak Economic Minister to Pittsburgh**

Lubomir Jahnatek, Slovak Minister of Economy, along with eight other Slovak government officials visited Pittsburgh recently for three days. The delegation stopped in Pittsburgh as part of their eleven-day tour of the United States.

Minister Lubomir Jahnatek and the eight other officials were welcomed in Pittsburgh by Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko and his wife Albina. The delegation's visit to Pittsburgh began with a business breakfast at the Duquesne Club attended by Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato and several local business executives. While in Pittsburgh, they visited the corporate offices of the U.S. Steel Corporation. They also took a tour of the USS Research and Technology Center, the Mon Valley Works, Clairton Works and the Edgar Thompson Plant. Their visit concluded with a reception at the LaMonte Restaurant.

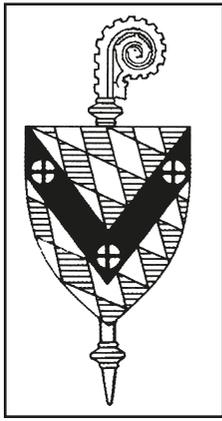


L-R: Lubomir Jahnatek, Albina Senko, and Joseph Senko.

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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

May 27, 2007

### Pentecost Sunday **John 14:15-16.23b-26**

#### Gospel Summary

When John's gospel identifies the Holy Spirit as Paraclete, or Advocate, he wants us to understand that this powerful divine Spirit is sent to us as a helper and defender. It is not easy to live the ideals taught by Jesus, and those who try to be loving and generous will often be ridiculed for their apparent lack of concern for themselves. They will be called imprudent and unwise and even foolish. Moreover, they will be severely criticized by those who see in them a judgment on their own self-centeredness.

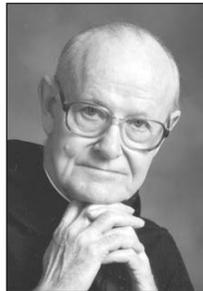
When the Spirit becomes our Advocate, we have a powerful ally who will "teach us everything" and will "remind us of all that Jesus has taught." Thus, the teaching of Jesus will no longer be limited to the biblical word, precious as that may be, but will become a living word, spoken to our hearts and leading us to draw all the deep, rich meaning for our lives out of the biblical word.

As we are led to this deeper understanding of the Bible, we will also experience an intimate union with Jesus and with his heavenly Father. The Spirit will work within us to make this union ever more perfect, with the consequence that we will become conduits, as it were, of God's powerful love to the whole world.

#### Life Implications

When the gospel says that the Advocate/Spirit will "teach us everything," it gives us the wonderful assurance that we need not guess at what Jesus would do if he were in our situation. We know that the world we live in is far different from the world that Jesus knew. This can make it difficult to apply the wisdom of Jesus to the twenty-first century. Some people wear bracelets with the letters, WWJD, meaning, "What Would Jesus Do?" This is a very good question, but we must do much more than just ask the question. We must listen to the Spirit, and that means earnest prayer and much patience. The answer will always tell us, in one way or another, how to be a more loving, caring and trusting person.

For example, Jesus did not have the experience of old age, but his wisdom, disclosed through the Advocate/Spirit, will show us how to be hopeful and patient and trusting, in spite of growing weakness and loss of control. Likewise, Jesus did not enjoy material wealth, but his Spirit will prompt the wealthy to be sensitive and generous in the presence of need. Jesus did not experience worldly prestige, but his Spirit will tell the famous how



Demetrius R. Dumm,  
O.S.B.

to remain in touch with reality. Nor was Jesus a modern Scripture professor, but his Spirit will tell such a person how use scholarship for the noble purpose of "breaking open" the Scriptures for the nourishment of others.

In all these ways, we have a powerful divine Spirit, who will stand with us to advise and protect us. Thus, we are never alone, even at the darkest moments. No wonder this Spirit is also called the Consoler and Comforter, our powerful advocate in every situation.



June 3, 2007 (Year C)

### Trinity Sunday

#### Gospel Summary

In this passage from the Last Supper Discourse, Jesus tells his disciples that when the Spirit of Truth comes he will guide them in all truth. He then reveals the true nature of God as a communion of love. Everything the Father has he gives to the Son. Everything the Son has he gives to the Spirit. Everything the Spirit receives he gives to us. Thus the supreme mystery of the gospel: we human beings are offered the gift of living in the communion of eternal truth and love with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### Life Implications

The structure of the Eucharistic liturgy that we celebrate enables us to express our faith that our true life even now is communion with the life of God. Each Sunday's gospel unfolds the mystery of the gift of divine life to us. In each gospel Jesus makes all that he receives from the Father's love visible and a gift to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the Eucharistic prayer that follows the proclamation of the gospel and homily, we lift up our hearts to be in union with the love of Christ and pray: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." When, with all the angels and saints, we have said "Amen" to entire church's prayer of gratitude, we ask our Father for the supreme gift of the Bread of Life. In receiving this Bread, which is the Lord, we enter into deeper communion of divine life. And we commit ourselves to allow all that we receive -- the truth and the love -- to flow through us to everyone we encounter in the circumstances of our lives.

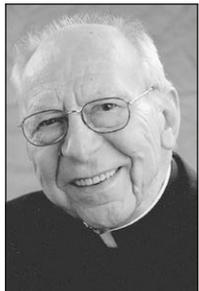
Trinity Sunday is a good opportunity to pay special attention to what we do and pray every Sunday at Mass so that we realize more deeply that every Sunday is Trinity Sunday. In addition, the first Scripture reading (Proverbs 8:22-31) reminds us of the first affirmation of the creed that we proclaim every Sunday. Always and everywhere we ought to give thanks for the marvels of creation -- gift of the Father to us through his eternal Divine Wisdom, the Word Incarnate.

We should not allow Trinity Sunday to pass by without mentioning the church's sacraments, which remind us of our life in the trinity of divine love. One of my favorites is the famous Russian icon painted by Andrei Rublev in the early part of the fifteenth century. The three persons of the Holy Trinity -- Rublev uses the image of the three angels who came to Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 18 -- sit at the eucharistic table in the unity of an intimately related half-circle, beckoning to be completed. The icon reveals that we are all invited to accept the hospitality of the three divine persons in their eternal home, and to share their gift of holy bread and wine.

Rublev's Holy Trinity icon reveals the deepest meaning of the mystery of the church as the communion of life with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit around the Eucharistic table of love. The tree of Mamre by which the Lord appeared to Abraham and Sarah is in the background of the icon. It calls to mind the tree in the middle of the Garden of Eden, and also the tree of the cross -- the ultimate revelation of divine self-giving love made present for us in the Eucharist. The icon reveals the highest ideal and challenge of human existence. We are called to reflect in the church, in our families, and in our world the communion of love, which is the true nature of God. This is the glory and the joy for which we are created.

## Reflections on Our Christianity Msgr. Edward V. Rosack

### The Equestrian and the Priest Five Articles – Part I



Msgr. Edward V. Rosack

This is the story of two powerful men of disparate cultures who came together to co-opt in an infamous execution, which is debated even today. Each of these two served at the will of their superiors and given their longevity in service managed both to rule and to please both their superiors and those whom they ruled. This in itself was an accomplishment.

Pontius Pilate ruled as praefectus iudaeae – prefect of Samaria, Judea and Idumea for ten years, from 26 to 36 A.D. (The term procurator, initially a financial officer, was not used until 44 A.D., when Cuspius Fadus was appointed.) Pilate was appointed by the Roman Emperor Tiberius through his regent Lucius Aelius Sejanus.

The other powerful man was Yehosef Bar Kayafa (Joseph, son of Caiaphas). He was appointed the Jewish High Priest by Valerius Gratus, Roman prefect of Samaria, Judea and Idumea, in 18 A.D. and served until 36 A.D., when he was removed by the Roman prefect, Vitellius. The three prefects here were in order Valerius Gratus, Pontius Pilate and Vitellius as the Syrian Legate.

The years of service of Pontius Pilate and Yehosef Bar Kayafa embraced the time of Jesus of Nazareth.

Pilate was of Samnite origin and these people lived in the central-south part of Italy, where we associate the ankle of the Italian boot to be. If we were to identify those ancient Samnite people today, we would call them Italians.

Socially, Pilate was a member of the equestrian middle class, below the patrician class (educated, with refined tastes and well-bred) and above the plebian or common class. In the English empire, he would be equivalent to a Knight of the Round Table. Equestrians did not ride horses, however, nor were they infantrymen. The title was only a sign of nobility. They were wealthy, operating businesses, investing money in tax farming companies and worked in marketing. They dominated the magistrate offices and there they were extortionists. To become an equestrian, the person had to be worth 400,000 sesterces, a senator one million sesterces. Four sesterces equaled a denarius, worth \$20.00, by one calculation in a specific time period.

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# Insights and Viewpoints

## Reflections on Our Christianity

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Tiberius Claudius Nero (b. Nov. 16th, 42 B.C. – d. March 16th, A.D. 37), was a second-rate choice to become emperor, serving from A.D. 14 to 37. He was big and strong but he was handicapped with a feeling of inferiority. He was afraid of thunder and he hated gladiatorial games and made no secret of his feelings. He did not enjoy living in Rome because of its everlasting intrigue and after serving as emperor for 12 years, he walked away and went to live on the Isle of Capri. He put Lucius Aelius Sejanus in charge of the empire as regent. He continued nominally as emperor until his death in A.D. 37.

In A.D. 16, Tiberius appointed Sejanus Commander of his Praetorian Guard.

Sejanus, as regent, appointed Pontius Pilate as prefect of Samaria, Judea and Idumea in A.D. 26.

The prefect's primary function was military: keep the peace. Pilate was not up front or in-your-face, as the peace keeper because the Jews resented the Romans and he was sensitive to their feelings. Pilate was also responsible for the collection of the imperial taxes. He was *praefectus cum potestate*, with military and civil power and had criminal jurisdiction. Pilate allowed the Jews as much self-government as was consistent with the maintenance of imperial authority. His immediate superior was the senate legate of Syria.

Pilate's official residence was at the palace of Herod at Caesarea Maritima on the Mediterranean coast. This was primarily a non-Jewish city where the bulk of Pilate's 3,000 soldiers were based. He traveled throughout his prefecture keeping an eye on events and would go to Jerusalem only when there were special occasions, e.g. Passover. A detachment of his soldiers was permanently stationed in Jerusalem. When in Jerusalem, Pilate stayed at Herod's palatial residence on the west side of the city.

Pilate was a worldly man, merciless and obstinate, corrupt and insulting, yet, despite these faults, he tried to be fair, for example, at the trial of Jesus Christ, keeping in mind the ethics of his Equestrian class. His behavior was governed by the persons with whom he dealt, tough on murderers, thieves, people with "attitude," and con artists.

With confessions, repentance and haplessness, we can assume that Pilate's Equestrian class ethics kicked in.

The Jews despised him for reasons to be cited below.

Remember Lucius Aelius Sejanus above whom Tiberius put in charge of the empire when he went to the Isle of Capri? Sejanus, as regent, made the senators curry his favor and he controlled all communications to Tiberius and he eliminated all possible heirs to the imperial throne by convincing Tiberius that they were plotting a revolt and should be executed. Tiberius' mother died in 62 A.D. and he refused to attend her funeral because Sejanus convinced Tiberius that his mother, Agrippina, was acting to assassinate him. Sejanus' behavior began to make Tiberius suspicious, beginning first when his widowed sister-in-law, Antonia, wrote and told Tiberius that Sejanus was planning a revolt. Tiberius trusted Antonia because she always stayed away from the political intrigues in Rome. Tiberius learned that the senators disliked Sejanus even though they curried his favor. He replaced Sejanus with Marco as head of the Praetorian Guard and sent a letter with Marco addressed to the senate. Marco sent his troops to confine Sejanus and his loyal soldiers to barracks. Tiberius' letter to the senate called for the arrest of Sejanus. When the senators realized that Marco was now in charge of the Praetorian Guard and Sejanus was confined, they promptly executed Sejanus on October 18th, A.D. 31. And, as was customary, all of Sejanus' family were also killed.

Sejanus, an equestrian, was anti-semitic and wished to destroy the Jewish race completely. Pilate's treatment of the Jews conformed to Sejanus' policies. After Sejanus' execution, Pilate's attitude toward the Jews changed.

The Praetorian Guard would be comparable to our Secret Service – Plus. They were a special force of personal bodyguards of the Emperor and numbered 9,000 men. They patrolled inconspicuously in the palace and in major buildings. Special detachments were stationed in the towns surrounding Rome. They wore specially decorated breastplates, their insignia being the "Moon and Stars" and the "Scorpion." They had two suits of armor, one for duty in Rome and the other for the field. They were not only military but also political guards.

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## Jan A. Kocur

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It can be argued that given the political and social accomplishments of the Slovak League during this momentous time that this was truly the Slovak League's golden age.

While many Slovak League members, local chapters, and executive leaders contributed to the accomplishments during this golden age, one individual stands out for consistently serving Slovak causes throughout these decades. That individual was the long-time Secretary of the Slovak League, Jan A. Kocur, having served in that post from 1922 through 1948.

Jan Kocur was born on May 22, 1887, in the town of Turzovka, in northern Slovakia. As an eighteen year old he came to America, finally settling in the Western Pennsylvania town of Springdale, just outside Pittsburgh. Jan Kocur believed strongly in the democratic ideals of his new country, so much so that he voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army in May of 1918, serving and being wounded on the front lines in France later that year. Upon his return to the United States, Kocur became more and more involved in the advancement of Slovak-American causes. During XIVth Congress of the Slovak League of America, held in Pittsburgh in 1922, delegates elected Jan Kocur to the position of Secretary. Only three years in to what would become the League's golden age, Jan Kocur was in a position to develop, shape, and deliver on issues important to Slovaks around the world and so dear to him. He would continue to do so with vigor for the next twenty-six years.

Throughout his years of service, Jan Kocur was an unassuming but significant presence in the Slovak League. He worked on a wide range of critical issues of the time including those affecting Slovaks in the United States and Slovaks struggling for self-rule. Kocur worked with local Slovak League chapters all over the United States, supporting grass root Slovak Days and helping to raise money supporting War Bond drives. But Jan Kocur also played a role on the world stage, taking a leading part in crafting policy statements of the Slovak League such as the famous, "Slovaks and Their Rights to Nationhood" memorandum delivered to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Jan Kocur wasn't just a ceremonial Secretary, but one who was willing to roll up his sleeves and assist fellow Slovaks in any way he could, no matter their rung on the social ladder. He routinely helped newly arrived Slovak immigrants through the process of assimilating into the U.S., helping to find jobs, homes, and providing valuable advice. Kocur also helped spearhead clothing drives for Slovak refugees displaced during World War II, in some cases collecting and storing donated items in his home. Jan Kocur realized that the idea of service to the Slovak League and to his fellow Slovaks ran deeper than presiding over conventions and making speeches.

It was from this work ethic and dedication that Jan Kocur earned the admiration and respect of the Slovak League rank and file and administration alike. During his twenty-six year tenure Kocur worked under five different Slovak League presidents, and served through five U.S. Presidents, the Great Depression, and World War II. No matter the circumstances, Jan Kocur maintained a steady focus, "like a compass on a ship in a storm" according to Jozef Pauco, on the ultimate prize of a free and independent Slovakia.

Jan Kocur never saw his dream of a truly free and independent Slovakia realized. He died on July 13, 1948, finally succumbing to the life-long effects of his World War I wounds. Not until forty-four years after Kocur's death did Slovakia finally join the community of nations as a free and equal partner. The fruits of that day, however, were sown and nurtured during the golden age of the Slovak League thanks in large part to the work of Jan A. Kocur.

The author is a member of the Slovak League of America and Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. He is also the grandson of Jan A. Kocur and lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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# Maypole Customs in Slovakia

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

Slovaks and other peoples of Europe have often associated the coming of May with the triumph of spring, new life, and young love. Traditionally, Slovaks raised tall maypoles in public places of prominence such as the village green or town squares. Some young men also erected personal maypoles intended to impress a young lady whom he courted.

Maypoles are high poles usually made from pine or some other wood. The men and boys cut down a tall, relatively straight tree, strip off its branches and bark, but left

a small evergreen top. They decorated the treetop with multi-colored flowers, ribbons, and streamers, and could include articles of clothing such as scarves, especially that of a sought after girl. A wreath was often placed on the top of the tree. Some of the men even added a bottle which had held homemade slivovica (plum brandy) to highlight the joyous occasion.

The public maypoles were objects of pride, and villages and towns often competed with one another to see who could have the highest or the most beautifully decorated maypole. Because of the intense competi-

tion, in some places, youths of a village stay up all night in order to guard the maypole from pranksters in neighboring villages, who would come and knock it over.

In the same way, young men competed for girls with a maypole. A fabulous personal maypole, put up by a young man with the help of his friends and relatives, symbolized his towering love for a girl.

The custom of erecting maypoles in European history dates back as far as the first and second centuries. Young men not only put up a maypole only to impress a sought after young girl, but also to show his continuing

love for his girlfriend. The taller the pole, the greater the love was supposed to be. Maypoles were also used to ward off demons and evil spirits, and to welcome spring.

Getting a maypole in front of one's house was not always a positive thing. Some even used maypoles to criticize or mock someone. In this case, the maypole builder would select a very dry-stemmed pole which was not so pretty. Objects of degradation could be hung from it as well. So it was not a good idea to be too unpopular in some communities if one wished to avoid a public display of displeasure.

When the maypoles went up varied across Slovakia. In western and eastern Slovakia, the people generally raised the maypoles on May 1st. In central Slovakia, the maypole did not go up until Pentecost (Whitsuntide), the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' apostles.

The public custom of erecting maypoles continues to this day in many places across Slovakia, but the personal maypoles are more rarely raised now. The local Matica Slovenska (Slovak Cultural Society) often sponsors the event on a Sunday, and much of the village gathers around to celebrate the occasion.

This author witnessed such an event in May 1997, when the village of Harichovce raised a maypole in the village square. A day of singing and dancing and drinking followed, and all had a fantastic time.



## Annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar Set for September 30

The Slovak Catholic Federation will host its annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar on Sunday, September 30, 2007, at the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will Cook Road, Homer Glen, Illinois.

Father Thomas Loya will be the presenter at this year's seminar. He will give a detailed explanation of the icons that he has painted in Annunciation Church. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. followed by a delicious lunch.

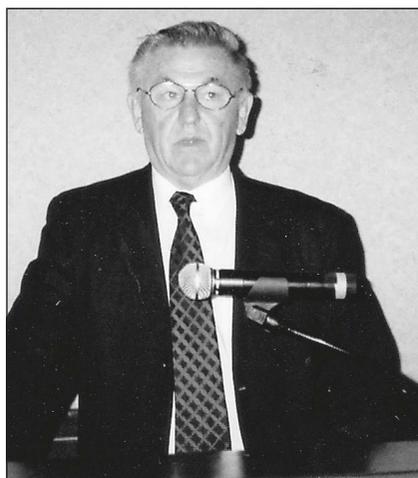
The offering for this event (pre-registration) is \$15.00 per person and \$20.00 at the door. For pre-paid registration contact John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810 no later than September 5, 2007. For more information call Geraldine Hletko at 708/387-7812.

### Photos from the Michigan Sales Seminar

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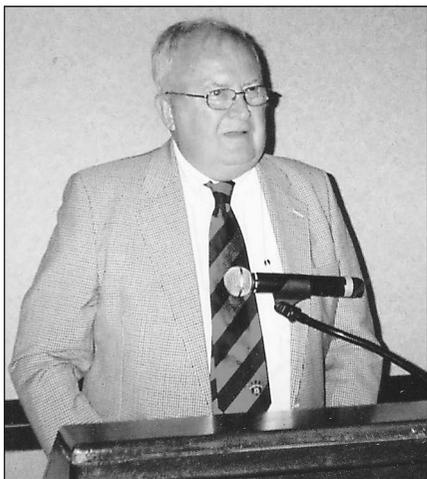
Joseph Rimarcik, President of Branch 743 in Detroit, extends his welcome to the members. Branch 743 was the host of the Seminar.



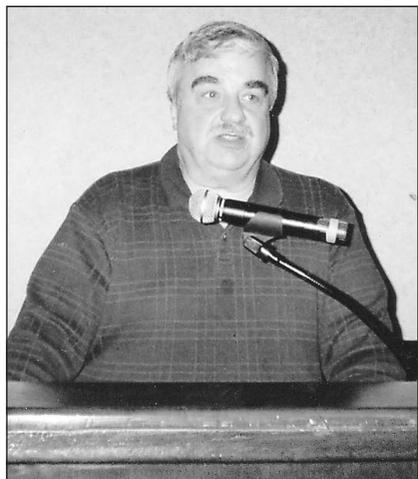
Michigan District Treasurer Frank Radosa gave the District financial report.



Michigan District Secretary Anna Magusin gave her report to the members.



Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky urged more branches to get involved in sales.



Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt spoke on our Annuity Products.



National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar Sr. explained insurance products available through FCSU Life.



Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt (left) and National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar Sr. (right) presented a Mordra Plate to Joseph Pirich for bringing a Whole Life Policy to the Seminar.



Seminar participants.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007 ~ INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

### OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and opened it with prayer.

### ROLL CALL

Members Attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President  
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President  
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary  
George F. Matta, Treasurer

Also attending were General Counsel, Gary J. Matta and Damian, Regional Director, Region 2, by invitation of the President.

### ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Executive Secretary presented the Minutes of the February 2007 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by George F. Matta and seconded by Andrew R. Harcar to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The President asked Regional Director Damian Nasta to attend the meeting to discuss and explain his report on placing the Branches in proper Regions and Districts. We will further review his report and take an action some time in the near future. It was also suggested that we identify and pin point where our branches were geographically located.

Damian Nasta was excused from the rest of the meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George Matta passed out a written report summarizing the investments for the month of February 2007 and answered the questions of the Executive Committee. (The report is attached to the Minutes).

The Treasurer led a discussion regarding some of the offers we received from our brokers and stated how we must be patient and analyze very carefully all offers.

He suggested that we invite some of our brokers to attend our meeting to enable us to update our Board members about economic conditions and discuss the possibility of expanded investment strategies.

Motion was made by Ken Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

### FEBRUARY 2007 TREASURER'S REPORT

#### WACHOVIA SECURITIES

Aa3/AA-	MERRILL LYNCH	6.00	02-15-17	100.00	6.00	300K
			CALLABLE 02-15-08			
AA3/A+	MORGAN STANLEY	6.00	02-16-27	99.75	6.109	200K
			CALL 02-16-10			

#### SMITH BARNEY INC.

Aaa/AAA	COUNTRYWIDE	6.00	12.8 YRS.	100.00	6.00	400K
			AVE LIFE			

The Treasurer led a discussion regarding the annuity rates for the second quarter of 2007. A motion was made by George Matta, seconded by Kenneth Arendt to keep the same rates as in the first quarter of 2007. Motion carried.

Flexible Deferred Premium	5%
Interest Only Option	4.75%
Settlement Option	4.5%
Park II Annuity	4.75%
Deposit Agreement	4.75% for deposits under \$50,000.00
Deposit Agreement	5% for deposits over \$50,000.00
Fixed Rate Annuity	4.5%

The Treasurer recommended marketing our annuities by direct mailing. This will be discussed at a later date. The Treasurer said he would keep us updated about our FORD and GM bonds.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the monthly membership report for the month of February and the Executive Secretary answered their questions.

#### MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

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

#### MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Secretary Arendt reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of February:

#### DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2007

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$227,487.90
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 29,010.70
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	-0-
Trust Fund	-0-

The Executive Committee reviewed the rest of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered their questions. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, seconded by George Matta to accept the Secretary's Report as presented. Motion carried.

The Executive Secretary stated that he will place an add in Jednota newspaper reminding members to make their IRA annuity deposit before April 15 and that he will also send this ad in our Branch mailing.

#### FOLLOW UPS ON FEBRUARY 16, 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The President led a discussion on follow ups from the February 2007 meeting and the following subjects were reviewed:

1. Membership Meet (Alaskan Cruise) was discussed.
2. The President asked the Vice President if he has been contacting the Regional Directors. He said, he is in process doing so.
3. The Vice President updated on upcoming seminars.
4. The Executive Secretary updated the Committee on the medical insurance for the Home Office employees. He stated that the President and he reviewed all the bids on insurance and coverage. The Executive Secretary said the renewal of the insurance was in place as of March 1, 2007. There was a discussion on including life insurance as an employee benefit. This will be discussed at a later date.
5. The President updated us about the leasing of our Printery Building.
6. The President led a discussion regarding reviewing our marketing strategies.
7. The President reviewed the Slovak League meeting, which he and Ken Arendt attended.
8. The President stated that the Spring Slovak Catholic Federation meeting was cancelled because of weather.
9. The problems with Coloring Contest were discussed and was determined to avoid these problems in the future.
10. There was a discussion about updating radio and newspaper ads.
11. The President reviewed the meeting with Senator George Voinovich regarding the Visa Waiver Program.

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The President reviewed the contract for painting and repairing the outside of the Home Office building. He said, that if everything is in order, the contract will be signed and the painting company will start the job in early May.

### IN-HOUSE AGENT

A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by George Matta to authorize the President to advertise for an IN-HOUSE agent. Motion carried.

### AGENTS

The Vice President stated he is reviewing the cost for obtaining a list of insurance agents from the states we are licensed in. He will update the Executive Committee as he receives more information.

### POLICY BILLING – EFFECTIVE DATES AND DUE DATES

The Executive Secretary discussed the billing policy presently used. He will review different scenarios to improve our billing system.

### REQUEST FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

Requests were reviewed and acted upon.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The President led a discussion regarding a proposal from our Fraternal Activities Director regarding encouraging our members going to Cedar Point Amusement Park during the weekend of our Society's Golf Tournament in Huron, Ohio. In her letter she also mentioned the possibility of creating a calendar displaying pictures of the winners of Coloring Contest. The President will respond to this request.

General Counsel Gary Matta talked about the possibility of FCSU developing a recipe book. This will be discussed at a later date.

The Executive Secretary discussed the possibility of obtaining our policy rates from our website. He stated that we already have developed a program and we are presently using it in the Home Office. It is intended that this program will be available on our website and to any Branch officer in the near future.

### ADJOURN

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

The President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec  
President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary

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## BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Branch 1— LAKEWOOD, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are invited to attend.

**Mary C. Dubber, Secretary**

### Branch 3— MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 3, will hold its Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 22, 2007, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Kordiak Park, 49th Avenue, northeast of Central Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, Minnesota. A luncheon will be served at no charge. There will also be games and races along with treats for the children. Come and enjoy an afternoon of socializing and fellowship.

**Joseph Matlon, Publicity Chairman**

### Branch 5P— EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Evangelist Society, Branch 5P, will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of President Leonard J. Zavada, 141 Second Street, Wyoming, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be a discussion on ways of finding and developing new clients, and how to provide service after the sale. All members are invited to attend this meeting.

**Leonard J. Zavada, President**

### Branch 24— CLEVELAND, OHIO

Members of the St. Andrew Society, Branch 24, are invited to attend the Slovak Radio Club Picnic on Sunday, June 24, and the Zemplin Club Picnic on Sunday, July 15. Both picnics will be held from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at the Sokol Camp, 2069 Royalwood Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio. There will be plenty of Slovak food, music and dancing. Hope to see you there.

**Bob Kopco, President**

### Branch 38— DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its Spring Meeting on Friday, June 1, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Florence Matta, 310 Harden Avenue, Duquesne, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports and a discussion of Branch activities for the coming year.

The Pittsburgh District, as in past years will sponsor a Father's Day Mass on June 17, 2007 at Holy Trinity Church, 929 West Grant Avenue Ext., West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in the church Social Hall. All interested members of Branch 38 who wish to attend are requested to contact Florence Matta at 412/466-7460 no later than June 11, 2007.

**Florence K. Matta, Secretary-Treasurer**

### Branch 41— YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41, is sponsoring its 7th Communion Breakfast on Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2007, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The breakfast will be held in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Trinity Street, Yonkers, New York. The menu will consist of juice, eggs, bacon, sausage or ham, home fries, rolls, donuts, and coffee or tea.

Tickets are available for this parish

event by contacting any of our Branch Officers: President Emeritus John Fialkovich at 914/965-7546, President Paul Fialkovich at 914/375-1650, Vice President and Recording Secretary Robert Lutz at 914/337-2026, Financial Secretary and Treasurer Albert Figura at 914/963-8229, or Auditor William Kuderna at 914/963-3483. Reservations and checks (payable to Jednota Branch 41) can be mailed to Albert Figura, 92 Wicks Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$3.00 for children under age 10. The deadline for purchasing tickets will be Thursday, May 31, 2007. After the deadline tickets will be \$11.00 for adults.

Reserve this date, June 3, 2007, Trinity Sunday, for this parish event sponsored by Jednota Branch 41. See you there!

**Robert J. Lutz, Recording Secretary**

### Branch 55— PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 55, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall of St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

We try to follow the tradition of Slovak Catholic fraternal societies of having a Mass before a meeting. Therefore, we urge all members to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass before the meeting. Please call the president at 610/356-7956 for directions.

**Josephine E. Gerba, Secretary**

### Branch 60— MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 60, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of President Ann Wargovich, 58 Lilmont Avenue, Swissvale, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports and a discussion of branch activities. All members are urged to attend.

**Margaret M. Perla, Secretary**

### Branch 75— SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 75, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of the president and financial secretary, Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be a discussion of mid-year business topics. All members are requested to attend this semiannual meeting.

**Ronald M. Anderson, President & Financial Secretary**

### Branch 153— CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, will hold its Summer Meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2007, at 12:00 noon at the home of President John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. All members are cordially invited to attend. There will be a fraternal luncheon after the meeting.

**Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary**

### Branch 276— MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 276, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity

School Hall, Seventh Street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend.

**Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary**

### Branch 278— MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Peter Society, Branch 278, will hold a meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the cry room of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Middletown, Pennsylvania. All members are invited to attend.

**Andrew Trojcek, President**

### Branch 293— LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 293, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church Hall, 124 East Abbott Street, Lansford, PA 18232.

Anyone needing insurance or annuities should contact Robert Lakata, 527 East Bertsch Street, Lansford, PA 18232, or call 570/645-4872.

**Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary**

### Branch 320— STOCKDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 320, invites the members to attend the next meeting on Sunday, July 1, 2007, at 12:00 noon at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Since lunch will be served, please call Fran at 724/929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending.

**Mary Anne Higginbotham, President**

### Branch 484— CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph the Protector Society, Branch 484, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Church Hall, Coral, Pennsylvania. All members are invited to attend.

**Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary**

### Branch 587— ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Albert Valo, 1835 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

**Edith Valo, Financial Secretary**

### Branch 670— DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the next meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 12:00 noon at the Donora Donut Station, Eighth and Meldon, Donora, Pennsylvania. Members are urged to attend.

**Dorothy Petrus, President**

### Branch 731— YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 731, will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthias Church Rectory, Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio. On the agenda will be a review of our Patron Saint Celebration and Brunch, and a discussion of summer and fall activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary**

### Branch 746— LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church, Linden, New Jersey. On the agenda will be a discussion and planning for the summer picnic and other possible events. Please bring your suggestions. Refreshments will follow.

We are sponsoring a bus trip on Saturday, October 6, 2007, to see "In the Beginning" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Join us for the show and dinner. Please call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331 for information and reservations.

**Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary**

### Branch 844— LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 844, will hold its Annual Slovak Father's Day Mass on Sunday, June 17, 2007, at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, California. Mass will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. A delicious lunch will be served after the liturgy. Bring your family and friends and come join us in celebrating Father's Day.

After the lunch, Branch 844 members will hold a meeting to review officers' reports and to discuss various branch activities.

We hope to see you there. We would like to wish everyone a very special and safe Father's Day.

**Milan Konkol, Secretary**

*From the desk of the Executive Secretary –*

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**Stanislav J. Kirschbaum**

Once again I find myself in Trnava, that absolutely delightful Western Slovak town that is the home of one of the most famous universities in Slovak history. It was a thrill to return, especially as the day of my arrival was a typically Canadian day, with a warm spring sun but a cool northerly wind that cleaned the air and made the fields stand out in their early spring splendor. Particularly resplendent were the cole-seed fields (repka), with their golden shine that resonates in the landscape wherever that plant is sown, completely dominating the burgeoning green of the other crops.

I had traveled to Trnava from Dolné Vestenice in Central Slovakia, my father's native village, a trip that takes you down bucolic country roads and through sleepy Slovak villages. Ubiquitous in the bigger villages were the high rise buildings of the Communist period, those ugly paneláky that are a blight on the landscape. Yet, as I looked around each village we went through, there was a great deal of evidence of a new affluence: new houses were being built, often with great taste, the roads were well paved, and many old homes were being upgraded. Another surprise was how the early summer fruit trees, like the cherry, were already in fruit as a result of the very early spring that the country experienced this year. Except in the Tatras, I was told that there had been no snow in most regions of Slovakia this past winter.

The thrill of arriving in Trnava was soon dampened by a major change around the university. Although only two buildings are currently used by the university in the area that defines the old campus (as it existed from 1635 to 1777), one on the south side (a not very pleasing Communist construction) and a renovated original university building on the west side, across from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist to which another original university building is attached (presently the archives of the Slovak Army), the old campus consists in addition of a complete row of buildings designated as original university edifices on the north side and a common or grassy area that fills the space of this horseshoe arrangement. Unfortunately, that common is no more.

There is at present a huge hole, which marks the beginnings of a new Holiday Inn. Who took what I can only define as "this terrible decision?" In my more cynical moments I imagine that this happened after a major slivovica-tasting party! My sense of disappointment stems from what I see as a total absence or complete loss of historical memory in the taking of this decision. It would seem that it is not the first time that this has happened in Trnava. The decision to move the university to Buda in 1777 had been made by Empress Maria Theresa under pressure from the Magyar aristocracy to

ensure that the capital of Hungary, and not Trnava, by then only a town in what was Upper Hungary (as Slovakia was called by the Hungarians), was the seat of that kingdom's most prominent university. Thankfully, none of the university buildings were destroyed, merely put to other uses. And so they remained even after 1992 when the university was renewed; only one of its ancient buildings was returned to it.

Consider the following memory lapses for the period 1777-1992: no attempt was made in 1918, when Slovakia left Hungary, to renew the university (this should have been a natural reflex by the Slovak leadership at that time; instead a new one was founded in Bratislava, Comenius University). Likewise in 1935, there were no tercentenary anniversary

celebrations in Trnava and certainly no call to renew the university. Celebrations were held, however, in Budapest! One would have thought that there might have been plans to renew it during the first Slovak Republic (1939-1945), but alas no! Finally in 1985, after it was made known that Budapest was going to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the university's founding, Trnava finally marked the event. And now, fifteen years after its renewal in 1992, the university still does not own and use all of its original buildings (it is rumored that the building with the archives of the Slovak Army is scheduled to be given back) and in the middle of its original campus a hotel is now being built.

What will be the result? The hotel will destroy the cohesion of what was a mag-

nificent medieval campus; students will compete with tourists for parking space and road safety; and the charm of Trnava's old town will have been dealt quite a blow. If anything, there should have been plans since the renewal of the university in 1992 to reconstruct the old campus and give the university a chance to regain its old prominence. Recently a Trnava Foundation for the People of Trnava was created to make of Trnava a UNESCO cultural city. However pleasant and luxurious a Holiday Inn hotel can be, it does not, in my opinion, have a place in the middle of the cultural wealth of Trnava. The only thing that I can think of saying to the politicians but also to the citizens of Trnava for allowing this act of cultural vandalism is: Shame on you.

## *Joseph Hornack Plays Host for Slovak Visitors*

Joseph J. Hornack, assistant director of the Slovak Institute in Cleveland, Ohio, was host recently for visitors from Slovakia. Bartolomej (Berco) Hornak and his son Peter Hornak spent two and one-half weeks in the United States. Joseph Hornack's grandfather and Berco Hornak's grandfather were brothers. Only two of seven brothers and sisters came to America to live. Berco Hornak and his family would always meet Joseph Hornack on his five trips to Slovakia. This was an opportunity for Joseph Hornack to return their hospitality.

Accompanying Berco and Peter Hornak on their visit was Peter's friend, Peter Nizner of New Jersey. Nizner met Berco and Peter Hornak at JFK Airport in New York and drove them to Danville, Pennsylvania, to see the Jankola Library and then on to Cleveland.

During their five days in Cleveland as guests of Joseph Hornack and his wife Dolores, Berco and Peter Hornak met with other cousins and their families. They celebrated St. Patrick's Day "Cleveland Style", and after listening to the Sunday morning Slovak Radio Hour, attended the Slovak Mass in Lakewood, toured the St. Andrew Abbey and Slovak Institute and saw other local points of interest. They also spent one day touring Pittsburgh guided by Jay Hornack, son of Joseph Hornack. Before leaving for Canada, they had the opportunity to visit the FCSU Home Office in Independence and meet National President Andrew Rajec and Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt.

For the trip Peter Hornak had the latest cameras so he could bring back photos and movies to show. He is also a businessman owning tire stores in Trencin and Piestany. I am proud to say



**In the FCSU Home Office, L-R: Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt, Joseph Hornack, Berco Hornak, National President Andrew Rajec, Peter Nizner, and Peter Hornak.**

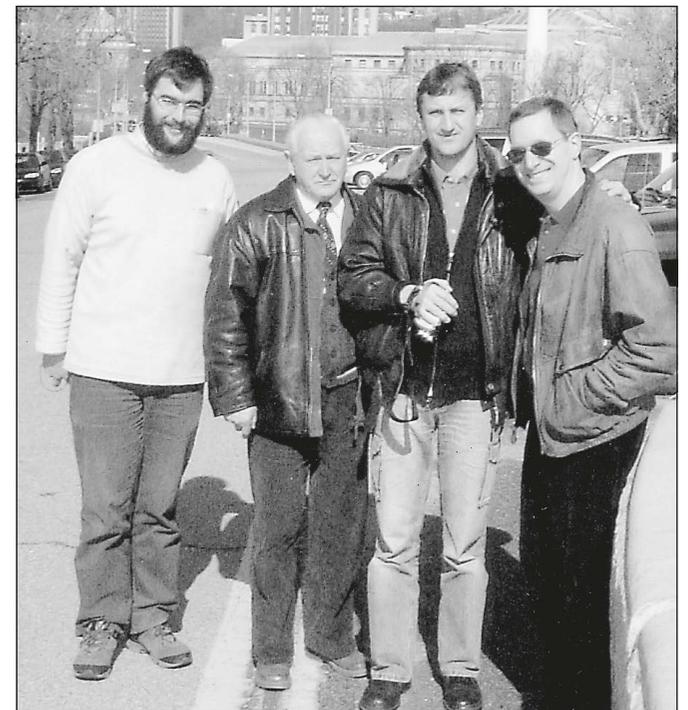
both he and his father are "kostelniks" in their village church.

Special thanks go to Peter Nizner, Andy Hudak, Rasto Gallo, Andrew Rajec, Stefan Nad and Dalibor Ondrej for their help to bridge the language gap.

**Joseph J. Hornack**



**In SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, in Lakewood, Ohio, L-R: Berco Hornak, Rev. Joachim Pastirik, OSB, Joseph Hornack, and Peter Hornak.**



**Touring the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, L-R: Seminarian Dalibor Ondrej, Berco Hornak, Peter Hornak, and their guide Jay Hornack.**

# 53rd Men's International Jednota Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	Barberton Jednota #1	2724
2	Barberton Jednota #2	2630
3	Three & Out	2588
4	Mon Valley #8	2586
5	The Odd Couples	2550
6	Mon Valley #12	2530
7	The Card Sharks	2521
7	Mon Valley #13	2521
9	The Dough Knot Boys	2518
10	Mon Valley #11	2500
11	Mon Valley #7	2477
12	The Fab 4	2472
13	Akron Jednota #2	2456
14	Mon Valley #14	2455
15	Kapitan Limousine Service	2445
16	The 4 Seniors	2441
17	#1 Joscak's	2439
18	#2 Zavada's	2413
19	Mon Valley #10	2390
20	We Came, We Saw, We Lost	2388
21	The Professors	2372
22	Mon Valley #9	2294
23	Akron Jednota #1	2278
24	#3 Ward's	2193
25	#4 Pallo's	2191

Place	Doubles Partners	Total Pins
1	Nichols Sabo	1406
2	Silay Lako	1363
3	Roberts Smith	1362
4	Hlas Hlas	1312
4	Kopanic Radic	1312
6	Shank Shank	1307
7	Barron Patsilevas	1304
8	Sabo Hlas	1302
8	Healey Tretinik	1302
10	Kapitan Szabo	1293
11	Pavlinsky Zavada	1291
12	Polack McKenna	1279
12	Forma Jursa	1279
14	Grys Tokarsky	1273
15	Nasta Kapsa	1263
16	Klacka Augustine	1257
17	Hunsicker Simkanin	1251
18	Newman Dunham	1245
19	Kapsa Cameron	1243
20	Zoldak Mitro	1241
21	Sadler Pusatere	1239
21	Andrasik Sears	1239
23	Tritinger Collins	1237
24	Pella Golla	1236
25	Mrozek Kovac	1235
26	Larson Gaydos	1229
27	Eller Arnold	1221
28	Sabo Linn	1212
29	Smith Johnston	1197
30	Krasonic Krasonic	1196
31	Schwab Frolo	1191
32	Gmerek Kacsanek	1189
33	Yablonsky Hunt	1188
34	Ward Welsh	1185
35	Leary Fekete	1180
35	Pallo Pallo	1180
37	Ulichney Lesho	1172
38	Sinagra Burkhart	1169
39	Stasko Lutes	1164
40	Lako Walko	1157
41	Bright Wiggins	1150
42	Joschak Joscak	1146
43	Jursa Romolock	1137
44	Hynes Newman	1134
45	Cervenka Duda	1125
46	Lawrence Kuma	1100
47	Joscak Joscak	1074
48	Detwiler Detwiler	1069
49	Grys Siman	887

Place	Singles Competition	Total Pins
1	Klacka Paul	757
2	Grys Greg	738
3	Shank James	735
3	Shank Clarence Sr.	735
3	Lako Ray	735
6	Kacsanek George	712
7	Sabo Ron	700
8	Hlas Jim Jr.	699
9	Hlas Jim Sr.	697
9	Larson Michael	697
10	Linn Richard	694
12	Krasonic John Jr.	692
13	Smith Vernon E.	688
14	Hunt Zachary	686
15	Arnold Weldie	682
16	Roberts John	680
17	Szabo Jim	679
18	Joscak David	675
19	Tokarsky John	674
20	Golla Ted	672
20	Johnston Lynn T.	672
22	Nasta Fr. Tom	669
22	Kuma John	669
24	Lako Mike	666
25	Hlas Joe	665
25	Pallo Chris	665
27	Sabo John Jr.	664
28	Newman Kevin	662
29	Joschak Richard	661
30	Burkhart Joe	660
31	Zavada John	655
32	Pella Stan	652
33	Kovac Slavo	647
33	Lutes Donald	647
33	Detwiler Dean	647
36	Joscak Daniel	645
37	Augustine John	641
38	Mitro Milos	639
38	Siman Jerry	639
38	Jursa Emil	639
41	Mrozek John	638
42	McKenna Joe	636
42	Frolo Robert	636
42	Tretinik Robert	636
45	Ward James	634
46	Patsilevas Doug	633
47	Tritinger George	631
48	Newman Douglas	623
48	Sears Willard	623
50	Gmerek Len	622
50	Pavlinsky George	622
52	Sabo John Sr.	620
52	Kapitan Mike	620
54	Krasonic John Sr.	616
55	Welsh T. J. Jr.	614
56	Wiggins Timothy	613
57	Hynes William	612
57	Lesho Joe	612
59	Smith Vernon C.	610
60	Andrasik Robert	608
61	Silay Tom	607
61	Barron Joe	607
63	Forma Ed	603
63	Gaydos Richard	603
65	Pusatere Joseph Jr.	602
66	Pallo Gene	600
67	Nichols Michael Jr.	598
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4	Hlas Jim Sr.	697
5	Linn Richard	694
6	Golla Ted	672
7	Kuma John	669
8	Lako Mike	666
9	Kapitan Mike	650
10	Augustine John	641
11	Jursa Emil	639
11	Siman Jerry	639
13	Mrozek John	638
14	McKenna Joe	636
15	Ward James	634
16	Gmerek Len	622
17	Lesho Joe	612
18	Sabo John Sr.	605
19	Forma Ed	603
20	Eller Terry	598
21	Jursa Joe	595
22	Kapsa Gus	592
23	Romolock Harry	590
24	Ulichney Jim	582
24	Simkanin Joe	582
26	Cervenka George Sr.	564
27	Duda Ronald Sr.	557
28	Polack John	544



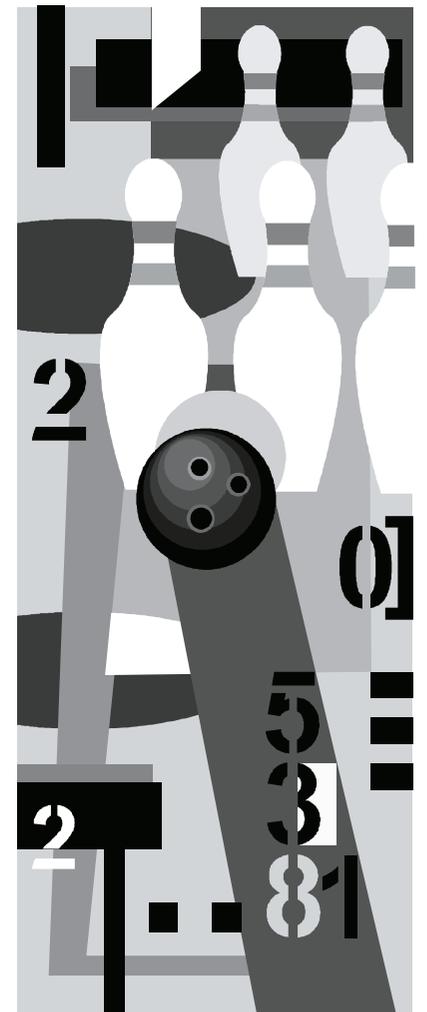
# 53rd Men's International Jednota Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

Place	All Events Competition		Total Pins
1	Linn	Richard	1719
2	Nichols	Michael Jr.	1718
3	Klacka	Paul	1717
4	Nasta	Fr. Tom	1701
5	Lako	Ray	1689
6	Hlas	Jim Jr.	1688
7	Shank	James	1663
8	Pella	Stan	1639
9	Larson	Michael	1635
10	Sabo	Ron	1630
11	Shank	Clarence Sr.	1627
12	Jursa	Emil	1612
13	Tokarsky	John	1608
14	Grys	Greg	1599
15	Sabo	John Sr.	1593
16	Augustine	John	1588
17	Sabo	John Jr.	1586
18	McKenna	Joe	1585
19	Newman	Kevin	1582
20	Pallo	Chris	1577
21	Burkhart	Joe	1576
21	Zavada	John	1576
23	Kovac	Slavo	1570
24	Siman	Jerry	1568
25	Dunham	Kevin	1565
26	Krasonic	John Jr.	1564
27	Joschak	Richard	1562
27	Tritinger	George	1562
29	Andrasik	Robert	1560
29	Smith	Vernon E.	1560
31	Patsilevas	Doug	1558
31	Tretinik	Robert	1558
33	Kuma	John	1554
33	Roberts	John	1554
35	Kapitan	Mike	1551
36	Lako	Mike	1544
36	Szabo	Jim	1544
38	Mrozek	John	1540
39	Zoldak	Milan	1532
39	Kapsa	Gus	1532
41	Lesho	Joe	1530
42	Mitro	Milos	1528
42	Radic	John	1528
44	Eller	Terry	1527
44	Forma	Ed	1527
46	Gmerek	Len	1526
47	Sadler	Richard	1525
48	Smith	Vernon C.	1522
49	Healey	Larry	1520
50	Hlas	Jim Sr.	1517
51	Golla	Ted	1509
52	Detwiler	Dean	1504
53	Hunt	Zachary	1503
54	Hlas	Joe	1499
55	Wiggins	Timothy	1495
56	Pavlinsky	George	1487
57	Polack	John	1475
58	Johnston	Lynn T.	1473
59	Lutes	Donald	1472
60	Ulichney	Jim	1470
61	Simkanin	Joe	1468
62	Hynes	William	1463
63	Newman	Douglas	1462
64	Collins	Pat	1461
65	Arnold	Weldie	1457
65	Kacsanek	George	1457



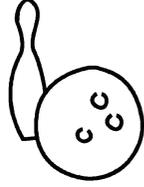
Place	Singles Competition Cont.		Total Pins
69	Jursa	Joe	595
69	Sadler	Richard	595
71	Kapsa	Gus	592
71	Zoldak	Milan	592
73	Romolock	Harry	590
73	Schwab	Randy	590
75	Dunham	Kevin	587
75	Kopanic	Robert	587
77	Ulichney	Jim	582
77	Simkanin	Joe	582
79	Sinagra	Dave	579
80	Bright	Richard	570
81	Radic	John	566
82	Leary	John	565
83	Cervenka	George Sr.	564
83	Lawrence	Bernie	564
85	Joscak	Edmund	560
86	Collins	Pat	558
87	Duda	Ronald Sr.	557
88	Yablonsky	Herb	550
89	Healey	Larry	546
90	Polack	John	544
91	Fekete	Steve	536
92	Stasko	Edward	529
93	Detwiler	Charles	508
94	Hunsicker	Rick	502
95	Walko	Daniel	462
96	Cameron	Bob	202
97	Grys	Hank	123

Place	All Events Cont.		Total Pins
67	Kopanic	Robert	1450
68	Romolock	Harry	1443
69	Barron	Joe	1441
69	Silay	Tom	1441
71	Frolo	Robert	1438
72	Jursa	Joe	1437
73	Pusatere	Joseph Jr.	1436
74	Krasonic	John Sr.	1434
75	Bright	Richard	1433
76	Joscak	Daniel	1433
77	Schwab	Randy	1430
78	Lawrence	Bernie	1427
79	Cervenka	George Sr.	1422
80	Ward	James	1421
81	Joscak	David	1409
82	Duda	Ronald Sr.	1407
83	Pallo	Gene	1406
84	Gaydos	Richard	1404
85	Stasko	Edward	1404
86	Sears	Willard	1394
87	Sinagra	Dave	1378
88	Fekete	Steve	1365
89	Yablonsky	Herb	1355
90	Hunsicker	Rick	1333
91	Leary	John	1296
92	Joscak	Edmund	1294
93	Walko	Daniel	1254
94	Welsh	T. J. Jr.	1106
95	Detwiler	Charles	1092
96	Cameron	Bob	1034
97	Grys	Hank	682



# 44th Women's International Jednota Ten Pin Handicap Bowling Tournament Results

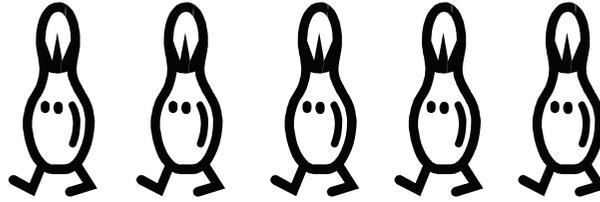
Place	Team Event	Total Pins
1	4 of a Kind	2160
2	Mon Valley #3	2147
3	Mon Valley #5	2140
4	The Ragan Girls	2138
5	Mon Valley #2	2076
6	4 Striking Girls	2054
7	Mon Valley #4	2004
8	Hello Mary Sue	1999
8	Mon Valley #1	1999
10	The 4 Strikers	1986
11	Mon Valley #6	1935



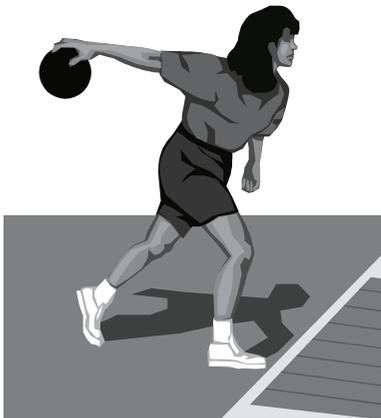
Place	Doubles Event	Total Pins
1	Neff Miller	1127
2	Brown Mavrovich	1105
3	Stasko Pusatere	1104
4	Hlas Hlas	1090
4	Robb Newman	1090
6	Bright Boden	1089
7	Polack Sunega	1088
8	Novak McKenna	1082
9	Ramsey Roberts	1060
10	Shank Salvino	1057
11	Hunt Yablonsky	1056
12	Winterhalter Sadler	1047
13	Mitro Szabo	1043
14	Grys Siman	1031
15	Tomas Forma	1022
16	Ragan Ragan	1016
17	Ricciuti Babinchak	1007
17	Radic Kopanic	1007
19	Tiano Cameron	1005
20	Kuma DeMarco	1002
21	Goodyear Tokarsky	999
22	Gorman Hrcka	985
23	Seese Bright	933

Place	Singles Event	Total Pins
1	Newman Jessica	663
2	Winterhalter Mary Beth	623
3	Robb Bonnie	619
4	Salvino Tracey	591
5	Sadler Shannon	580
6	Tiano Lynn	561
7	Kuma Charlotte	560
8	Sunega Sue	555
9	Mavrovich Mary	553
10	Forma Anne	552
11	Stasko Melissa	549
12	Hlas Brenda	541
13	Yablonsky Bonnie	539
14	Ricciuti Denise	536
15	McKenna Mary	534
15	Szabo Cathy	534
17	Tomas Sharon	532
17	Boden Diane	532
19	Ramsey Jennifer	530
20	Polack Mary	529
21	Hrcka Helen	528
21	Bright Kim	528
23	Roberts Brea	527
24	Ragan Joelyn	514
24	Pusatere Leslie	514
26	Siman Josie	513
27	Goodyear Chris	502
28	Tokarsky Chris	501
29	Radic Dorothy	500
30	Kopanic Blanche	496
31	Neff Mikki	492
32	Bright Tracey	490
33	Cameron Terry	489
34	Grys Helen	487
35	Hunt Eileen	484
36	Ragan Jara	481
37	Brown Cindy	480
37	DeMarco Marla	480
39	Shank Virginia	478
40	Miller Marti	475
41	Hlas Jeanne	474
41	Novak Mary	474
43	Mitro Anne	466
44	Gorman Irene	453
45	Seese Christine	429

Place	All Events Competition	Total Pins
1	Salvino Tracey	1463
2	Newman Jessica	1440
3	Robb Bonnie	1406
4	McKenna Mary	1374
5	Sunega Sue	1371
6	Kuma Charlotte	1351
7	Stasko Melissa	1345
8	Winterhalter Mary Beth	1340
9	Pusatere Leslie	1339
10	Roberts Brea	1333
11	Neff Mikki	1329
12	Mavrovich Mary	1324
13	Sadler Shannon	1321
14	Bright Kim	1320
15	Polack Mary	1318
16	Forma Anne	1317
17	Tiano Lynn	1315
18	Miller Marti	1303
19	Boden Diane	1297
20	Siman Josie	1290
21	Kopanic Blanche	1281
22	Szabo Cathy	1275
23	Novak Mary	1270
23	Ricciuti Denise	1270
23	Tokarsky Chris	1270
26	Tomas Sharon	1268
27	Goodyear Chris	1262
28	Yablonsky Bonnie	1261
29	Ragan Joelyn	1260
30	Brown Cindy	1251
31	Hrcka Helen	1249
32	Grys Helen	1236
33	Bright Tracey	1234
34	Gorman Irene	1233
35	Ramsey Jennifer	1231
36	Ragan Jara	1216
37	Radic Dorothy	1209
38	Shank Virginia	1190
39	Hunt Eileen	1184
40	Cameron Terry	1156
40	Mitro Anne	1156
42	DeMarco Marla	1146
43	Seese Christine	1021



Place	Seniors Competition	Total Pins
1	Kuma Charlotte	560
2	Sunega Sue	555
3	Forma Anne	552
4	Stasko Melissa	549
5	McKenna Mary	534
6	Polack Mary	529
7	Hrcka Helen	528
8	Siman Josie	513
9	Goodyear Chris	502
10	Radic Dorothy	500
11	Kopanic Blanche	496
12	Grys Helen	487
13	Ragan Jara	481
14	Novak Mary	474
15	Gorman Irene	453



# Ellsworth Branch 853 Plans Baseball Outing

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 853, is planning an outing to cheer on the Pittsburgh Pirates on Slovak Day at PNC Park.

On Sunday, August 19, 2007, the Pittsburgh Pirates will host the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:35 p.m. While cheering on the Bucs, enjoy authentic Slovak cuisine, music, and entertainment. The cost for the day is only \$18 for Branch members and \$25 for non-branch members. For only \$18, you will receive your ticket to the game, early entry to the Slovak events, a Pirate Slovak Day Cap and vouchers for food. The person attending the event is responsible for their own transportation to and from PNC Park. Join Branch 853 to celebrate your heritage while cheering the Pirates on to victory.

To make reservations, fill out the coupon below. Send your name, address, for return mail of tickets, and phone number to: Monica Rodacy-Boone, 2016 Crosby Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Payment for Branch 853 members is \$18. All other FCSU members are \$25. Make your check payable to Branch 853. The deadline for ticket orders, to be seated as a group, is June 3. Ticket orders will be taken until June 30. Tickets will be returned by first class mail. The Branch is not responsible for lost tickets. To ensure ticket delivery, you can request Priority Mail with delivery confirmation for an additional \$4.50.



## AKRON RETIREES MIXED (BRANCH 553) April 5, 2007

Team	Won	Lost
Phantoms	111	78
Revelers	110	79
Hot Shots	107	82
Saints	99	90
Alley Cats	99	90
Old Timers	98	91
Mark'm	92	97
Strugglers	88	101
Bits & Pieces	81	108
Cliff Hangers	62	127

High single game team: Phantoms-859. High three games team: Phantoms-2536. High single game individual: (woman) Joanne Head-183; (man) George Kacsanek-248. High three games individual: (woman) Joanne Head-468; (man) Joe Simkanin-612. Next four high single games: (women) Cecelia Petrasek-174, Kay Dishauzi-172, Vera Thomas-170, Rose Moskos-168; (men) Walt Blateric-221, Joe Simkanin-215, Gary Kolb-

210, Steve Dishauzi-204. Next four high three games: (women) Katie Corall-457, Connie Pisciotta-449, Vera Thomas-440, Kay Dishauzi-439; (men) George Kacsanek-609, Gary Kolb-602, Walt Blateric-561, Lenny Gmerek-540.

## SINGLES TOURNAMENT April 5, 2007

Class A: (men) Gary Kolb-686, George Kacsanek-678, Walt Blateric-663, Joe Simkanin-660; (women) Joanne Head-651, Vera Thomas-638, Connie Pisciotta-635, Cecelia Petrasek-618. Hi-Actual Game: (men) George Kacsanek-248; (women) Joanne Head-188. Class B: (men) Mike Lionetti-681, Emery Surdniak-653, Joe Mollica-652, Jerry Reed-627; (women) Norma Lesko-631, Shirley Surdniak-626, Maryann Minrovic-615, Mary Shuttleworth-610. Hi-Actual Game: (men) Mike Lionetti-189; (women) Rose Moskos-168.

**Vera Thomas, Secretary**

*For Reservation Please Clip and Mail*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Include name of attendee and branch number for each ticket ordered*

	Br. _____

\_\_\_\_\_ Br. 853 members attending x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non Br. 853 members x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping – Choose One:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ First Class Mail – no charge  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Priority Mail with delivery confirmation - \$4.50 \_\_\_\_\_

*If no choice made tickets will be sent First Class Mail*

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

*Send your name, address for return mail of tickets, and phone number to:*

**Monica Rodacy-Boone  
2016 Crosby Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY: FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION ANNUITY INTEREST RATE INCREASES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

Effective April 1, 2007, the annual yield on existing First Catholic Slovak Union Flexible Premium Deferred Retirement Annuity and Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is 5.00% (4.879% APR).

The annual yield on the Park 2 Annuity 4.75% (4.641% APR).

The annual yield on accounts with the "Cash Interest" Option will be 4.75% (4.641% APR).

Settlement Options will be based on an annual yield of 4.50% (4.402% APR).

If you have any questions about our annuities or IRAs, please contact the Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA.

**THESE RATES WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007.**

**Kenneth A. Arendt  
National Secretary**

### 2008 JEDNOTA INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

#### OFFERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Any District or branch interested in sponsoring the 2008 Bowling Tournament may submit their offers. The customary dates for the Tournament are April 11-13, or April 18-20, 2008. If circumstances would warrant, we would use both weekends. We prefer using only one weekend. Please furnish the following information in your written offer.

**Branch or District hosting the Tournament:**

**Local Contact Person:**  
Name  
Address  
Phone Number

**Bowling Lanes:**

Name  
Contact Person at Lanes  
Address  
Phone Number  
Number of lanes available

**\*\*Please note:** A minimum of 40 lanes will be needed for one weekend, preferably more. If two establishments are to be used, we will need at least 40 lanes in one house and at least 30 lanes in the other house.

*Approximate cost per game  
Scoring Equipment Available*

**Housing:**

*Please enclose a list of nearby hotels/motels, including addresses and phone numbers.*

**Deadline for all offers is July 1, 2007.**

*Please send offers to the FCSU Fraternal Activities Director:  
Susan Ondrejco  
234 Ilion St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
sueo99@yahoo.com*

### 2008 JEDNOTA INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Anyone interested in suggesting a course for the 2008 Golf Tournament may submit their proposal. The customary dates for the Tournament are July 12-13 or July 19-20, 2008. Please furnish the following information in your written proposal.

**Local Contact Person:**

Name  
Address  
Phone Number

**Golf Course/Resort:**

Name  
Contact Person at Course  
Address  
Phone Number

*Number of holes      \*\*Please note:* A 36-hole course is preferred. Two nearby 18-hole courses would also be acceptable.

*Approximate cost per round of golf*

**Housing:**

*Please enclose a list of nearby hotels/motels, including addresses and phone numbers.*

**Deadline for proposals is July 1, 2008.**

*Please send proposals to FCSU Fraternal Activities Director:  
Susan Ondrejco  
234 Ilion St.  
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sueo99@yahoo.com*

## Toronto Branch 785 Well Represented at Jednota Bowling Tournament

A total of ten teams from Branch 785, of Toronto, Ontario, participated at the 53rd Men's and 44th Women's Jednota International Bowling Tournament held the weekend of April 20-22, 2007, at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga, New York.

The tournament began with complimentary food and snacks at the bowling alley provided by the First Catholic Slovak Union. During the opening ceremonies both the U.S. and Canadian anthems were played. On Saturday, April 21 a banquet was held at Cosmos Restaurant in Niagara Falls.

Present for the tournament and banquet were National President Andrew Rajec and National Treasurer George Matta along with a number of other officers who came to show their support of this fraternal function. Following the banquet, bowlers had the opportunity to visit the Casino in Niagara Falls or go to Goat Island to see the American Falls.

The final results will be published in the JEDNOTA paper once scores and participants have been verified.



L-R: Regina Kapsa, Marge Kapsa, Mary Golla, Diane Pella and Chris Goodyear.



L-R: Regional Director Milos Mitro, Annie Mitro, Cathy Szabo and Jim Szabo.



L-R: Jara Ragan, Regina Kapsa, John Mrozek and John Kapsa.



L-R: Milan Zoldak, Ted Golla, Greg Grys, Harry Romolock and Gus Kapsa.



L-R: Stan Pella, John Kapsa, Mike Kapitan and Slavo Kovac.



Maureen Jursa and Branch 785 Sports Director Joe Jursa.



L-R: Ann Forma, Irene Gorman, Helen Hirka and Lucy Grys.



L-R: Bottom row, L-R: Helen Hirka and Irene Gorman. Top row, L-R: Helen Grys and Josie Siman.

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT— Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, November 5, 2006, at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, Oak Forest, Illinois. President John Jurcenko called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. There was a total of 32 officers and delegates present representing eight of the 24 District branches.

President Jurcenko read his appointments and correspondence. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Art Fayta gave the financial report. Chairman of Auditors Joe Bugel gave the auditor's report. Various committee reports were also presented. President Jurcenko and Financial Secretary/Treasurer Fayta presented \$100 college grants to college freshmen Lindsey Zehr and Kelly Bobo, both recipients of FCSU scholarships. The grant money came from the District's Bishop Stefan Moyses Scholarship Fund.

Emil Rusinak served as Election Chairman and conducted the nominations and election of officers for 2007. The following were elected: Dorothy Jurcenko, Spiritual Advisor; John Jurcenko, President; Barbara Fayta, Vice President; Art Fayta, Financial Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary; Joe Bugel, Chairman of Auditors; John Vrlík and Shirley Uram, Auditors; Mark Davis, Sergeant-at-Arms; and George Kelchak, Director of Fraternal Activities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. after which all enjoyed a delicious catered dinner.  
**Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary**

### PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT— Montreal, Quebec

The Prince Rastislav District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, May 27, 2007, at 12:00 noon at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. Members are urged to attend.

**Anthony S. Makovsky, President**

### MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT— Monongahela Valley, Pennsylvania

The Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Donora Donut Station, Eighth and Meldon, Donora, Pennsylvania. Members of the various branches in the District are urged to attend.

**Frances Tarquinio, Secretary**

### MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT— New York

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, June 3, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Yonkers, New York. We urge all District branches to send representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU are also welcome. Refreshments will be served by host branch 716.

**Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer**

### From the desk of the Executive Secretary:

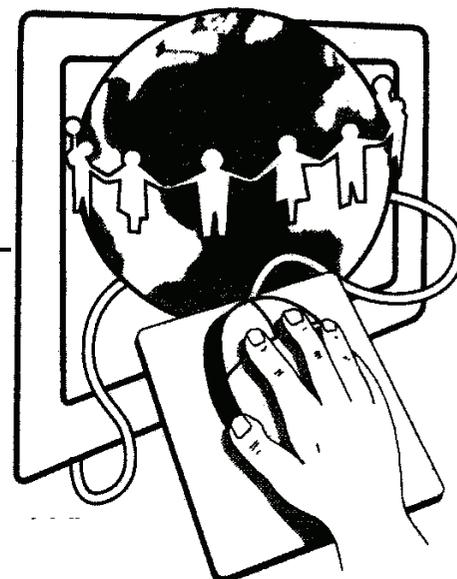
## DIVIDENDS INCREASED BY 25%

Board of Directors and Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union are pleased to announce a 25% dividend increase for 2007. Through management control and wise investments over the last 12 years our Society has enjoyed tremendous growth. We have experienced a surplus increase from 2006 to 2007 of 17.1%. As a result we want to reward our members for showing confidence and trust in our Society.



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## Events Space

May 2007

Let us not forget...

Memorial Day is celebrated this year on May 28, a patriotic holiday. On this day, we give honor to the men and women who gave their hearts, souls, and lives so that we can live freely in this great country. Many fallen heroes from the Civil War, the first & second World Wars, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraq are remembered by placing flowers on their graves. The President of the United States will give a speech, thanking and honoring these brave souls.



Memorial Day is a legal holiday and Americans also honor our soldiers by marching down streets, enjoying picnics, and visiting War Memorials.

## Mother's Day - A Time for Thanks

On Sunday, May 13, we will celebrate Mother's Day, a special day on which children say "thank you" for all the things their mothers have done for them.

Your mother carried you before you were born, she fed you, clothed you, and gave you a bath. Mom was there the hold you when you were scared and to carry you to bed when you were tired.

As you got older, mom helped you type those papers for school, made your costumes for the play, drove you to a friend's house, and cheered for you at sporting events and music recitals. When you think of all your mother has done for you, it makes you want to do something special for her, too.

One of the best presents children can give to their moms is to be good for a day. You can

straighten up your room without being asked or ask your mother is there are any special chores she wants you to do.

Whatever you decide to do on Mother's Day, be sure to tell mom that you love her very much. Just as kids like to have mom and dad remind them that they love them, moms like to be told that you love them just as much.



## Sports Space



Ryan Cartwright plays hockey for the Applewood Coyotes. He was the team captain this year and scored 37 goals! He says, "Hockey is lots of fun!"

## Mail Space

Dear ur\_space.jrs,

Your March 7, 2007, issue has an article on Janošik which I found to be very informative. I have been looking for just such a story on Janošik to share with our granddaughter. I loved this tale as a Slovak child and I want to share it. Do you have a book (in English) I could refer to?

Pan Boh Zaplat,  
Mrs. Irene Kalina  
Phillips, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Kalina and readers,

There is an English Janošik book available. It was written by John H. Hausner and is called *Janošik - We Remember!* If you are interested in obtaining a copy, drop a note to the address at the right.

Suzy

## Activity Space

# Mother's Day

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		4			6	5		
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## Challenge Space

Next month, we honor dad on Father's Day. What makes your dad so special?

Send a response by June 2, 2007, and you could see your answer in the June 13<sup>th</sup> issue of the Jednota!

Send your ideas, letters etc. to: UR\_Space.jrs

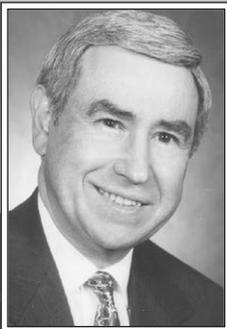
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Charles Rodacy Boone, age 7, is a Tiger Cub in Pack 38 at St. Bernard's in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. His den was chosen to present the Colors during a recent Charity event at Keystone Oaks Stadium. Charles proudly carried Old Glory, our honored flag of the United States. Charles is in the first grade at St. Bernard's School. He is the son of the past National Auditor and past Pension Board Trustee Monica Rodacy-Boone and Ron Boone of Pittsburgh. All are active members of Branch 853.

## MONEY MANAGEMENT & TAX TIPS



**By Joseph T. Senko**

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

### Life's Financial Emergencies: Six Ways To Prepare

Financial emergencies can and do occur. The good news is that with a little planning you can minimize the impact of an unexpected financial crisis. I suggest that you take the following actions.

#### Calculate Your New Worth

Looking at your total financial picture is a simple way to know exactly where you stand. Take the time to prepare a net worth statement, which will give you a realistic sense of your assets (what you own) and your liabilities (what you owe).

First, catalog your assets. Your assets include balances in your savings, checking, and other bank accounts; the market value of any stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and individual retirement accounts; and the cash value of any insurance policies you own. Include in your assets the fair market value of your home (less your remaining mortgage) and other real estate and personal property.

Next, you'll need to list all debts, including the outstanding balance on your mortgage, credit cards, and any car, personal, or student loans. Subtract your total liabilities from your total assets to arrive at your net worth. This exercise makes it easier for you to identify assets that could be used to meet your debt obligations.

#### Build An Emergency Fund

Most CPAs agree that it's a good idea to create an emergency fund equal to roughly six to nine months worth of living expenses. The right amount for you depends on your financial circumstances. It will take time and a few sacrifices to set aside that amount of money, but it's worth the peace of mind it can provide in an emergency. Using an automatic savings plan to direct money to your emergency fund is a relatively painless way to save.

Be sure to keep your emergency funds in an easily accessible account, such as a savings or money market account. While the interest rate may be low, bear in mind that liquidity is the goal for your emergency fund.

#### Be Adequately Insured

One of the best defenses against financial difficulties is a well-formulated plan for insuring yourself and your possessions. Review your home, car, life, and medical insurance policies regularly to ensure sufficient coverage.

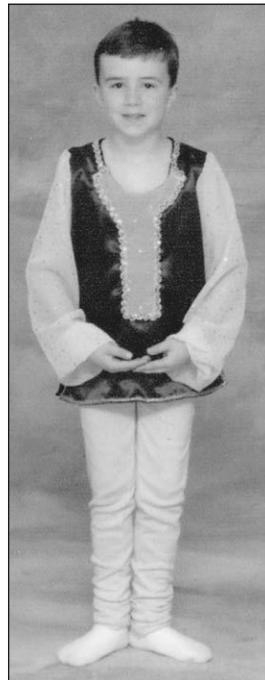
Disability coverage is one area where many find themselves underinsured. Disability insurance replaces a portion of your salary if you become disabled and cannot work. Since people in the workforce are more likely to be disabled than to die prematurely, disability insurance is vital to financial security.

#### Identify Possible Loan Sources And Apply Now

If you own your home, a home equity line of credit can help you through a financial emergency. But it's important to apply now, while you're in good health and employed. Unlike a home equity loan, a line of credit is there if you need it. Another advantage is that you can write off the interest on your home equity debt, up to \$100,000. Just remember that you could lose your home if you can't pay back money borrowed against it.

If you have additional questions on this subject, contact Joe Senko at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 or 412/531-2990 or fax 412/531-4793 or [jsenko@mvs-cpa.com](mailto:jsenko@mvs-cpa.com)

# YOUTH ROUND-UP



Charles before performing a ballet to Polar Express.

Charles Rodacy Boone, Branch 853 member and first grader at St. Bernard's School in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, recently performed with the Pittsburgh CLO (Civic Light Opera) Academy Chorus in singing holiday songs before the December 17 performance of the Musical Christmas Carol at one of the major live performance theaters, the Byham Theater in downtown Pittsburgh. This is Charles' first year with the CLO Academy but his fifth year studying dance.

Charles studied at the Rosalene Kenneth Dance Com-



Charles performs with the Jr. Pittsburgh Slovaks at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival.

pany for 4 years. While there he danced in performance groups as well as in a jazz duet. Appearances included performances at the July 4th Pittsburgh Regatta, the Scott Township Independence Day celebration, The Preseley Ridge Ice Cream Social, the Saints Simon and Jude Church Festival, the Greentree October Fest as well as numerous other smaller church festivals.

During the Christmas season while at RK Dance Company, Charles performed in shows at the Parkway Center Mall, the Mall at Robinson, Station Square, the Northway Mall as well as at the Sunrise Retirement Home, Marion Manor, and other smaller personal care homes in the Pittsburgh area.

Charles' performances were not only on stage. He was picked to dance on four broadcasted television specials of Rosalene Kenneth Presents.

Charles also dances with the Jr. Pittsburgh Slovaks. In helping the city of Pittsburgh celebrate its ethnicity, Charles will perform with the Jr. Pittsburgh Slovaks at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, which is held at Pittsburgh's convention center every Memorial Day weekend. He will also perform with this group at Kennywood Park on Slovak Day.

At 7-years old, Charles has many performances under his belt. He also has modeled for newsprint ads for Highmark Inc. and Rosalene Kenneth Dance Studio. He is represented by the prestigious Docherty Modeling Agency.

Charles is the son of former National Auditor and former National Pension Trustee Monica Rodacy-Boone and Ron Boone of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His late maternal grandparents, Charles and Elizabeth Rodacy and his late great-grandfather Andrew Harchar, who organized Branches 853 and 852, were very active in the FCSU. Charles is keeping our heritage alive in this young generation. Charles is the youngest active member of Branch 853.



Charles and Briann Allen at the 2006 Pittsburgh Folk Festival.



## Milwaukee St. Stephen Martyr Parish to Mark Centennial

The Federated Slovak Societies of Wisconsin invites you to attend the 100th Anniversary of St. Stephen Martyr Parish in Milwaukee, on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The Reverend Louis Luljak will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch and social will be held after the liturgy.

We look forward to seeing you at this memorable occasion. Please come and share your memories of this historic parish. For additional information call Betty Valent at 414/425-6137 or Ralph Hass at 262/893-2972.

**Ralph J. Hass, President,  
Federated Slovak Societies**

## REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### JIMMY REHA (1922-2007) Montreal, Canada



Jimmy (Gejza) Reha (Hreha)

Jimmy (Gejza) Reha (Hreha) of Montreal, Canada, after a prolonged and debilitating illness, entered his eternal home on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. He died in the palliative care unit of the Mount Sinai Hospital in Cote St. Luc. He was 84 years old.

Jimmy Reha was born on May 7, 1922, in the eastern part of Slovakia in the village of Cemerne—today part of Vranov nad Toplou—in a proud Slovak family. His older brother, Stefan Hreha, is the founding editor of the weekly newspaper KANADSKY SLOVAK. In December 1936, at the age of 14, he immigrated to Canada with his mother and two older brothers to join their father who had preceded them in the spring of 1927. After settling in Canada, the family was blessed with a baby girl, Stella Kvetuska.

Jimmy spent his entire life in Montreal except for the war years. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was stationed in England. Upon his return to civilian life, he founded and managed his own real estate and construction firm. He married Claire Tousignant in 1959 and they had two sons. Michael, the eldest, is a lawyer and successful entrepreneur while Peter is involved in construction as was his father. For many years, Claire owned a very successful prêt-à-porter boutique where she sold designer clothing. Later, when she turned her skills to painting, she became a successful artist whose work has sold both in Montreal and in Florida where they own a second home. The family visited Slovakia twice, once in 1972 and again in 1990.

Jim Reha was co-founder and a past president of the Canadian Slovak Professional and Business Association Inc. and, in 1999 his contribution to the association was recognized at the annual CSPBA Scholarship Ball. He also played a prominent role in the acquisition of the land and the construction of the former Slovak Building on Hutchison Street.

Proud of his Slovak heritage, Jimmy generously supported all Slovak activities as well as both the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic Slovak parishes, which he attended alternately.

A funeral mass was celebrated on April 12, 2007 in the Slovak church in Montreal. Rev. Frantisek Kruspinsky, pastor of the SS. Cyril and Method Slovak Parish, presided. Also participating in the service were organist Wilhelm Plodzien and pianist Magdalena Wolny. The opera singer, Janusz Wolny, was the soloist. Following the mass, a very moving eulogy, interspersed with humorous reminiscences, was delivered by his son Michael. At the very end, Frank Sinatra singing "I Did it my Way" accompanied Jimmy out of the church along with all his family, friends and long-time acquaintances.

Relatives and friends came from as far as Toronto to pay their last respects and included nephews Robert and Michael Weisnagel and their spouses, as well as the Kozels, Krajiceks, and Pollaks. Acquaintances from the Slovak professional and political milieu were also present and filled the Slovak Church despite the bad weather. On that day, Montreal experienced pouring rain followed by 12 cm of wet snow. From the church, the mourners proceeded to the Crematorium in Cote-des-Neiges Cemetery for brief prayers and a final farewell. As the service ended, Margaret Diva, a member of the Slovak church choir, began to sing the very moving burial song "Blizsie k Tebe, Boze" (Nearer to You, my God).

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction of the Jasko Moshanas & Quimet Funeral Home. During the visitation, a video presentation of photos of Jimmy's life, from early boyhood to very recent times flashed on the screen, accompanied by the voice of one of Jimmy's favorite singers, Frank Sinatra.

After the funeral, in accordance with Jimmy's wishes, the immediate family and close friends shared a long lunch together at La Sirene restaurant. Jimmy leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Claire; his son Michael (Martine) and granddaughters (Camille and Mika-Anne) and Peter; his brother Steve (Pauline); his sister Stella (Dr. John Weisnagel); and many loving nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

Jimmy was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, a good son to his parents, a well-known and highly respected member of the Montreal Slovak community, and a source of inspiration to all who knew him. In parting, it could be said: He left this world as he had lived in it – with style and grace.

His body was cremated and the urn with his ashes will be buried with his Mother and older brother, Albert, in Cote-des-Neiges Cemetery. His father died in Slovakia while visiting Jimmy's ailing grandmother.

May his soul rest in peace.

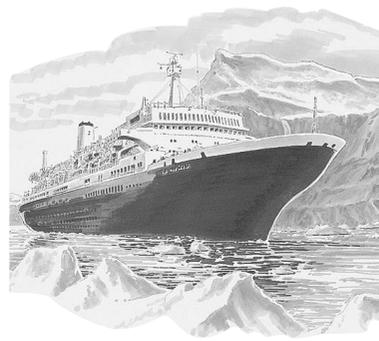
Goodbye, my dear brother. 'Til we meet again.

Steve



**SENKO FAMILY ATTENDS SLOVAK BALL** - The Slovak-American Cultural Center held its 15th Annual Slovak Ball on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. Each year hundreds of Slovak Americans participate in this festive event. This year Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko of Pittsburgh and his family joined the celebration. Posing with Slovak Ambassador to the United Nations Peter Burian are, L-R: Matthew Senko, Hillary Senko, Albina Senko, Ambassador Burian, Joseph Senko, Donna Senko Hilliard, Bill Hilliard, Ted Senko, Cindy Senko, Cathy Senko, and Matt Senko.

## A SAILING WE WILL GO!



Come on board with the First Catholic Slovak Union for a seven (7) night Alaskan Cruise.

The Membership and Marketing committee is sponsoring their 2007 membership meet from July 27 – August 3 aboard the Vision of the Seas. Your accumulated points up to December 31, 2006 will be used towards the cost of the cruise.

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The cost for a large ocean view stateroom which includes the cruise, port and government taxes, the new \$50.00 Alaska state tax, all pre-paid gratuities and transfer from the airport to the cruise ship and back is \$1,523.00. (Optional insurance and airfare package is available through Carolyn Pollack of Ambassatour Travel at 724-375-8687).

The First Catholic Slovak Union will provide your on board stateroom (double occupancy) plus meals and entertainment as provided by the cruise line. You must settle any additional expenses incurred prior to departure.

The First Catholic Slovak Union is not responsible for your travel arrangements to and from Seattle, Washington. Please contact Ambassatour Travel or your own travel agency.

The cut off date for reservations is May 4, 2007. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required when you make your reservations. Final payment is due May 18, 2007. The trip is open to all members of the First Catholic Slovak Union and their guests.

To all recommenders – here is your chance to enjoy your vacation unlike any other. This will be an experience of a lifetime. From January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007, the First Catholic Slovak Union is offering all cruise participants an opportunity to earn double points for insurance and annuity sales – that's right – DOUBLE POINTS! These double points will only count toward the Alaskan Cruise Membership Meet and payment will be made upon your return. If you have any further questions – please contact the home office and ask for Karen at 1-800-533-6682.

### **HURRY – ROOMS ARE LIMITED!**

We only have 45 staterooms at that price (90 people). These rooms will be given out on a first come – first serve basis.

Until we meet at the meet!

Good luck and God bless,

**Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.**

**Membership and Marketing Chairman**

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## Great News!

**Now available for the 7 Night Alaska Cruise** - Inside State Rooms at \$1255.00 (double occupancy) and includes pre-paid gratuities and Transfers. We have a limited number available. These rooms will be given out on a first come-first serve basis. Call today at 1/800-533-6682.

# the Book Corner

**EIGHTY YEARS OF ENGLISH STUDIES AT THE FACULTY OF ARTS** (Bratislava: Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Komenského [FFUK], 2004), 406 pages.

## A Short History...

It was in 1924 that English studies had been introduced at FFUK. The first qualified professor, Otakar Voadlo, however, resigned in February 1939 during the turbulent political developments rocking the former Czecho-Slovakia. The continuation of English studies was, nevertheless, secured thanks to the appointment of both one lecturer taking over the instruction of the older periods of English language and literature and the other one to teach the modern period.

Following the communist seizure of political power in February 1948, hotheads began urging the total elimination of English studies from FFUK, and, in the early 1950s, no new students were admitted to study English for three consecutive years. It looked as if the days of English studies at FFUK were "numbered." Fortunately, the argument prevailed that the only Slovak University needs to have its own Department of English. For several years afterwards, only three new students were enrolled per year. In the 1960s, this number was raised to 20, and later even more. So much so that, with the institute later renamed to The Department of English and American Studies, it was in a good position to commemorate its 80-years of existence with the publication of this festive, anniversary volume of Anglistic contributions.

The total of 49 articles includes nine by "guest" or foreign contributors and forty by home or domestic authors. All "guest" contributors are current or retired professors of English and are mostly leading world experts in their respective fields of specialization. Their inclusion in this volume is justified by their positive personal relations with Slovakia and the Slovaks as attested by these facts: not only have they been for many years colleagues and friends of mine, a native of Zlate Moravce but, moreover, three of them: S. Berkner, S. Noguchi, R. Quirk, and Y. Nakao's son, have paid individual visits to Slovakia, while K. Fukuda has extended his effective help to the FFUK's new Department of Japanese Studies!

## Language Studies

(1) Sergey Berkner, of Voronezh University in Russia, spent eight months in 1994 at Ohio State University on a Fulbright grant. His topical contribution: "Language As An Instrument of politics: the Role of Cliches and Ideological Lexicon," characterizes the use of language of propaganda as a strong instrument of persuasion, as illustrated by examples from Russian, English, and German.

(2) Shunichi Noguchi (b.1933), since 1996 retired as an Emeritus from Osaka University of Education, sent in this contribution: "How Can We Not Mismetre Chaucer's Troilus." He argues that Chaucer had very few specialized terms at his disposal referring to poetry. In classifying the variety of verse patterns used in Troilus, he has adopted my methods applied to the study of the word-order patterns in 15th century English, namely: "simplification and abstraction" as implemented in my book of 1957. Many typographical errors mar this valuable article. S. Noguchi is one of the world's foremost Malory scholars. The discussion of his article here has been found preferable with regard to the following:

(3) Yuji Nakao (b.1935), since March 2007 an Emeritus from both Nagoya and Chubu Universities. He had spent 1967-68 at Brown University in Providence, R.I., while I was at the same time a Folger Shakespeare Library scholar in Washington, D.C., with neither of us knowing "aught" of the other!

His contribution: "On Negative Disjunctive Connectives" in Malory and Caxton of the 15th century, deals with the same material as I did in my 1957 book mentioned above. While, however, I had been studying the "larger picture," that is, the word-order, he studied the small connectives: nother, neuther, neyther, nor. In the 15th century, they were interchangeable. While of an inconspicuous personal appearance, Y. Nakao is a giant in Arthurian studies.

(4) Kazuo Fukuda (b.1947), of Niigata University, sent in an article: "Theme—Rheme Articulation: A View Based on a Comparison of English and Japanese." He examines the various definitions of these terms well known also to Slovak linguists. He emphasizes the need of a functional, rather than a formalistic view of language. He has extended his generous help to the new Slovak Japanists at FFUK.

## Literary Studies

(1) Paul Miller (b.1926), Emeritus of Wittenberg University of Springfield, Ohio, where he had taught from 1961 to 1991. In his article: "In Theodore Roosevelt's Footsteps: Midwestern Writers Hunt Lion in East Africa," he offers a fascinating insight into the positive evolution of the African safari wild animal hunter and killer into a wild animal photographer.

(2) David George, of Urbana University in Ohio, has, since 1986, been working on a monumental New Variorum edition of Shakespeare's Roman tragedy Coriolanus (1608), to be ready at the end of 2007. In his contribution: "Coriolanus: Narrative and Mythic Sources," he aims at establishing that, rather than to have read Livy in Latin, Shakespeare consulted Livy and Plutarch in English translation. In his meticulous, "clinical" dissection, the author demonstrates that Shakespeare not only followed Plutarch but also improved upon his sources, thus exemplifying the Bard's amazing mastery of Roman and Greek history and mythology.

(3) Robert Fleissner retired, after 38 years of service (1967-2006), from the Central State University of Springfield, Ohio. He is an unusually prolific author, with 14 books and 585 published articles to his credit (by 2006). Nor does he shun controversy with startling statements, such as, the ones of 2000 and 2006 (Publications of the Modern Language Association of America), suggesting that Shakespeare could have studied, or spent some time, at Oxford! In his article: "Richard II in His Own Way: An Inter-textual Study," he debates the question "whether the play is more of a history play or a tragedy." He inclines to the opinion that it is "a history play with a tragic hero mangue" (that is: might have been but is not).

(4) The eminent Shakespearean Soji Iwasaki (b.1929) has been, among others, also a Professor at Nagoya University. It is a surprising fact that his mentor and supervisor

at Cambridge (1964-66), the late eminent Shakespearean, Muriel C. Bradbrook, was, by family connections, related to Prof. O. Voadlo, through 1939 at FFUK! Also surprisingly but significantly, the two of us have found common ground in each of us having devoted some related unconventional insights into Shakespeare's masterful comedy As You Like It (c.1599; AYLI): he, in his contribution: "Transvestism and Social Reformation in AYLI," and, as to me, in "W. Shakespeare's AYLI and Slovakia" (Almanac 1999) comparing the effect, following the usurper Duke Frederick's abdication, to the situation in the former Czecho-Slovakia both after World War II in May 1945 and the demise of communism on November 17, 1989.

(5) Jan Simko, 1945-67 at FFUK, then in the U.S. In his contribution: "A Possible Parallel to 'Shall I Die?', A Poem Attributed to Shakespeare?," he compares this poem to English poetry of the 1590s, finding it highly unlikely for it to be by Shakespeare

These contributions by outstanding foreign Anglistics have added both luster and prestige to this commemorative volume by Slovak Anglistics.

## Contributions by Domestic, that is, Slovak Anglistics

### Language Studies

17 articles deal with the following areas: syntax; word-formation; semantics; style and stylistics; language and culture; language teaching (to be grouped with methodology); translation (to translation below).

Missing are articles on historical linguistics, varieties of English, etc.

Seven (c.42%) of articles quote A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language (London: Longman, 1985), a seminal, monumental work by The Lord Quirk (and collaborators) of the University College, London. Although, for health reasons, he was unable to send in a contribution, his keen interest in the progress of Slovak studies of English and his April 1966 memorable lecture at FFUK deserve special recognition here.

### Literary Studies

Out of eight contributions, ENGLISH literature is discussed in 3, one each discusses CANADIAN literature, WOMEN's issues, THEORY (realism: modified, and magic; tragedy).

NO article deals with Shakespeare or American literature.

### Teaching Methodology

Nine articles discuss various topics: the USE of storytelling and drama; novels; on-line tutoring; innovative approaches; learning strategies; foreign-language teaching training.

Eva Tandlichova (author of the introductory article) advocates "More Autonomy... The Need for Real Learner-Centered Teaching and Learning."

### British Studies (2 contributions)

### Translation (4 contributions)

Emphasis is on a quality philological preparation and a good memory. Jan Vilikovsky (former Czecho-Slovak, after 1993 Slovak Republic's first ambassador to London) discusses, in his fundamental contribution: "Orwell, Politics and Translation – Notes of a Translator." He emphasizes the need to evaluate Orwell's texts with a view to the political situation in which they were written.

### Conclusion

Even considering the empty spaces in its overall coverage of the wide field of Anglistics, PHILOGICA LX of 2004 cannot but be evaluated as a decisive quantitative and qualitative advance of the Slovak studies of English.

**Jan Simko, Ph.D.,  
Professor of English Philology (retired)  
Washington, D.C.**



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### \* Bonus Rules \*

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3. If member with funds eligible for the bonus dies prior to 06/30/2007, no bonus is payable. If a member with funds eligible for the bonus dies between July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2011, the bonus will be prorated to the date of death.

4. To be eligible for the 2% bonus, new deposits must be received by June 30, 2007. Any

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# NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

## - MEDIA COVERAGE -

By John Karch

In the previous issue of JEDNOTA on this topic, I indicated that the U.S. mass media coverage of this, the fourth, annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast (NCPB), has been increasing although some mainstream media still ignore the event.

### Dissemination of Information

The NCPB has a website on which there is pertinent information, including mission, purchase of tickets, hotel and travel information, schedule of events, officials, and press releases. Announcements were disseminated in various ways. Thousands of potential attendees were already aware that there would be a 4th "annual" NCPB. Many had attended at least one of the previous three. They and others gleaned information online from the NCPB website or other sources.

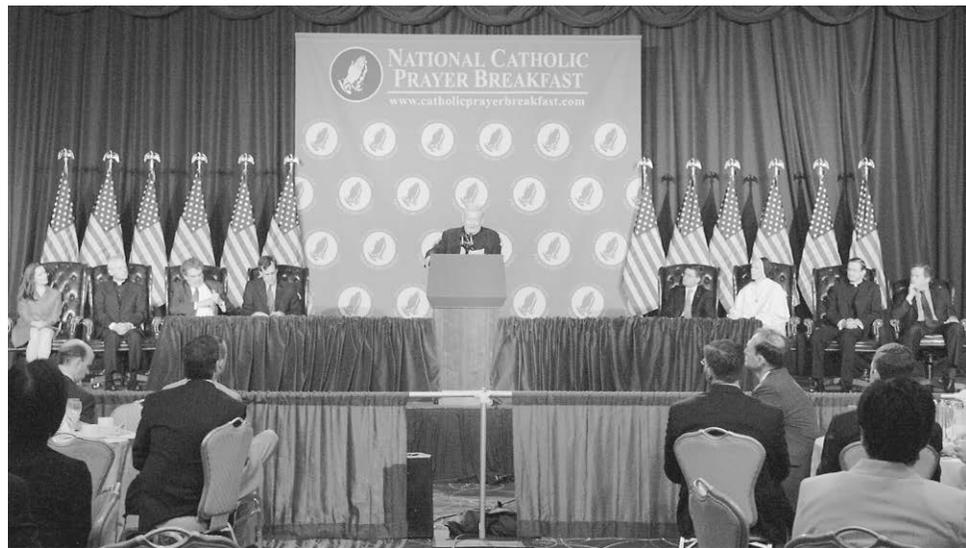
In January NCPB President Joseph J. Cella, on behalf of the Board of Directors, sent a letter to all U.S. diocesan bishops, inviting them to attend the April 12-13 4th Annual NCPB as guests and Concelebrants at the Thursday evening Mass with Bishop Loverde the Celebrant and Homilist. He sketched the program of events and asked the Bishops to publicize the NCPB. On February 28 Austin Ruse, President of C-FAM (Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute) and Vice President of NCPB sent a "Dear Friend" letter, as NCPB Board Member, to 31,000 of his C-FAM addressees, inviting them to purchase tickets to the newly-opened box office for the "exciting" event.

In addition, information about the Prayer Breakfast was disseminated by word-of-mouth and advertising (for example, eye-catching half-page ads, which included the program, were placed in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. CATHOLIC STANDARD (March 29 and April 5), the same ad and dates in the ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD, and in the NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER on April 1). Also on April 5 the HERALD printed an article by Henrietta Gomes "National Catholic Prayer Breakfast to be Weekend Event." President Cella told me that the program was finalized about two weeks before the event. Altogether, knowledge was widespread and additional information was communicated as it developed.

The NCPB e-mailed the following detailed information "For Immediate Release" to lists of media recipients: On March 24 CATHOLICS TO CONVENE FOR 4TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST, Archbishop Wuerl as Keynote Speaker to Address "Christianity And Our National Identity"; March 21, CATHOLIC HEAVYWEIGHTS TO ADDRESS PUBLIC POLICY AND ENTERTAINMENT ISSUES, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus to discuss "Why I Am Not An American Catholic"; April 10, PRESIDENT BUSH TO SPEAK AT 4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST, Bush to address Over 1500 Catholics in Washington, D.C.; and April 11 a MEDIA ADVISORY, President Bush, Ambassadors, Authors Among Dignitaries Attending National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

### Wire and Print Coverage

According to President Cella, "The media growth has increased each year, we've had more live television this year than during the past events, and it was the first year we had a 'Bloggers Row.'"



Left to right the individuals are: Jacqueline Halbig (Secretary-Treasurer) His Excellency Donald W. Wuerl, Austin Ruse (Vice President), Joseph Cella (Founder and President), Leonard Leo (NCPB Board Member), Rev. Mother Assumpta Long, Msgr. Thomas Bohlin, Bill Saunders (NCPB Board Member).

The American Associated Press (AP), a cooperative organization, is the world's largest wire news service, providing news to about 1,700 newspapers and 5,000 radio and TV outlets. Its photo library has over 10 million images. AP services some 121 countries and has capability in numerous languages. It filed a story on the NCPB—"Bush Defends, Promotes 'Culture of Life'"—that was used widely.

The CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE (CNS) filed two stories on the NCPB: April 13, "Bush touts Catholic schools, immigration reform at prayer breakfast" and April 16, "Bush Stresses School Choice, Sanctity of Life at Prayer Breakfast."

The print medium included the following, with headlines stressing their story content of the Prayer Breakfast: NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER, "Breakfast with Bush, National Catholic Prayer Breakfast Spawning Events Worldwide", an In Person interview with NCPB President Cella; THE WASHINGTON TIMES, "Funding Urged for Catholic Schools, Bush cites need for inner cities"; ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD, "Bush Emphasizes 'Dignity of Human Life' at Prayer Breakfast" by Ms. Gomes; THE WASHINGTON POST, "Religion News in Brief"; THE HILL, "Bush stresses 'dignity of life'"; BALTIMORE SUN, "Bush stresses his opposition to stem cell research at event"; INVESTORS BUSINESS DAILY, "Bush Won't Budge on Stem Cells"; THE EVENING BULLETIN, "Catholics Bring Power of Prayer to Washington."

### Online and Blogs

Online coverage of the NCPB was extensive and includes the above publications: Spero News: "Bush Speaks at Catholic Prayer Breakfast"; CNSNews.com (see above "Bush stresses..."); CATHOLIC WORLD NEWS, "President Bush asks Catholic support, backs 'culture of life'"; CATHOLIC ONLINE, "Bush touts Catholic schools, immigration reform at prayer breakfast"; CHRISTIAN POST, "Bush Stands Against 'Temptation to Manipulate Life'"; LifeSiteNews, "Bush: 'Renewing... America begins with upholding the dignity of human life'"; "Interview with Austin Ruse—President Bush is 'a True Man of Faith'", and "Dawn Eden—Driven to Pro-Life and Faith by Rebellion"; Zenit.org, "Prayer Bolsters a Nation, says Bush"; Catholic Media Report, "Bush Finds a Friendly Audience

National Review; Salon.com.

### Radio and TV

C-SPAN3 aired NCPB's April 13 two panel discussions. Panel I, at 1:30 P.M., dealt with "Public Policy Issues of Interest to Catholics" with Chair William L. Saunders, Board of Directors Member and Senior Fellow and Director of the Family Research Council's Center for Human Life and Bioethics; Board Member Leonard Leo, Director of the Lawyers Division and Executive Vice President of the Federalist Society, speaking on "The Constitution, Judges and the Confirmation Process"; Carter Snead, Associate Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School, on "The Ethics and Politics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research"; and Brad Wilcox, Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia, on "Why Marriage Matters."

Panel II at 3:15 P.M. addressed "Catholics in Entertainment and the New Evangelization" with Chair Raymond Arroyo, EWTN News Director, Author of "Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality." Speakers were Steve McEveety, Producer of "The Passion of the Christ," "We Were Soldiers" and "Bella"; and Eduardo Versteig, Lead Actor in "Bella."

Of all the messages available to radio and TV users above, we can be confident that many of them informed their listeners and viewers about the NCPB, such as Relevant Radio Drew Marioni Show; Talk Radio News Service; KKZZ, Ventura, CA Maria Sanchez Show; United News & Information Service; and Associated Press Radio. Hundreds of AP links picked up the story online, including Fox 28, South Bend, IN; Fox, Philadelphia; Union Tribune, San Diego; Pioneer Press, Minneapolis, MN; Forbes.com; ABC News; and WJLA News, Washington, D.C. Regarding TV, in addition to C-SPAN3, above, CNN mentioned the NCPB on April 13.

## NEWS FLASH

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## Last Call for Articles for THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The deadline for articles for the 2007 edition of The Good Shepherd is June 20, 2007. The scope of the articles is broad. Any topic of interest to Slovak-American Catholics can be included in the annual. Articles solely political in nature will not be accepted.

In order to facilitate the editing and printing of The Good Shepherd, the following guidelines are established for those who wish to have their submissions considered for inclusion in the annual:

All articles must be type-written, double-spaced in Microsoft WORD format in 12 point, Times New Roman font. It is strongly preferred that articles be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., Editor, at: bernsscm@yahoo.com. In this age of modern technology, it is easier and more economical to work from a text that is provided via a digital file rather than of having to retype a full article. If it is not possible for an article to be e-mailed, a "hard copy" may be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

Kindly keep your article between three and ten typewritten pages. We cannot accept an article which is fewer than three pages. Please try not to go beyond ten pages.

If at all possible, kindly send photos to accompany articles. If sending photos electronically, save as separate JPEGs to accompany the article. Indication should be given as to where photos are to be located within the body of the article, but do not imbed the photos into the text; please save them as separate JPEG files to accompany the text. Be sure to properly identify the persons, places and/or situations depicted in the photo(s). In the event that the article is e-mailed and photos are not included as attachments, prints of the photos should be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., for inclusion in the article. (Please do not send photos run out on a home printer on "typewriter" paper. They are generally grainy and of very poor quality for reproduction. Photos you print out yourself should be of the same quality as if you had them developed commercially.) If more convenient, photos can also be saved to a CD, which the printer can then link up with the article. Once again, please be sure that the photos are properly identified and kindly note where, within the article, the photos are to be inserted.

As Editor, Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., retains the right to correct grammatical errors, delete repetitions, rearrange phrasing to make it more clear, etc. However, she will not substantially change your ideas.

It is preferred that articles be written in English. If, however, articles in Slovak are submitted, they will be sent to a third party for editing.

On behalf of the Slovak Catholic Federation, I sincerely thank all of the faithful contributors to The Good Shepherd. Your contributions, year after year, ensure the fact that we are able to provide a quality annual which helps celebrate our Catholic faith, preserves our Slovak heritage, and allows our readers to stay in touch with what's happening in the Catholic Church, in Slovakia, and in the Slovak-American community. We are looking forward to your contributions again this year.

During this year of transition, your patience, understanding, and continued support of The Good Shepherd and the Slovak Catholic Federation are deeply appreciated!

May God bless you!

**Rev. Philip A. Altavilla**  
National President, Slovak Catholic Federation

## HEALTH QUIZ

### How Much Do You Really Know About Alzheimer's?

(NAPSA)-If you or someone you know is caring for a family member suffering from Alzheimer's, here's some encouraging news. There is progress being made in treating the condition, as well as in the number and type of support systems that help both patients and caregivers. Yet there is still a lot that Americans don't know about the disease and how many in the U.S. have it. Here's a quick quiz that may help:

**Q.** The number of people 65 and older in the United States in 2004 was approximately 35 million. By 2050, the number is expected to be: a) 50 million b) 70 million c) 100 million d) No change.

**A.** (b) 70 million.

**Q.** There are now approximately how many cases of Alzheimer's disease in the United States? a) 1 million b) 3.3 million c) 5 million d) 6.7 million.

**A.** (c) 5 million.

**Q.** How many cases are predicted to exist in 2050, if current trends continue? a) 5.2 million b) 7.5 million c) 9.6 million d) 13.5 million.

**A.** (d) 13.5 million.

**Q.** Approximately what proportion of people 85 and older have Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia? a) 5 percent b) 10 percent c) 35 percent d) 50 percent.

**A.** (d) 50 percent.

**Q.** Which of the following are considered behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, rather than cognitive symptoms?

a) Wandering, agitation, depression, sleep disturbance, hallucinations.

b) Memory loss, inability to perform simple tasks, disorientation to place and time.

c) Inability to recognize friends or family members, getting lost in familiar places, neglecting to bathe.

**A.** (a) Wandering, agitation, depression, sleep disturbance, hallucinations.

**Q.** True or False: Slightly more than half of Alzheimer's sufferers receive care at home.

**A.** True.

**Q.** True or False: The average survival of a patient with Alzheimer's disease is 12-14 years.

**A.** False. The average survival is eight to 10 years, but some patients live as long as 20 years.

The answers to this quiz were supplied by Interim HealthCare, a leader in the home health care industry. According to the company, creating an Alzheimer's-and dementia-friendly and safe environment is an important step in making it possible for people to remain at home much longer and further into the disease. To learn more, visit [www.interimhealthcare.com](http://www.interimhealthcare.com).

## Your Family Finances

### Finding A Way For A Will

(NAPSA)-You can't take it with you, according to the adage, but it seems many Americans don't have a plan for what they'll leave behind.

Over half (55 percent) of all adult Americans do not have a will, a new survey shows, a percent that has remained virtually unchanged over the past three years. A will-an expressed intention of what should be done with one's property after death-is typically the first document considered in an individual's estate plan.

The survey on estate planning was conducted by Harris Interactive for Martindale-Hubbell lawyers.com, a comprehensive and nationally trusted online resource for finding lawyers.

Among nonwhite adults, the lack of wills is particularly pronounced. Only one in three African-American adults (32 percent) and one in four Hispanic-American adults (26 percent) have wills, compared to more than half (52 percent) of white American adults.

"Surprisingly, the majority of Americans still aren't planning for the distribution of their estate after death," said Alan Kopit, a lawyers.com legal editor. "Virtually every adult dies possessing some form of property, but without a will, it's up to the state to decide how those assets are distributed-which may not reflect an individual's actual desires. People often attach the need for a will to having a lot of assets, which reflects a misunderstanding about a will's actual function."

#### Living Wills, Powers of Attorney

Two in five adults (41 percent) now have

How do Americans feel about wills and estate planning? Survey results indicate:

- Ignorance is bliss: One in 10 (10 percent) American adults who do not have any elements of an estate plan say it's because they don't want to think about dying or becoming incapacitated.
- Where to begin: Nine percent of adults say they don't have an estate plan in place because they don't know who to talk to about creating such documents.
- But I don't need a will: Nearly one in four adults say their biggest reason for not having an estate plan is a lack of sufficient assets. 

living wills in place, a full 10 percent more than those who had one just three years ago. Living wills dictate individuals' directions for receiving life-sustaining medical intervention in the event of grave illness or injury.

Additionally, two in five (38 percent) American adults report assigning a power of attorney for health care purposes, compared to 27 percent in 2004. A power of attorney for health care legally delegates authority to another to make medical decisions for that individual if he or she is incapacitated.

"In preparing a living will and accompanying power of attorney for health care, you're clarifying your desires unequivocally. With minimal advance preparations and costs, loved ones can be spared from difficult decisions and uncertainties during emotional times," said Kopit.

For more information, visit [www.lawyers.com](http://www.lawyers.com).

## Coming Events

### MAY

27 - The Prince Rastislav District's Semiannual Meeting at 12:00 noon at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec.

### JUNE

3 - The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Yonkers, New York.

10 - A meeting of the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District at 1:00 p.m. at the Donora Donut Station, Eighth and Meldon, Donora, Pennsylvania.

## Tour of Slovakia, Vienna, Prague and Poland

John's Tours is planning a tour to cover Slovakia along with a day in Vienna, two days in Poland and also visit Krakow, Wielicyka Salt Mine, Wadowice, birthplace of Karol Wojtyla the late Pope John Paul II along with Auschwitz the largest Nazi Concentration Camp of World War II. A visit to Zakopone and its Market Place. Visit the village of Zdiar a Goral Village with typical wooden houses and strong folk traditions. The date September 7-23.

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## Allentown Parish to Hold "Meat Bingo"

The St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church will hold a "Meat Bingo" on Sunday, May 20, 2007, in the church Social Hall, 924 North Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Doors open at 12:00 noon and bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Donations are \$5.00 plus specials. Refreshments will be served. For information call Bill Drost at 610/432-3505 or Helen Fiala at 610/434-8614.



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## Slovenská liga v Amerike sa dožíva stého jubilea

Po viacročných pokusoch a dlhých prípravách, z iniciatívy Združenia slovenských novinárov v Amerike sa 30. mája 1907 konalo v Clevelande veľké národné zhromaždenie, na ktorom sa podľa odhadov vtedajšej tlače zišlo do 10-tisíc slovenských rodákov. Prišli z viacerých štátov a z mnohých miest. Prišli hromadnými dopravnými prostriedkami, ale aj desiatkami najatých autobusov a z Phoenixville v Pennsylvánii dokonca aj osobitným vlakom.

Keď záujem o zhromaždenie rástol, preložili stretnutie do veľkej haly zbrojárne Grays Armory. Ani tam veľká hala nestačila pojať všetkých účastníkov. Niektorí ostali v predsiňach a vonku a sledovali program z nainštalovaných ampliónov.

Tomuto zhromaždeniu predchádzali takzvané indignačné zhromaždenia, ktoré sa konali vo viacerých mestách Ameriky. Boli to protestné manifestácie proti maďarskej odnáródňovacej politike. Tieto mnohotisícové zhromaždenia upúťali pozornosť aj americkej tlače a dokonca aj viacerých politických činiteľov. Avšak nadovšetko, zelektrizovali slovenskú pospolitosť a zvýšili záujem a odhodlanie slovenských prisťahovalcov bojovať proti maďarskému odnáródňovaniu a útlaku starej vlasti.

Priebeh bo slávnostný. Zhromaždenie kypelo nadšením. Po viacerých nevydarených pokusoch vytvoriť vrcholnú národnú organizáciu amerických Slovákov, všetkým účastníkom bolo zrejmé, že čas na zjednotenie dozrel. Slovenskí vodcovia vtedy už početne silných fraternalistických organizácií, slovenskí kňazi a hlavne novinári, sa dohodli na založení jednotnej vrcholnej organizácie Slovákov v Amerike. Autorom jej mena "Slovenská liga v Amerike" bol vtedajší predseda Slovenského národného spolku a známy publicista Peter Rovnianek.

Odcitujeme dve hlavné príhovory, ktoré odzneli v otváracíj fáze zhromaždenia. Predniesli ich katolícky kňaz Štefan Furdek a evanjelický aktivista Peter Rovnianek.

### Prvý prejav mal Štefan Furdek, ktorý tu citujeme:

Toto je deň vzkriesenia slovenského ľudu

Boli sme tu 10. februára na idignačnej schôdzi. Vtedy sme sa pred Amerikánmi ponosovali. Vtedy sme chceli poukázať na prenasledovanie, akému náš národ v našej starej vlasti je vystavený. Vtedy sme museli pred Vami hovoriť anglicky, aby aj oni našim ponosám rozumeli. Dnes schôdza naša má iný účel. Zblíženie našich

*Pokračovanie na str. 22*



Rev. Štefan Furdek

## Na Slovensko príde delegácia amerických podnikateľov

Bratislava (TASR) – Viacerí americkí podnikatelia už finalizujú prípravu svojej cesty na Slovensko, ktorá by sa mala uskutočniť v polovici mája tohto roka. "Dúfam, že jej výsledkom budú konkrétne návrhy dohôd o spolupráci medzi slovenskými a americkými subjektmi," vyhlásil koncom apríla v Bratislave minister hospodárstva SR Ľubomír Jahnátek v príhovore na slávnostnom stretnutí členov Americkej obchodnej komory v SR (AmCham). Podľa ministra o zintenzívnenie spolupráce so Slovenskom vyjadřili záujem aj americkí politici na najvyšších úrovniach. "Povedzte nám, kde, akou formou a akým spôsobom s vami môžeme spolupracovať ešte intenzívnejšie. Máme záujem zvýšiť naše investície na Slovensku, priniesť hi-tech technológie a zamestnať v našich firmách viac ľudí ako doteraz," citoval Jahnátek námestníka ministra obchodu USA pre zahraničný obchod Franklina Lavina. Počas svojej nedávnej pracovnej cesty v USA sa šéf rezortu hospodárstva stretol aj s predstaviteľmi firiem ako Dell, Ford, U.S.Steel, či Semiconductor.

Všetci podnikatelia, s ktorými sa Jahnátek stretol, mali so Slovenskom iba pozitívne skúsenosti. Všetci, ktorí sa stretli so špecialistami zo Slovenska, hovorili o vysokej motivácii, kvalite a odbornosti.

## Mladí Slováci môžu študovať a pracovať v Kanade

Bratislava (TASR) – Slováci vo veku od 18 do 25 rokov budú mať možnosť vycestovať za prácou a štúdiom do Kanady. Budú si tam môcť doplniť univerzitné vzdelanie, absolvovať odbornú prípravu so stážou, pracovný pobyt, či zdokonaľiť si vedomosti o kultúre. Maximálna dĺžka pobytu bude 12 mesiacov. Môžu ho absolvovať najviac 2-krát, nie však bezprostredne po sebe. Rovnaké podmienky platia aj pre mladých Kanadčanov, ktorí majú záujem o takýto pobyt na Slovensku. Predpokladá to Zmluva medzi SR a Kanadou o mobilite mladých, ktorej návrh predložilo Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (MPSVR) SR do pripomienkového konania. Zmluva sa vzťahuje na absolventov a študentov univerzít, študentov vzdelávacích inštitúcií a občanov, ktorí chcú získať odbornú prípravu alebo na určitý čas zamestnanie.

Prvý rok má možnosť zmluvu recipročne využiť 400 občanov, pričom

tento počet sa môže každoročne meniť v závislosti od dohody obidvoch štátov. Podmienkou na absolvovanie pobytu sú dostatočné finančné prostriedky na spiatočnú letenku a pokrytie nákladov na začiatok pobytu. Uchádzač musí mať vopred dohodnutú pracovnú zmluvu, stáž alebo pracovný pobyt. Kontaktným miestom na podanie žiadosti zo strany kanadských občanov sa stane Konzulát SR v Kanade. Uchádzači zo Slovenska budú môcť svoje žiadosti podať v Kancelárii Kanadského veľvyslanectva v Bratislave. Za vybavenie žiadosti sa nebude platiť žiadny poplatok. Slovenskí občania dostanú po vycestovaní do Kanady pracovné povolenie platné na celom území štátu počas celej dĺžky pobytu. Občania Kanady môžu na Slovensku pracovať bez pracovného povolenia. Zmluva je podľa MPSVR prelomová, pretože vzťahy medzi SR a Kanadou v oblasti zamestnávania doteraz neboli upravené žiadnym dokumentom.

## Priame lety z Bratislavy do Spojených štátov a Kanady

Pri cestách do New Yorku a Toronta už Slováci nebudú musieť cestovať do rakúskeho Schwechatu, ani do Prahy. Do USA a Kanady začne z Bratislavy lietať od polovice júla Air Slovakia, ktorú v októbri minulého roku kúpil britský podnikateľ Harjinder Singh Sodhu. Cestujúci na bratislavskom letisku tak budú mať možnosť vidieť veľké lietadlo Airbus 310.

S výnimkou vládnych špeciálov či letov americkej Air Force One to budú prvé zaoceánske lety bez medzipristátia zo Slovenska, kde civilné letectvo donedávna stagnovalo.

Priestor pre zaoceánske lety sa otvára po marcovom uzavretí dohody medzi Európskou úniou a USA, ktorá povoľuje vzájomné pristávanie.



FOTO TASR - Henrich Mišovic

Na ploche 67 hektárov sa v Arboréte Mlyňany nachádzajú dreviny pochádzajúce z Japonska, Severnej Kórey, Číny až po Severnú Ameriku. Počas posledných troch rokov doplnili pracovníci arboréty Ambrózyho park, východoázijskú časť, severoamerickú a pôvodnú domácu flóru o rozárium. Pôvodne udávaný počet 2,200 druhov drevín podľa slov riaditeľky Zuzany Knetigovej bude potrebné spraviť.

# Krátke správy zo Slovenska

Na slovenskom knižnom trhu sa objavila pôvodná vysokoškolská učebnica, Dejiny a kultúra antického Grécka a Ríma, ktorá je prvá svojho druhu. Po prvý raz do práce historického zamerania vstupuje rímske právo a v rozsiahlejšej miere antické umenie, akcentujúc ich poslanie v živote jednotlivca i celej antickej spoločnosti. Kniha je spoločným dielom viacerých autorov a pedagógov Trnavskej univerzity v Trnave. V učebnici vystupujú do popredia tri prúdy z antického dedičstva, ktoré pôsobili na európsky svet - grécka kultúra, rímske právne myslenie a kresťanstvo. Hlavným želaním autorov je, aby Dejiny a kultúra antického Grécka a Ríma aspoň čiastočne vyplnili dlhodobu pretrvávajúci nedostatok pôvodnej spisby o antickom staroveku na Slovensku.

Už v dohľadnej dobe by sa mala spustiť letecká linka medzi Košicami a Londýnom. Z východoslovenskej metropoly cestuje najviac ľudí práve do hlavného mesta Veľkej Británie, v Bratislave však musia prestupovať. Podľa hovorkyne košického letiska sa tento spoj môže spustiť už budúci rok.

Bývalý prezident Rudolf Schuster sa rozhodol darovať súkromnú zbierku fotografických prístrojov a nehnuteľností v Medzeve vrátane zariadenia Slovenskému technickému múzeu (STM) v Košiciach. Nezvyčajne rozsiahly a štedrý dar dostane STM vo svojej histórii prvýkrát, potvrdil riaditeľ STM Eugen Labanič. K slávnostnému prevzatíu zbierky by malo dôjsť na prelome mája a júna tohto roku.

Peter Solej 20-ročný ambiciózny Slováč, ktorého meno už stačili zaradiť do encyklopédie obsahujúcej životopisy významných vedcov, politikov a umelcov (Who Is Who). Dokonale ovláda diplomatický protokol, je takmer v dennom styku s významnými bankami, veľvyslancami, ministrami a vysokými cirkevnými hodnosťami. Prvú knihu - Prehľad slovenskej meny napísal ako trinásťročný a vydal ju v pätnástich rokoch. Za ďalšiu knihu - Prehľad medailerskej tvorby Kremnickej mincovne získal celosvetovú cenu Andyho Warhola. Je prezidentom vlastného združenia NAPS.

Fínska spoločnosť Ixonos zamestná v najbližších troch rokoch v Košiciach sto programátorov a odborníkov na testovanie softverov. Presnú výšku investície firma nezverejnila. Ixonos má v Európe viac ako 600 zamestnancov, minulý rok mala obrát 39 miliónov eur, z toho zisk predstavoval 10 percent.

Ubytovacie zariadenia cestovného ruchu na Slovensku v roku 2006 registrovali 1,611,808 zahraničných turistov, pričom oficiálna štatistika zo zahraničia zaznamenala 30,592,263 príjazdov. V portfóliu európskych krajín, z ktorých sa najviac turistov prihlásilo v ubytovacích zariadeniach SR, boli Česko (455,381 osôb), Poľsko (224,159), Nemecko (190,422), Maďarsko (121,981) a Veľká Británie (63,137).

Novú zmodernizovanú podobu svojej webovej stránky koncom apríla sprístupnila Kancelária NR SR. Jej cieľom je uľahčiť orientáciu pri vyhľadávaní potrebných informácií pre slovenských i zahraničných užívateľov, pre ktorých boli vytvorené tri jazykové mutácie - angličtina, francúzština a nemčina. Prístup na webovú stránku zostáva nezmenený: [www.nrsr.sk](http://www.nrsr.sk). Otázky, ale aj pripomienky k tématickému členeniu a celkovému dizajnu novej webovej stránky NR SR môže verejnosť adresovať oddeleniu komunikácie s médiami a verejnosťou Kancelárie NR SR buď telefonicky (02/5972 2450) alebo e-mailom: [info@nrsr.sk](mailto:info@nrsr.sk).

Prijatiu eura na Slovensku v plánovanom termíne 1. januára 2009 by mohli v súčasnej situácii zabrániť skôr politické dôvody zo strany Európskej únie (EÚ). Aj v takom prípade by však Slovensko pokračovalo v plnení maastrichtských kritérií a snažilo sa o čo najskoršie zavedenie eura. Počas svojej prednášky na Právnickej fakulte Univerzity Komenského (UK) na tému Príprava Slovenska na zavedenie eura to uviedol predseda vlády Robert Fico.

Pápež Benedikt XVI. prijal pozvanie navštíviť sídlo OSN v New Yorku. Pri nedávnej návšteve Vatikánu mu ho predniesol generálny sekretár tejto inštitúcie Pan Ki-mun a ako možnú príležitosť uviedol septembrové otvorenie Generálneho zhromaždenia OSN. Svätá Stolica zatiaľ potvrdila iba prijatie pozvania, dátum, návštevy stanovený nebol a podľa vatikánskeho hovorca Federika Lombardiho SJ zatiaľ neboli zahájené žiadne prípravy na túto cestu.

Tlačová agentúra Slovenskej republiky (TASR) - Slovakia zruší k 30. aprílu 2007 49 pracovných pozícií. Rozhodol o tom generálny riaditeľ agentúry Jaroslav Rezník. Rušenie sa týka 41 neobsadených a ôsmich obsadených pracovných miest výlučne z nespravodajských zložiek. V TASR tak k 1. máju ostane pracovať 146 ľudí. Na odstupnom a odchodnom v súlade s platnou kolektívnou zmluvou vyplatí agentúra bývalým zamestnancom 1.053 milióna korún.

Letisko Poprad - Tatry vybavilo za prvé štyri mesiace zhruba 21,500 cestujúcich, čo je o približne 25% viac ako v rovnakom období minulého roku. Za celý rok 2006 prepravilo popradské letisko 41,500 cestujúcich. "Na náraste prepravných cestujúcich sa podieľala zvýšená frekvencia pravidelnej linky do Londýna, otvorenie novej linky Poprad - Sliač - Praha koncom marca, ale aj nárast charterových cestujúcich počas zimnej sezóny," uviedol riaditeľ Letiska Poprad

- Tatry, a.s. Peter Polerecký. Každý odletový deň, pondelok, stredu a sobotu odlieta z Popradu do Londýna pravidelne vyše 100 cestujúcich.

Zastupiteľský úrad SR v Pekingu dostal 30. apríla faxovú správu z Horolezeckej asociácie Tibetského autonómneho regiónu Čínskej ľudovej republiky (HAT) o tom, že Slováč Marek Hudák 22. apríla počas výstupu južnou stranou na horu Šiša Pangmu vo výške 7,600 m n.m. spadol a zahynul. Telo sa doteraz nenašlo. Vedúci slovenskej výpravy, ako aj ďalší jej členovia túto nešťastnú udalosť potvrdili. Slovenský horolezec Marek Hudák sa v Himalájach stratil počas expedície. Spolu s víťazom ankety Slovenský horolezec roka 2006 s 27-ročným Jozefom Kopoldom sa pokúšal zdolať horu Šiša Pangmu. Kopoldovi sa to podarilo, Hudák tesne pod vrcholovým hrebeňom pokus vzdal a mal sa vrátiť do vrcholového bivaku alebo do základného tábora, kam však nedošiel.

Juhokórejská spoločnosť Samsung Electronics 30. apríla položila vo Voderadoch pri Trnave základný kameň závodu na výrobu obrazoviek z tekutých kryštálov (LCD). Do výstavby novej továrne firma investuje 320 miliónov eur (necelých 11 miliárd korún) a mala by v nej zamestnať okolo 1,200 ľudí. Investor by mal dostať od vlády štátnu pomoc 79 miliónov eur (asi 2.7 miliardy korún). Výroba v novom závode by sa mala začať budúci rok v marci. Plnú kapacitu desať miliónov modulov ročne s obrátom okolo 80 miliárd Sk má dosiahnuť najneskôr v roku 2012. Samsung pritiahne na Slovensko ďalších sedem dodávateľov, ktorí by mali v krajine preinvestovať desať miliárd korún a zamestnať ďalších 4,500 pracovníkov. Juhokórejska Samsung na Slovensku pôsobí už od roku 2002. V Galante, ktorá je od Voderád vzdialená necelých 30 kilometrov, vyrába široký sortiment spotrebnej elektroniky. Vlni tam spoločnosť otvorila aj distribučné centrum pre strednú a západnú Európu.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

## Nová budova SND v Bratislave odovzdaná do prevádzky



Pri príležitosti otvorenia novej budovy Slovenského národného divadla 14. apríla 2007 v Bratislave. Na snímke zľava: generálna riaditeľka SND Silvia Hroncová, minister kultúry Marek Maďarič, prezident Slovenskej republiky Ivan Gašparovič a predseda NR SR Pavol Paška.

Za účasti prezidenta Slovenskej republiky Ivana Gašparoviča, vlády Slovenskej republiky a vzácných hostí, bola novostavba budovy Slovenského národného divadla v Bratislave dňa 14. apríla 2007 slávnostne odovzdaná do prevádzky.

Budova SND sa na ľavom brehu Dunaja začala stavať v apríli r. 1980. Počas 21 ročného trvania jej stavby, vyskytli sa mnohé nepredvídané problémy v dispozičných zmenách i v projektovej dokumentácii, čo zapríčinilo časté prerušenie i pozastavenie stavebných prác. V dôsledku toho sa aj pôvodný rozpočet stavby úmerne zvyšoval a chýbali prostriedky. Hrozilo, že sa upustí od pôvodného zámeru stavby a rozostavaná budova sa odpredá zahraničným záujemcom s ekonomicko-komerčným zameraním.

Občania Slovenskej republiky, sa však jednoznačne postavili proti jej predaju. V dôsledku toho, sa aj vláda Slovenskej republiky rozhodla, že pozastavenie stavby pre nedostatok finančných prostriedkov postupne vyrieši a predaj záujemcom zo zahraničia, odmietla.

Po 21 ročných komplikovaných situáciách, sa stal vytúžený termín odovzdania budovy Slovenského národného divadla, pýchou slovenského národa, skutočnosťou. Prioritou SND je zjednotenie troch scén: Činohra SND, Opera a Balet SND a Štúdio SND. Budova dokáže vo všetkých svojich sálach, prijať naraz 1,700 návštevníkov.

Prezident Gašparovič vo svojom úvodnom prejave povedal, že "SND je dar štátu svojmu národu, čo znamená, že dar občanom samým sebe".

Do budúcnosti, želáme SND veľa úspechov a slávy.

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# Slovenská liga v Amerike sa dožíva stého jubilea

*Pokračovanie zo str. 24*

organizácií ku svornej národnej práci je dnes našim účelom. Naš slovenský ľud potrebuje pomoc tu v Amerike, potrebuje jej i v starom kraji. Zvolíme dnes výbor, ktorý by pomoc tú uviedol do nejakého systému. Dnes nejdeme sa ponosovať, ale ideme robiť kroky ku svornej národnej práci. Preto tiež nebudeme, odpusťte, anglicky hovoriť, ale upotrebíme reči, ktorú náš ľud hovorí...

Tak sa mi pozdáva, že je dnes vzkriesenie našej slovenskej kolónie v Amerike. Prítomní sme tu demokrati, republikáni, prítomní príslušníci rozličných politických náhľadov. Nezišli sme sa ako straníci jednej-druhej politickej strany, zišli sme sa na širokej platforme lásky k svojmu slovenskému národu. Podívajcie sa len, katolícky kňaz, gréckokatolícki a evanjelickí duchovní stojíme dnes jeden po boku druhého. Každý svoje náboženské presvedčenie hájime si úzkostlivo, ale my sme tu dnes ku národnej práci spojení.

Nevnucujeme jeden druhému naše presvedčenie, svoje si tiež nedáme, ale voľní sme podoprieť oprávnené nároky na zachovanie práv našej spoločnej slovenskej reči. Národný Slovenský Spolok podáva dnes ruku Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednote ku národnej práci. Pennsylvanská Slovenská Jednota je v duchu s nami, Evanjelická Slovenská Jednota podávajú nám sesterské ruky. Tu je predsedníčka slovenských Sokoliek. A čo ma veľmi teší: Sojedinenie, naši bratia Rusíni, ktorí v starom kraji to samé prenasledovanie so Slovákmí znášajú, sú tiež dnes tu s nami.

Veruže svitá v našej kolónii! Dnes je deň vzkriesenia, nezabudnime, že v prebudení tom časopisy naše mali nie najmenšiu zásluhu. Denník, Amerikánsko-Slovenské Noviny, Jednota, Slovák v Amerike, Slovenský Hlásnik, Bratstvo, Zábavník, Hlas, Sokol, Zornička, všetky časopisy svojím spôsobom budia slovenský ľud v Amerike. Nezabúdajme, že bez nich nebola by naša kolónia tak národnou, ako je ona dnes. Nehľadáme chvály, vykonaná práca nech je im odmenou. Dnes je deň vzkriesenia slovenského ľudu v Amerike.

## Po Furdekovi sa ujal slova Peter Rovnianek:

### Rod náš vykynožiť nenecháme

Pred dvadsať rokami do mŕtvej, neobrobenej, hanou a špinou, posmeškami a nadávkami zo všetkých strán zavádzanej, nevšímavej, odhodenej masy vnuknutý bol cit, zažatá iskierka rodolásky. Pilné ruky brata a sestry pečlivo starali sa o iskiersku, zo všetkých končín prinášali konáriky, vetve, kláty, ba celé brvná, aby sa plamienok ten zmáhal, bystro horel, smele plápolal, hrial a páliť.

“Márne boli námahy nepriateľov vnútorných, verejných, potuteľných, zásadných i žoldnierov zahasť iskrú, dusiť oheň: Božia minulosť sprevádzala prácu, ktorú dnes korunuje zdar, o akom sa nesnívalo žiadnemu z prvých vzkriesiteľov. Dnešná manifestácia je zblknutie ohromnej vaty, pilne a starostlivo ukladanej za dvadsať rokov: je ešte tým najmohutnejším oflinkom na tú hanebnú, podľú, lživú tiszovskú výpoveď, že ‘slovenského národa niet ‘! Je

makavým neodškriepiteľným dôkazom pre neveriacich Tomášov, a tyranov národa nášho, že: za suchú považovaná ratolesť, tisíce míľ zaviata od prňa, prenasledovaná ešte i v novej pôde od stávekého nepriateľa, často od vlastnej odrodilej krvi; pilne ošetrovaná vyrástla v ohromný, každej nehode, víchru, blesku a hromu vzdorujúci tatranský dub, ktorý dnes dokazuje svetu, že nielen sám schopný je život, ale vstave je a ochotný stále pod širokú svoju korunu brať v ochranu ohnietenú, ujarmenú, krivdenú, do krvi prenasledovanú brať a poskytnúť jej všemožnej a výdatnej pomoci.

“Do jednototísic duší zorganizovanej Slovače a vyše polmilióna oddaných slovenských srdc, neorganizovaných, prebývajúcich na pôde novej, ale veľmi dobrej a pečlivej matky našej, vrele stíska dnes bratské a sesterské svoje pravice a skladá pred Bohom a svetom posvätený sľub, hlasite volajúc:

“Pánu Bohu prisahám, že rod môj milý, brať moju drahú, krivdiť, jarmiť, trýzniť, bičovať a vykynožiť nenecháme.”

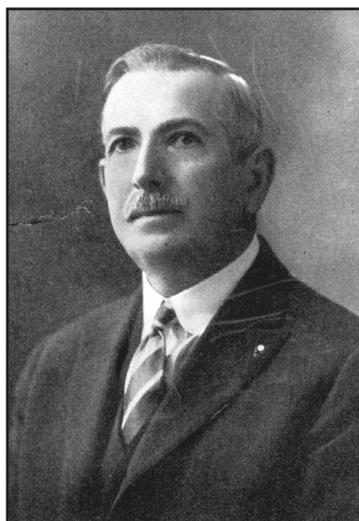
“Nuž štep, rozširuje a upevňuje, brať môj drahý a sestra lúba, sľub tento svätý ďalej, do každého kútika, kde len slovenské srdce tľčie, kde pilné a mocné rameno Slováka v potu tváři vyhľadáva každodennú skyvu chleba. Verbuj nových a nových bojovníkov do šíku slovenského, pod prápor náš bielo-modro-červený za sväté, Bohom nám dané, zákonom zaručené, naše slovenské práva. My nič iného nežiadame, iba čo nám Hospodin udelil, čo nám zákon zaručil.

“Poteš tak pod farchou mokov v úbočiach krásnych Tatier stonajúcu brať, obodri klesajúcich, posilni váhajúcych, rozveseľ za mreže žalárov vrhnutých martýrov našich, brať našu milenu.”

“Roznecuj oheň rodolásky, ktorá z nemotornej mŕtvej masy utvorila z teba krásami jasajúcu dušu, vyšvihla ťa na úroveň vzdelaného, cteného, váženého člena, z raba utvorila slobodného junáka.

Hore zraky, brať môj lúby, sestra milá, a skrušene vzdychni:

“Bože večný Stvoriteľu, Tebe sa kloníme, za národ náš ubiedený o milosť prosíme. Svet ten šliape, čo tu dáva Tvoja nám štedrota, ľudské zapiera nám práva i právo života. Bože veľký, trojjedinný, čuj tisíce ľudu, milosť prosit' odnímanú zlysynami bludu. Nádej naša a viera je Tvoja len dobrota: Bože dobrý, bože večný, popraj nám života.”



Peter V. Rovnianek

Slovák v Amerike

# Možnosti britského štúdia MBA na Univerzite Mateja Bela

Banská Bystrica (TASR)– Titul Master of Business Administration (MBA) prevzalo koncom apríla prvých dvadsať absolventov britského štúdia MBA na banskobystrickej Univerzite Mateja Bela (UMB). Promovaní absolventi sú top manažérmi významných slovenských firiem z Podbrezovej, Bratislavy, Banskej Bystrice, Žiaru nad Hronom, Lučenca a ďalších miest. Je to prvý prípad slovenského i britského školstva, keď na Slovensku promovali absolventi anglickej univerzity, ktorou je Nottingham Trent University. “V manažerskej praxi je vo svete titul manažéra najuznávanejším. Pravo udeľovať ho má len niekoľko významných univerzít, jednou z nich je Nottingham Trent University. Na základe úspešného overenia má právo v spolupráci s touto poprednou anglickou univerzitou poskytovať štúdium

MBA tiež UMB v Banskej Bystrici, Univerzita v meste pod Urpínom je na Slovensku jedinou inštitúciou poskytujúcou kompletne britské MBA štúdium a to v anglickom i slovenskom jazyku, ktoré trvá dva roky. Po úspešnom absolvovaní prvého ročníka je možné získať aj tituly nižšieho stupňa Certificate in Management (CM), alebo Diplom in Management Studies (DMC). O úspešnom zvládnutí štúdia a získaní titulu MBA rozhodujú prax, vzdelanie, komunikatívnosť a flexibilita. Britskému štúdiu MBA sa na UMB teraz venuje ďalších 52 manažérov. Pripravujú ich vysokoškolskí pedagógovia z nottinghamskej i z banskobystrickej univerzity, ako aj ďalší odborníci. Záujemcovia za dvojročné, štvorsemesťtrálne britské štúdium MBA, zaplatia na banskobystrickej univerzite takmer 300 tisíc korún.

## Vzťahy medzi SR a USA sú na vysokej úrovni

Washington (TASR) – Bilaterálne vzťahy medzi Slovenskom a Spojenými štátmi sú v súčasnosti na veľmi vysokej úrovni. Najväčšou otázkou, ktorú chcú obe strany čo najskôr vyriešiť, je vstup SR do bezvízového režimu. Zhodli sa na tom počas rokovania v druhej polovici apríla slovenský minister zahraničných vecí Ján Kubiš a šéfka americkej diplomacie Condoleeza Riceová. Riceová zdôraznila odhodlanie americkej strany vyvinúť maximálne úsilie, aby sa v tejto záležitosti dospelo čo najskôr k výsledku, ktorý bude pozitívny pre SR, ako aj pre ostatné členské štáty, ktoré sú v súčasnosti v podobnej pozícii. Americká ministerka potvrdila, že ide o jednu z priorit administratívy prezidenta Georgea W. Busha a že šéf Bieleho

domu túto záležitosť osobne sleduje.

Druhou oblasťou, ktorej sa venovali šéfovia diplomácií Slovenska a USA, bola oblasť medzinárodných vzťahov. Riceová vysoko ocenila postoje SR v Bezpečnostnej rade OSN vo všetkých kľúčových záležitostiach. Kubiš a Riceová hovorili o Iráne, Blízkom východe a kríze v Darfure, ale predovšetkým o situácii v Kosove. Ministerka konštatovala, že pre zachovanie stability v regióne niet iného východiska, než je prijatie rezolúcie BR OSN na základe plánu Marttiho Ahtisaariho, ktorá by viedla k nezávislosti Kosova. Ján Kubiš v tejto súvislosti svoju americkú partnerku informoval o stanovisku slovenskej strany a uviedol, že SR bude postupovať jednotne s ostatnými členmi EÚ.

## Zlaté zrnká

“V najúchvatnejšej chvíli, keď kňaz hovorí ‘Hore srdcia’, mali by sme mať srdcia hore u Boha, a nie dolu na zemi, v myšlienkach na pozemské veci. Kňaz sa vtedy zo všetkých síl usiluje zavrhnúť všetky starosti o tento život a mať srdce v nebi u milosrdného Boha.”

Sv. Cyril Jeruzalemský



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Odbornú učebňu ako dar spoločnosti U.S. Steel (USS) odovzdali 23. apríla 2007 do užívania na Základnej škole Ľudmily Podjavorinskej na košickom sídlisku Lunik IX., ktorú navštevuje približne 1,020 rómskych žiakov. Učebňu, ktorú vedeniu školy odovzdal prezident spoločnosti USS David Lohr, vybavili najmodernejšou audiovizuálnou technikou a bude slúžiť na skvalitnenie názornosti vo vyučovaní a zvýšení jeho atraktívnosti pre žiakov. Na snímke žiaci vystúpili pre hostí s kultúrnym programom.

# Oslava storočnice Slovenskej ligy v Amerike

## Podpredseda vlády Čaplovič príde na oslavy SLvA

Podpredseda vlády SR Dušan Čaplovič potvrdil účasť na oslavách storočnice Slovenskej ligy v hoteli Crowne Plaza v Secaucus, N.J. 10. júna t.r. Podpredseda vlády bude mať na bankete slávnostný prejav.

Účasť dosiaľ tiež potvrdili predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Vilma Prívarová a predseda Matice slovenskej Jozef Markuš.

Program banketu obohatí populárny spevák zo Slovenska Jozef Ivaška. Počas recepcie a stolovania bude hrať známa kapela Kontakty.

Hlavná oslava stého jubilea Slovenskej ligy v Amerike sa bude konať v hoteli Crowne Plaza v Secaucus - Meadowlands v blízkosti New Yorku. Uvádzame informácie o rezervácii izieb, o bankete a cestovné inštrukcie.

**Rezervácie izieb a adresa hotela:** Crowne Plaza, 2 Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, N.J. 07094. Telefónne čísla na rezerváciu izieb: (201) 348-6900 ext. 1128 alebo (201) 866-5220. Cena izieb pre účastníkov oslavy Slovenskej ligy je \$129.00. Rezervujte si izbu včas, nakoľko uvedená cena platí len do 22. mája.

**Prístup do hotela je pomerne jednoduchý** zo všetkých smerov. Hotel Crowne Plaza je vzdialený 5-6 míľ od Lincoln tunela, ktorý je cestným spojom New Yorku s New Jersey.

**Vstupenky na recepciu a banket.** Hlavná oslava storočnice Slovenskej ligy v hoteli Crowne Plaza sa začne recepciou o 1.15 hod a bude pokračovať slávnostným banketom o 2.15 hod. Cena vstupeniek je \$50.00 za osobu. Vstupenky si možno objednať prostredníctvom návratky.

**Slovak League of America  
205 Madison Street  
Passaic NJ 07055**

Objednávam ..... vstupeniek na jubilejný banket Slovenskej ligy v Amerike, ktorý sa bude konať hoteli Crowne Plaza v Secaucus, N.J. Pripojujem šek (M.O) na obnos

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## Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

### Polročná členská schôdza Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Všetkým členom Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu, spolok číslo 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty oznamujeme, že jeho riadna polročná členská schôdza sa bude konať v nedeľu 3. júna 2007 o 1.00 hodine odpoľudnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola Najsvätejšej Trojice, Yonkers, N.Y. Prosíme všetkých predsedov Spolku, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripraví Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

**Henrieta H. Daitová**

### Májová zábava v Linden, N.J.

Slovenské kultúrne stredisko aj toho roku usporiada zábavu v sobotu 19. mája 2007 v Msgr. Komar Hall 2806 Parkway Ave (Tremley Point) v Linden, New Jersey. Večera bude na bufetový spôsob od 8.00 do 9.00 hodiny, prosíme vás aby ste prišli načas! Vstupné za osobu je \$ 25.00 spolu s večerou. Do tanca bude hrať skupina "Relax". O rezervácie a zakúpenie lístkov volajte na tieto čísla:

Mary Karch (732) 572-2331; Mary Tkach (908) 862-2782.

Za Slovenské kultúrne stredisko

**Mary Karch**

## Slovenská katolícka púť do West Haverstraw, N.Y

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Spevň pred svätou omšou; Svätá omša o 11:00 hodine dopoludnia; Obed o 12:30 hodine odpoľudnia; Ružencová procesia o 2:30 hodine odpoľudnia.

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Na snímke zľava veľvyslanec Kórejskej republiky na Slovensku Yong Kyu Park, prezident spoločnosti Samsung Sang Wan Lee, minister vnútra SR Robert Kalinák a minister hospodárstva SR Ľubomír Jahnátek pri otvorení nového závodu Samsung vo Voderadoch pri Trnave 30. apríla 2007.

## Viktor Šebo - osemdesiatnik

*Kde sa vzala, tam sa vzala ...*

*ako by sa spoza humna, Viktorovi prikmotrila.*

*Čože, osemdesiatka?! A tak rýchlo, tak skoro?*

*Nuž, veru Viktor nevyzerá. A že meno "Starec"?*

*Veď chodí vyrovnané, jako dáky mládenec.*

*Nie je tomu tak dávno, čo chodil na horný koniec,*

*tam, kde bývalo švárne dievča, menom Gabriela.*

*Ona v ňom, našla celoživotného manžela - priateľa.*

*Veru-veru, ten čas tak rýchlo, nezastaviteľne letí ...*

*zabudli sme, že raz sme boli, aj my, malé deti.*

*A dnes, hovoríme o akejsi "Osemdesiatke"?*

*Nuž, ale nechajme žarty stranou*

*a pozdravme ho všetci, známi, priatelia a starí kamaráti,*

*bo minulosť je minulosťou, tá sa už nikdy nenaovráti.*

*Daj Ti Bože, dobrého a stáleho zdravia,*

*ale nadovšetko, lásku, pokoj a Božieho požehnanie.*

*Vďaka ti Viktor, za láskavosť a preukázané dobro.*

*Vďaka Ti, že si "Jednotár" číslo jedna,*

*že Slovákom vždy si bol a na jeho pôvod veľmi hrdý,*

*že v slovenských radoch, stál si vždy a to prvý.*

*Nech Darca darov, aj naďalej riadi Tvoje kroky.*

*Nech milostivý Pán Boh, žehná ďalšie Tvoje roky!*

**Jozef Smák**

## Zbierka na Detský domov Ratolesť na Slovensku

Prosíme o pomoc pre deti umiestnené v Detskom domove RATOLESŤ v obci Trnieň okres Zvolen, kde žije 85 detí rôzneho veku. Je to výzva k všetkým tým, ktorým nie je ľahostajný osud sirôt, pretože sa situácia na Slovensku vo veciach financií pre Detské domovy stále nezlepšila. Naša humánna akcia na pomoc Detským domovom začala v r. 1995 a postupne sme navštívili: Detský domov Štós, Východné Slovensko; Detský domov na Železnej studničke v Bratislave; Detský domov pre mentálne postihnuté deti v Oščadnici okres Čadca, ktorý sme navštívili dvakrát; Detský domov Hviezdička v Železnej Breznici, okres Zvolen; Detský domov Nádej v Bernolákove okres Senec a Detský domov v Hriňovej okres Zvolen.

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Bližšie informácie vám podajú: Milan a Henrieta Dait tel.: (201) 641-8922.

## Spoločenské posedenie s činiteľmi Slovenskej republiky

Pozývame slovenskú verejnosť na spoločenské posedenie s činiteľmi Slovenskej republiky, ktorí prídu do USA na oslavy storočnice Slovenskej ligy. Medzi hosťami bude podpredseda vlády SR Dušan Čaplovič, predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Vilma Prívarová, predseda Matice slovenskej Jozef Markuš a bývalý minister zahraničných vecí Eduard Kukan.

Posedenie sa bude konať v sobotu 9. júna 2007 o 6.30 hodine večer v spoločenskej hale kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, First Ave. a 66. ulica, New York City. Po príhovorech bude nasledovať diskusia a občerstvenie. Program spestrí populárny spevák zo Slovenska Jozef Ivaška. Vstup je voľný. Bližšie informácie vám podajú: Milan Dait (201) 641-8922; Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922.

# Nová zbierka básní je Rúfusovou spoveďou

Ako ľudia radi kategorizujú iných, Milan Rúfus (78) však ani náhodou nepatrí do kategórie celebrít a osobnosť je preňho prislaby výraz. Známý slovenský básnik je žijúcou legendou. Milan Rúfus nevyhľadáva večierky, nie je stredobodom bulváru, neposkytuje rozhovory. Žije v ústraní a vyhovuje mu to. Pred dvoma rokmi pri príležitosti vydania "poslednej" zbierky Báseň a čas ohlásil koniec kariéry. Človek mieni, Pán Boh mení... A tak v polovici marca predstavil ďalšie dielo Vernosť. Majster slova sa však ani po tejto zbierke poézie na básnický dôchodok nechystá. Na budúci rok by mala vyjsť v takpovediac bibliofilskej úprave jeho najúspešnejšia knižka Modlitbičky, ktorá vyšla v súhrnnom 200-tisícovom náklade.

Milan Rúfus vkročil 16. marca do bratislavskej reštaurácie Štefánka za nadšeného potlesku prítomných priateľov a novinárov. "Standing ovation" bolo dokonalou kulisou na začiatok stretnutia s významnou postavou slovenskej modernej literatúry. Majster začal úvodný príhovor humorne. Na otázky bude odpovedať toľko, koľko mu pustí hrdlo. "Keby bolo aspoň prepité, ale ani na hriechy nemá," pousmial sa básnik. "Ako vznikalo dielo Vernosť? Vlastne ani sám neviem. Pôvodne som za svoju poslednú knižku považoval tú predchádzajúcu - Báseň a čas," povedal Milan Rúfus. Dodal, že staroba mu umožnila iný pohľad na svet. "Deti majú pravdu, keď bytie považujú za zázrak a zázrak hodnotia ako skutočnosť. Ale koľkože už tých sond vyšlo hore do vesmíru a nenašlo nič, azda len samé nebytie, samú púšť, samú holú smrť. A uprostred tohto nebytia je zrazu táto naša zdeformovaná guľa, tento náš geolít - ako oáza v rozľahlej púšti. Už táto konstelácia je nepravdepodobná a patrí do kategórie zázrakov," zdôraznil Milan Rúfus. Človek si podľa neho musí niečo nažiť, aby mal takýto nadhľad a pohľad. "Keď je človek mladý, všetko je preň samozrejmé. V neskoršej fáze si však potrebujete všetko zhodnotiť a v podstate aj sa poďakovať životu za to, že i napriek všetkému bol, aj keď nebol jednoduchý. Zhruba v takejto klíme vznikla knižočka Vernosť." Básnik prezradil, že pri jej tvorbe vychádzal z čisto osobnej situácie. "Ide o kompozíciu, ktorá je vlastne rámcom bytia. Túto kompozíciu som prijal za svoju a stojím si za ňou. Jednoducho som sa v knižke obnažil. Ide skôr o spoveď ako výpoveď. Aspoň ja som to tak počítval. Ako to bude počítvať čitateľ? Hm, to sa ukáže," doplnil s humorom poeta.

## Do osemdesiatky treba dožiť

O tom, že Milanovi Rúfusovi je humor vlastný, svedčí aj jeho odpoveď na otázku čo by si želal k osemdesiatym narodeninám. "Najviac si želim - úprimne povedané - byť osemdesiatročný. Ale aj byť trochu zdravší. Jednoducho by som si prial ešte trochu prijateľným spôsobom byť."

## Bez pokory to nejde

Milan Rúfus vníma život aj svoju tvorbu pokorne. "Pokora je pre básnika predpoklad. Básnik, ktorý si myslí, že on a jeho báseň sú silnejší než všetky veci, nezačne tvoriť, ale vyrábať. Dá sa to vyrobiť, lebo báseň má svoju anatómiu, pracuje sa s princípom prekvapenia, ktoré sa nahuďuje v nejakých prekvapivých spojeniach. Niektorí poeti v medzivojnovom období takto doslova formovali svoju poetiku. Ale kde sú tie veci? Už sú pasé! Bez pokory to nejde. Pokora je na to, aby ste vedeli, že je niečo silnejšie, než ste vy. To je všetko. Ak nevyznáivate heslo 'Vsjó vremja vperedí' ako Čapajev."

## Muž, ktorý všetko vie, zomrie

Prekvapenie súvisí s tajomstvom a tajomstvo s otázkami. Sú otázky, na ktoré Milan Rúfus za 78 rokov života dosiaľ nenašiel odpoveď? "Isteže! Na to najpodstatnejšie! Niekedy mám z toho celého dokonca dojem, že prítomnosť istého tajomstva je podmienkou normálneho bytia. Staré talianske príslovie hovorí, že muž, ktorý všetko vie, zomrie. Možno potrebujeme istú dávku tajomstva a nepoznania, aby sme mohli dýchať." Milan Rúfus priznal, že písanie preňho znamená byť stále účasťou na živote. "Čím život dlhšie trvá, tým je krajší." Preto by bol veľmi rád ešte chvíľu v kontakte so stvorením, aj keď súčasný svet nie je veľmi naklonený poetike. "Každý čas je časom chleba a hier, no žiadalo by sa mi, aby bolo trochu viac chleba. Súčasnosť je doba povrchová, ale takýchto dôb už bolo v dejinách mnoho. Ja som mal druhú študijnú kombináciu so slovenčinou dejepis, takže o tom môžem hovoriť. Žiadalo by sa mi, aby ľudia žili aj duchovne," netajil svoje želanie Milan Rúfus. "Nedostatkom tohto času je jeho povrchnosť. Je to paradox, že do hĺbiny sa dostaneme, keď trochu oľážeme. Po povrchu sa plavia ľahšie veci. Toto tisícročie sa nezačína ľahko, vo svete je plno fanatického nezmyselného vraždenia až je ťažko o tom hovoriť. V čase studenej vojny stáli dve karty proti sebe, ale stáli, no teraz akoby ten, kto niekoho popiera, zároveň ho opiera."

Zuzana Artimová  
Katolícke noviny

## Kútik humoru

- Pán majster, zavolať som vás preto, aby ste mi naladili klavír a nie aby ste sa zabávali s mojou ženou!

- Ide babka na bicykli a istý pán jej vraví: "Kam idete, babka?" "Na cintorín," odpovie mu. On na to: "A čo myslíte, kto ten bicykel odnesie naspäť?"

"Je to pravda, že Jana prijala tvoju ponuku na sobáš?"

"Áno, ale musím istý čas počkať."

"Ako to?"

"Povedala mi, že budem posledný, ktorého si vezme."

Mladá žena sa pýta svojho snúbenca: "Drahý, čo ťa priťahuje na dievčatách? Inteligencia alebo krása?"

"Ani jedno ani druhé, veď vieš, že sa mi páčiš iba ty!"

# TURÍCE

## Čas svätodušný

V Skutkoch apoštolských (19,1-7) čítame, ako sv. Pavol apoštol na misijných cestách prišiel až do Efezu. Keďže tam už našiel niektorých veriacich, pýtal sa ich: "Keď ste sa stali veriacimi, či ste vtedy prijali aj Ducha svätého?" Oni mu odpovedali: "Ba ani sme nikdy nepočuli, že je Duch svätý."

Aby ani nám nebol Duch svätý neznámym Bohom, Cirkev katolícka každoročne slávnostne pripomína Jeho príchod a pravdy o ňom. Cirkev sv. tak robí na sviatky svätodušné, čiže Turíce. Po latinsky sa menujú tieto sviatky Pentecostes, čo je z gréckeho slova: pentekosté = päťdesiaty. Sviatky svätodušné sa oslavujú v päťdesiaty deň po Veľkej noci, alebo desiaty deň po Nabevstúpení Krista Pána.

Katechizmus nás učí, že Duch svätý je tretia božská osoba, pravý Boh s Otcom i Synom. Prvá božská osoba, Boh Otec, stvoril svet, Syn Boží Kristus vykúpil svet a keď vstupoval do nebies, rozkázal apoštolom, aby neodchádzali z Jeruzalema, kým im nepoše Ducha svätého (Skutky apošt. 1, 4). Oni "všetci zotrvali jednotne na modlitbách" a chystali sa na príchod Ducha svätého. Bolo to na desiaty deň po Nabevstúpení Pána, keď boli zhromaždení vo večeradle, kde bola aj Panna Mária. Vtedy za hromobitia zostúpil Duch sv. na jedného každého z nich v podobe ohnivých jazykov (Skutky apošt. 2, 1-11) A oni začali hovoriť rozličnými rečami, takže všetci cudzinci, zhromaždení na sviatky Letníc v Jeruzaleme, ich rozumeli. Na prvú kázeň sv. Petra sa dalo pokrstiť vyše tri tisíc ľudí. To bola prvá Cirkev Kristova. Preto mnohí dejepisci nazývajú sviatky svätodušné narodeninami Cirkvi katolíckej.

## Príprava na Turíce

Radosť nad príchodom Ducha svätého, ktorý bude viesť Cirkev až do konca sveta, a radosť z narodenín Cirkvi vyslovuje Cirkev náležitou oslavou týchto sviatkov. Deväť dní od Nanebevstúpenia Pána až po Turíce, zodpovedá tým dňom, v ktorých sa sv. apoštoli chystali na príchod Ducha sv. V celej Cirkvi sa odbavuje deviatnik ku

Duchu svätému a za týchto devať dní Cirkev svätá volá so svojimi veriacimi v modlitbách: "Príď, ó Bože Duchu svätý ..., naplň srdcia darmi presvätých milostí ..." V sobotu pred Turícami, tak ako na Bielu sobotu, svätí sa v kostole voda na krstenie. To je pamiatkou toho, že aj v túto sobotu v prvotnej Cirkvi krstievali katechumenov, ktorí sa pripravovali na sv. krst. Táto sobota pred Turícami sa volá aj vigíliou svätodušnou (vtedy sa aj postíme tým spôsobom, že smieme jesť len tri razy za deň, z toho iba raz do sýtosti a mäso smieme jesť len raz v tomto dni).

Svätá omša na svätodušné sviatky býva v červenej farbe, čo nám pripomína ohnivé jazyky. V strednej Európe veriaci ľud ohnivé jazyky Ducha sv. si pripomína aj tým, že nielen kostoly, ale aj svoje príbytky vyzdobuje na tieto sviatky lípovými ratolesťami, ktorých lístky sa podobajú jazykom. Týmto chcú veriaci vyjadriť tie dary, ktoré Duch sv. priniesol a prináša omilostenému srdcu stále; sú to: dar múdrosti, rozumu, dar poznania právd božích, dar rady, dar sily, dar nábožnosti a bázne Božej. Nakoľko sviatosť birmovania je sviatosť Ducha svätého, keď Duch svätý zostupuje na pokrsteného človeka, obdaruje ho osobitnou milosťou, pasuje ho za bojovníka práv Kristových, táto sviatosť sa vysluhuje v čase svätodušnom.

## Oktáva svätodušná

Kedysi svätodušné sviatky trvali tri dni: v nedeľu, v pondelok a v utorok. Dnes sa svätí iba svätodušná nedeľa a pondelok sa v Európe ešte vždy svätí ako prísvätie (to jest: veriaci idú do kostola, v úradoch sa síce pracuje, ale veriaci ešte zachovávajú sviatočného ducha). Osem dní po sviatku Ducha svätého trvá oktáva tohto sviatku, keď Cirkev sv. vo sv. omši a v breviári stále pripomína príchod Ducha sv. a Jeho nekonečné dary. V tejto oktáve sa sv. omša slúži tiež vo farbe červenej. Len pohrebná sv. omša môže byť vo farbe čiernej. Inak sv. omša za zomrelých smú byť len vo farbe červenej. Cirkev svätá toto robí z úcty voči Duchu svätému.

Rev. Augustín J. Záh:  
SVETLO V TMÁCH



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Uvedenie tretieho bloku jadrovej elektrárne v Mochovciach do prevádzky je naplánované na rok 2012. Približne o 6 mesiacov po dokončení tretieho bloku bude spustený do prevádzky aj štvrtý blok elektrárne. Ako uviedol riaditeľ výstavbového závodu Slovenských elektrární - Mochovce pre 3. a 4. blok Giancarlo Aquilanti, spoločnosť Enel nevyklučuje skrátenie času potrebného na výstavbu obidvoch blokov. Majetok 3. a 4. bloku elektrárne v Mochovciach sa momentálne pohybuje na úrovni 250 miliónov eur, Enel preinvestoval doteraz 28 miliónov eur. Očakávané investície spojené s dokončením obidvoch blokov atómovej elektrárne vrátane paliva by mali dosiahnuť 1.4 miliardy eur. Z tejto sumy predstavujú prevádzkové náklady zhruba 400 miliónov eur, stavebné náklady 1 miliardu eur. Na snímke pohľad na chladiace veže 1 a 2 bloku jadrovej elektrárne Mochovce.

# Historický odkaz Dr. Jozefa Tisu

Milan S. Ďurica  
II.

Túto lásku k slovenskému národu, ktorú nik iný podrobnejšie teoreticky nerozpracoval a celý svoj život i smrťou nedosvedčil - martýriom po grécky znamená svedectvo - odniesol si Jozef Tiso v zárodkoch už z rodičovského domu. Veľká Bytča mala takú tradíciu národného povedomia, že ju nazývali "malým Martinom". Už na ľudovej škole učiteľ Trusina prichytil žiacka Jozefa Tisu, ako si zanôtil "Hej, Slováci". Trusina bol dobrý Slováčok: iba napomenul svojho žiaka, aby bol opatrnejší. Ako gymnazista v Žiline študent Tiso schádzal sa s dôvernými priateľmi mimo školy, kde si čítali správy o slovenskom národnom hnutí.

Nitriansky seminár bol už úplne pomad'arčený. Veď Nitra bola sídlom povestnej FEM-KE, v ktorej časopise "Felvidék" redaktor Béla Grünwald s nadšením konštatoval: "Škola maďarská je veľký stroj: na jednej strane hádzame doň stá slovenských detí, na druhej strane nám vracia hotových Maďarov". Tento duch vládol tak v nitrianskom seminári, ako aj na piaristickom gymnáziu, kde seminaristi študovali. Tiso neprovokoval svojich cirkevných a školských predstavených, ale ani nezradil svoje národné presvedčenie. Ostával v osobnom styku s bohoslovcem Koptákom, ktorého pre slovenčinu vyhodili zo seminára. A vedel dôverne rozširovať aj povzbudzujúce listy, ktoré slovenským seminaristom tajne posielal vtedy vynikajúci národovec, poslanec dr. František Jehlička.

Na štúdiách vo Viedni popri náročnom programe teologickej fakulty bohoslovec Tiso našiel si čas, aby študoval životy slovenských svätcov Andreja-Svorada a Beňadika. Napriek všetkej jeho opatrnosti v tomto ohľade došla naň do Pazmanea vtedy hrozná obžaloba, že je silne zapletený do slovenských národných snažení v tom zmysle poburuje aj nitrianskych seminaristov. Iba svedomitosti a kňazskej zodpovednosti rektorov Pazmanea i nitrianskeho seminára možno ďakovať, že po náležitom vyšetrovaní odložili túto žalobu ad acta a ušetrili tak Jozefovi Tisovi osud vylúčenia zo seminára krátko pred dosiahnutím kňazského svätenia.

Pre mladého kňaza dr. Jozefa Tisu bolo iste prozreteľným riadením, že ho biskup Batthány nepozval hneď do kuriálnych kancelárií, ale určil ho najprv za kaplána do odľahlej Oščadnice, potom do Rajca a nakoniec do Bánoviec nad Bebravou. Sám Tiso neskôr vysoko hodnotil túto svoju pastoračnú činnosť, o ktorej povedal: "To bola moja druhá univerzita". Tam totiž prišiel do bezprostredného styku so slovenským ľudom, poznal jeho materiálnu i duchovnú biedu, jeho bezmocnosť voči hospodárskym vykorisťovateľom i voči odnárodňovacej politike maďarských vlád. Táto skutočnosť mu umožnila domyslieť teórie sociálnej náuky so zreteľom na ich praktickú aplikáciu v konkrétnom prípade slovenského národa.

Kontakt so slovinským národným a sociálnym hnutím počas vojenskej služby v prvom roku svetovej vojny v Maribore dal Tisovi ďalšie inšpiračné popudy pre jeho program podujatí na obranu a povznesenie slovenského národa. Zánikom rakúsko-uhorskej monarchie v roku 1918 otvorili sa mu v tomto ohľade netušené možnosti. Preto dr. Jozef Tiso s nadšením privítal vznik česko-slovenského štátu a zapojil sa do jeho budovania.

Netrvalo však dlho, a ten istý dr. Jozef Tiso, ktorý ako profesor teológie a osobný tajomník nitrianskeho biskupa na biskupskom hintove o štyroch paripách vítal vstup českých vojakov do Nitry, musel vytriezviť z počiatočného nadšenia. Lebo to, čo Česi Slovákom doniesli, bolo síce oslobodenie od maďarskej nadvlády, ale nebola to ešte sloboda, po akej Slováci túžili. A tak už v decembri 1918 vidíme profesora Tisu v Žiline po boku Andreja Hlinku pri oživotvorení Slovenskej ľudovej strany, ktorá sa aj jeho pričinením čoskoro stala najvýraznejším faktorom politického boja Slovákov. Teoretickým usmerňovateľom tohoto politického boja Hlinkovej slovenskej ľudovej strany a neskôr i celého autonomistického bloku bol po celý čas dr. Jozef Tiso. Jeho politickú náuku - vtedy sa to označovalo výrazom ideológia - možno zhrnúť do niekoľkých princípov, ktoré v podstate bezozmeny hlásal tak v boji o autonómiu Slovenska, ako aj po celé obdobie trvania Slovenskej republiky. Budem sa usilovať vyjadriť tieto princípy používajúc nakoľko možno vlastné slová dr. Jozefa Tisu a pripojím k nim podľa potreby stručný komentár.

## 1. Slovenský národ je historickou skutočnosťou

Vznikol prirodzeným vývinom na území, ktoré obýva nepretržite vyše tisíc rokov napriek tomu, že jeho vývin bol hatený nepriaznivými vplyvmi zo strany vonkajších i vnútorných rušiacich faktorov.

Naším mladším generáciám sa môže zdať zbytočným zdôrazňovanie tejto evidentnej skutočnosti. Ich príslušníci sotva vedia pochopiť, že nielen za Uhorska v minulom storočí, ale aj za prvej Česko-slovenskej republiky najvyšší vládni predstavitelia celkom otvorene popierali existenciu akéhokoľvek slovenského národa. Bolo preto prvou povinnosťou uvedomelých Slovákov hlasno zdôrazňovať svoju národnú identitu a bojovať o jej štátoprávne uznanie. Veď ešte v r. 1943 dr. Edvard Beneš v Londýne celkom kategoricky prehlásil: "Mnë nikdy nedostanete k tomu, abych uznal slovenský národ... Zastávam neochvejne, názor, že Slováci jsou Češi a že slovenský jazyk k jest jen jedním z nářečí českého jazyka, tak jak je tomu s hanáčtinou nebo s jinými nářečmi české řeči".

Ak dnes už tento problém nejestvuje, je to zásluhou bojov a obetí našich predošlých generácií a predovšetkým generácie dr. Jozefa Tisu.



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2. **Národ ako prirodzený spoločenský útvar najvyššieho typu je subjektom Bohom daného prirodzeného práva**

a teda prameňom všetkého pozitívneho práva, ktorým sa majú riadiť jeho vnútorné a spoločenské vzťahy i jeho vonkajšie vzťahy k iným národom. Toto zvrchované právo rozhodovať nezávisle na nikom inom o svojich osudoch nazýva dr. Tiso suverenitou národa.

## 3. Štát ako najvyššia forma právnej organizácie spoločnosti je výkonným orgánom národnej suverenity.

Zmyslom štátu je služba národu pre také organizovanie vnútorných pomerov a obrany voči nepriaznivým vonkajším vplyvom, ktoré zaistí národu maximum možných optimálnych podmienok pre nerušený duchovný i materiálny vývin tak jednotlivých osôb, ako aj celého národa. Mierou hodnoty štátu je miera a kvalita týchto jeho služieb národu. Preto je Tisovi národ viac ako štát.

Vo formulovaní týchto dvoch zásad sa dr. Tiso odklonil od prevažnej časti katolíckych teoretikov náuky o štáte, ktorí považovali štát za "dokonalú spoločnosť" a teda za jediný subjekt suverenity. Tiso vychádzal tiež z filozofie sv. Tomáša Aquinského, ale zohľadňoval aj novočasové myslenie nemeckých a talianskych teoretikov náuky o spoločnosti a včlenil ho do slovenských filozofických tradícií osvietenov i Štúrovej školy tak, aby jeho syntéza zodpovedala objektívnym potrebám slovenskej spoločnosti v danej historickej situácii.

## 4. Slovenský národ ako prirodzená etnická osobnosť vyše tisícročnej historickej kontinuity je si vedomý svojej samobytnosti a suverenity.

"Prehlasujeme - povedal dr. Tiso v pražskom parlamente už v rokoch 1932-1936 - že slovenský národ ako samostatný národ cíti sa byť suverénnym predstaviteľom všetkého práva na historickom území dnešnej slovenskej krajiny ..., ktorého práva dľa svojho najlepšieho posúdenia uplatňuje a v budúcnosti vždy a voči každému uplatňovať bude." (1936) "Základom autonómie slovenského národa je tá hihistorická nepretržitá čiara života slovenského národa, na ktorej sa národ slovenský v povedomí svojej národnej samobytnosti odjakživa pohyboval", (1932).

Tiso rozvádzal túto zásadu odvolávajúci sa na dejiny Slovákov počnúc Pribinom, Rastislavom, Svätoplukom a Cyrilom a Metodom, cez Szölösiho a Magina, Hollého a Bernoláka, Štúra, Hurbana a Hodžu, Kuzmányho a Moysesu, až po Hlinku a Rázusa, ktorí najvýraznejšie stelesňovali tento nepretržitý prúd slovenského národného myslenia a z neho vyplývajúci snažení o uplatnenie suverenity slovenského národa. Táto suverenita slovenského národa bola podstatnou myšlienkou boja Hlinkovej slovenskej ľudovej strany za autonómiu Slovenska.

## 5. Pod pojmom autonómie Slovenska rozumel Tiso a s ním slovenské autonomistické hnutie plné realizovanie suverenity slovenského národa.

Teda vlastne samostatný slovenský štát, ktorý by sa prejavom svojej nezávislej politickej vôle včlenil ako rovnoprávna štátna jednotka do spoločného nadštátneho organizmu Česko-Slovenskej republiky.

Pre náležité pochopenie tohto bodu Tisovho odkazu musíme si uvedomiť historickú situáciu Slovákov v období 1918-1938. Česko-Slovenská republika stala sa medzinárodne uznaným štátom. Vedúci slovenského autonomistického hnutia boli členmi parlamentu tohoto štátneho zriadenia a museli zložiť prísahu vernosti Republike. Teologicky školení vodcovia Hlinkovej slovenskej ľudovej strany boli vo svedomí viazaní bojovať za práva slovenského národa iba legálnymi prostriedkami, ktoré vylučujú zradu a každé násilie. Preto nebolo ich úmyslom búrať česko-slovenský štát, ale pretvoriť ho tak, aby v ňom našla miesto a uznanie suverenity slovenského národa. Iste mali na mysli príklad rakúsko-uhorského dualizmu a snažili sa o taký pomer k Česku, v akom bolo za posledných šesťdesiat rokov Uhorsko v rámci habsburskej monarchie. Vyplýva to už z rezolúcie, ktorú dal odhlasovať Andrej Hlinka na ľudovom zhromaždení v Ružomberku dňa 17. novembra 1918: "Žiadame si na základe samourčovacieho práva národov vybudovať na území Slováckmi obývanom samostatný slovenský štát v rámci ľudovej republiky česko-slovenských zemí."

Presne na tejto línii stál o dvadsať rokov neskôr, v novembri 1938, dr. Jozef Tiso keď ako predseda vlády autonómneho Slovenska oznamoval Slovákom: Slovenská vláda po dvoch mesiacoch pristupuje k budovaniu slovenského štátu. Vypísala voľby do prvého zákonodarného slovenského snemu, aby národ slovenský na základe všeobecného hlasovacieho práva rozhodol, či chce nové slobodné Slovensko ako slovenský štát so všetkými atribútmi štátnosti, ... či chce uplatniť svoju národnú suverenitu vo svojom národnom štáte."

## 6. Samostatný Slovenský štát, vytvorený jednohlasným rozhodnutím zákonodarného slovenského snemu 14. marca 1939, je vyvrcholením politického vývoja slovenského národa.

Plným uplatnením národnej suverenity slovenský snem sa rozhodol pre také štátne zriadenie, aké v danom historickom momente považoval za optimálne vzhľadom na medzinárodnú situáciu a na ohrozené životné záujmy slovenského národa. Vonkajšie vplyvy podmienili iba časový moment tohoto, vo svojej podstate čisto slovenského historického činu.

Tak ako všetky iné kultúrne vyspelé národy, aj Slováci povždy cielili k prirodzenému dovŕšeniu svojho politického vývinu, ktorým je v našom historickom okruhu uplatnenie suverenity národa vo vlastnej štátnosti. Už pred tisícročím boli Slováci prvým slovanským národom stredoeurópskeho geopolitického priestoru ktorý dospel k uplatneniu svojej suverenity vo vlastných formách predfeudálnych a ranofeudálnych mocenských zriadení.

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