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At the Fest, the FCSU had a sign up for a free raffle, and a drawing of the winner's name was conducted at the home office by FCSU President Andrew M. Rajec. Pictured (L - R): Karen Davis, President Rajec, and Piroska Merai.



Full coverage of the First Catholic Slovak Union Con held in Cleveland, Ohio, this past August is now available in both downloadable photos - and, now, online slideshows. See p. 12 for details.

## FCSU International Booth at Fest Celebration

The First Catholic Slovak Union's Membership and Marketing Committee set up an informational booth at the annual Fest Celebration held August 8, 2010 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, OH. At the booth, information was provided on the FCSU and its insurance and annuity products. Officers were on hand to answer ques-

tions concerning the Society. This booth was part of the on-going campaign to make the FCSU more visible by attending the many festivals held during the summer months.



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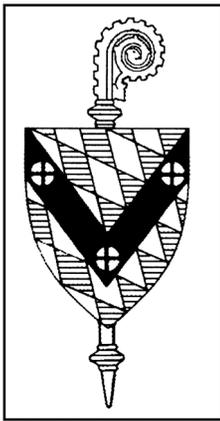
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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

**October 31, 2010**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 19:1-10**

### Gospel Summary

Jesus has now arrived at Jericho and so his long journey to Jerusalem is almost over. He has been modeling for us our own journey of faith. When he meets Zachaeus he reminds us that it will not be

possible to go with him all the way to Cross and Resurrection without total generosity.

In the previous chapter, the rich ruler cannot abandon his wealth in order to follow Jesus (18:18). By contrast, Zachaeus is happy to share half of his possessions with the poor. The wealthy ruler appears to be pious and observant, whereas Zachaeus has been collecting taxes for the hated Roman occupiers of his country. Nonetheless, he is the one who is looking for Jesus and he is the one with whom Jesus wishes to be associated.

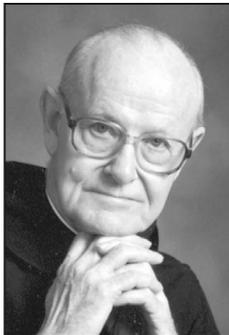
Much has been made of the fact that Zachaeus was "short of stature," so that he had to climb a sycamore tree in order to see, and be seen by, Jesus. Today we would say that he was a little man with a big heart!

### Life Implications

The gospel tells us that Zachaeus was a rich man. We may assume, therefore, that he was not like most of us, who would no doubt be surprised if someone should call us rich. In fact, we are wealthy in many ways that do not involve money, such as talent, kindness or sensitivity. And so we need to ask ourselves whether we are as generous as was Zachaeus in sharing our own gifts. Do we think that much about the poor? Do we realize that the "poor" are often those who need a kind word or a friendly smile?

This gospel story reminds us also that we must be very careful not to judge others because of their appearance. We are told that those who accompanied Jesus began to grumble when he chose to be a guest of this marginal Jew, who seemed to be collaborating with the Romans. But, as a matter of fact, this was one of those jobs that someone had to do. The real world is not as neat as we might like it to be. The point is that Zachaeus "redeemed" his unsavory work by the generosity that he brought to it.

It should also be noted that Zachaeus did not live in the illusion of self-sufficiency. He knew that somehow his life was incomplete without Jesus. And he did not allow his short stature to become an excuse for not seeking Jesus. Nor did Jesus consider his "inadequacy" to be an obstacle. Jesus wants to be a guest in all our homes. Our desire to welcome him will easily cancel any feelings of unworthiness that may hold us back. The kindness we offer to others can more than make up any "shortness" we may have..



Demetrius R. Dumm  
O.S.B.

**November 7, 2010**  
**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 20:27-38**

### Gospel Summary

Some Sadducees, denying belief in resurrection, pose a hypothetical question to Jesus about seven brothers who, after each other's death, marry the same woman. The Sadducees ask whose wife that woman will be at the resurrection. Jesus replies that those who are deemed worthy to attain to the resurrection of the dead are not married to anyone. They can no longer die, and they themselves are all children of God. Then Jesus points out that the Sadducees should know this from the passage in Exodus where God appears to Moses in the burning bush. The Lord said to Moses, "I am the God...of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." It is evident, Jesus says, that the Lord is "not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

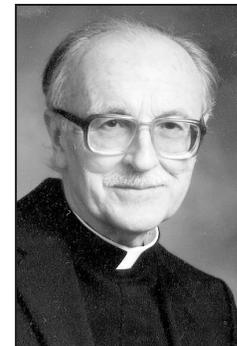
### Life Implications

In Luke's gospel, Jesus seems quite reticent in talking at length about the specifics of life after death. To the Sadducees' question, Jesus simply replies that after resurrection there will no longer be a need of bearing children—we will all be children of God. In other episodes of the gospel there is the same reticence. Jesus alludes to gaining a reward in heaven and the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Lazarus in a parable will be carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham. In his last hour, Jesus promises Paradise to the thief who is dying with him on a cross. The principal focus, however, of Jesus' teaching is on the present. "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:28). They will be counted among the blessed at the Lord's coming in judgment.

Jesus' attention to the supreme importance of responding to the reality of the present moment is evident not only in his teaching, but in his own life. Luke tells us that when Jesus realized that his own death was imminent, he did not explain to his disciples what would happen to him after his death. Rather, he prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, still, not my will but yours be done." It is in the reality of that moment that Jesus hears the word of God, and keeps it. He could put his life into God's hands at that moment because he trusted that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would not abandon him to the power of death.

We encounter God and can respond to his will only in the narrow gate of our own present moment, our day of salvation. We do not encounter God in the feelings of past moments that we try to hang on to, or in the feelings of future moments that we try to imagine. Now is the only time for the decision of faith and for the works of love.

Because God is the God of the living, when we encounter God in faith we are in the presence of all who are in communion with God. Each Sunday in the Eucharistic prayer, we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" with the Risen Lord and with all who are alive in him. It is a natural trajectory from the good news of Jesus' affirmation that our life as God's children does not end with death to the good news that Pope Paul VI gave us to affirm in the Credo of the People of God. "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers."



Campion P. Gavaler,  
O.S.B.

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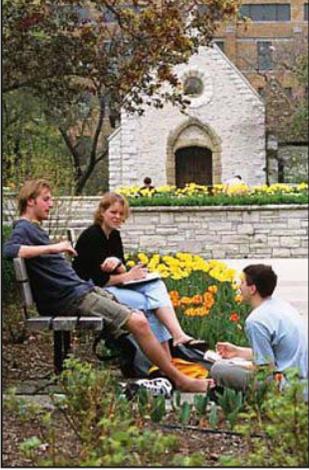
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# REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

## October 2010

### General Intention

**Catholic Universities.** *That Catholic Universities may increasingly become places where, in light of the gospel, people may experience the unity of faith and reason.*



Over the centuries, colleges founded to educate students from the perspective of faith have drifted away from faith and become wholly secular. Pope Benedict XVI, previously a university professor himself, is keenly aware of the way faith can be set aside in an educational institution. And when faith departs, so ultimately does reason. Truth comes by faith and reason working together. This month we are asked to pray that Catholic universities may increasingly become places where people may experience the unity of faith and reason.

Pope John Paul II addressed this topic in his 1998 encyclical *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason). The Encyclical has two chapters, "I Believe So That I May Understand" and "I Understand So That I May Believe." The Pope began with these words: "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God

has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth."

The crisis of today's higher education comes not just from the lack of faith, but also from the lack of reason. To some, truth has become an illusion. Truth depends on God. In a world without faith in God, any "truth" is just as good (or as bad) as any other. Like cynical Pontius Pilate, many are now asking, "What is truth?" Their question is not sincere because it contains the assumption that the truth is unknown, unknowable, and irrelevant. But Jesus answered Pilate, "I am the Truth." Jesus embodies the truth that God is Love and we are God's children. He is the truth that makes us free. By faith, we affirm the values upon which all knowledge depends: we affirm truth, virtue, and beauty. They lead us to God.

All the advances of science will do no good - and might well do harm - without similar advances in wisdom. On the united wings of faith and reason, we can steer straight to the Truth and our destiny in God. We fly in the light of the Gospel, with goodness, not greed, in our hearts.

### Reflection:

How will you speak out for authentic Catholic education in which faith and reason unite?

### Reading:

Proverbs 3:19-22 The Lord by wisdom founded the earth, established the heavens by understanding; by his knowledge the depths break open, and the clouds drop down dew. My son, let not these slip out of your sight; keep advice and counsel in view; so will they be life to your soul.

### Mission Intention

**World Mission Day.** *That World Mission Day may help Christians realize that the task of proclaiming Christ is a necessary service to which the Church is called for the benefit of humanity.*

On the 24th of October the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. Special prayers are offered and special collections taken to aid the work of missionaries around the world. The Holy Father writes a special message for the occasion.

In this year's message Pope Benedict picks up the theme of this month's missionary intention: that we may realize that proclaiming the Gospel is necessary for the benefit of humanity. How is it necessary? Under commandment from Christ to preach and to baptize, the Church is "by her very nature missionary." His people proclaim Christ in word and in deed, says the Pope, "because they have found in him the meaning and the truth for their own lives."



"The missionary mandate," the Pope continues, "cannot be fulfilled without a profound personal, community and pastoral conversion." Words are not enough. We must live our faith.

So how does missionary service benefit all of humanity? It benefits all because Christians bring the truth of Jesus, and all humanity is hungry for the truth, which is the love of God. God's love alone is the basis for true peace and true happiness, here and now and in heaven forever. The preaching of the Gospel, says the Pope, bears fruit in a more just society and in a human solidarity that prepares

us for eternal life.

The Pope said recently to the Mission Societies, "Evangelization needs Christians with arms raised to God in a gesture of prayer, Christians moved by the awareness that the conversion of the world to Christ is not done by us, but is given" by God while we pray and follow the Lord. So, as Apostles of Prayer, we commit ourselves to prayer and almsgiving. This is our duty and our joy.

### Reflection:

How do you obey the "missionary mandate" in your own life? How do the truth of Christ and the love of the Father shine through in your daily activities?

### Reading:

John 14:5-7 Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father."

### Prayer of the Month

All-holy Father, eternal God, in your goodness you prepared a royal throne for your Wisdom in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; bathe your Church in the radiance of your life-giving Word, that, pressing forward on its pilgrim way in the light of truth, it may come to the joy of a perfect knowledge of your love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- from the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom



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The 11th Annual Czech and Slovak Freedom Lecture will be delivered by Her Excellency, Ivetta Radicova, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, from 12:00 noon - 1:00pm. "The New Slovak Government and U.S. - Slovak Relations" will be presented by the Prime Minister as part of the Director's Forum in Woodrow Wilson Center, Title to be determined. Woodrow Wilson Center, Flom Auditorium, 6th Floor, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Telephone (202) 691-4222. Admission free.



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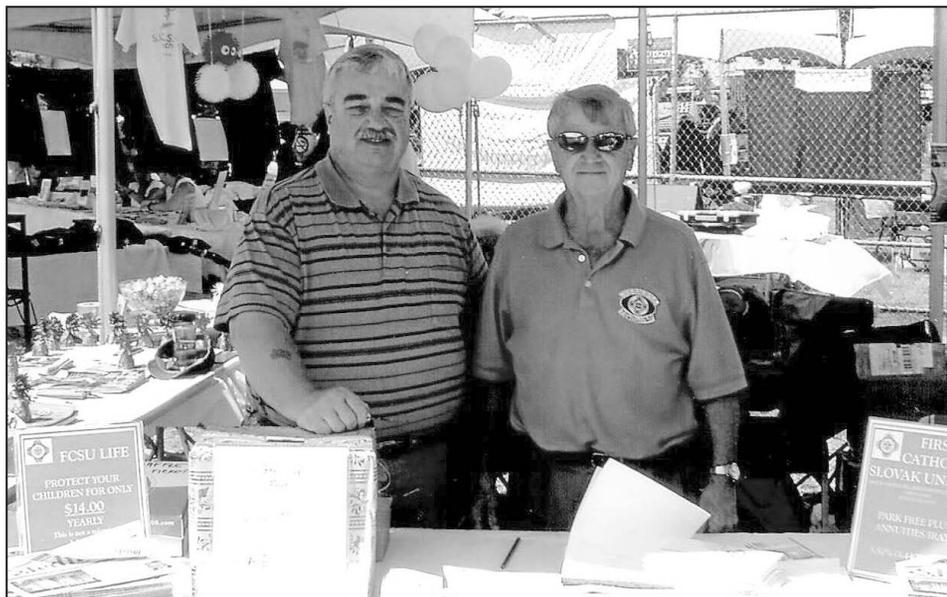
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The Fest is a day-long event that gathered over 35,000 people from across Northeastern Ohio. This entirely free day is filled with national Christian artists, interactive dis-

plays, inflatables, a kid's area, great food, and other attractions. The Fest has grown to become one of the largest faith-based summer events



The First Catholic Slovak Union's booth at the Fest, an event that has grown to become one of the largest faith-based summer events in the country.



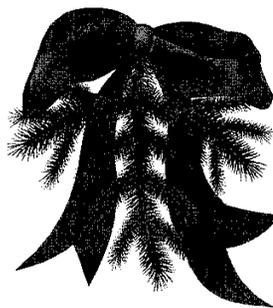
Manning the FCSU booth at the Fest were (L – R): National Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt and National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.



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You are invited to a party celebrating Slovakia on Sat., Nov 6, 2010, from 5 to 10 pm at the Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh Airport, 8402 University Blvd, Moon Township, Pennsylvania, 15108. Those who have Slovak roots or have traveled to Slovakia or would like to know more about this special place are invited to come and bring family and friends.

Entertainment will include a talent show and glimpses of Slovakia and its treasures via a slide show and an exhibit of folk dress and folk art.

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L-R, Marcel Hornak, Katka Hornak, Maria Straka-Jobus, Fero Hornak, FCSU President Andrew M. Rajec

## Visitors From Slovakia Visit FCSU Home Office, Slovak Institute

by Joseph Hornak

In September of 2010 the first visit to the United States was made by members of the Frantisek (Fero) Hornak family from Trnava, Slovakia. This had been a long wish by this Hornak family in Slovakia and the Hornack family here in America. In 1983 second cousins, Fero and Joe Hornack of Independence Ohio, first met. The following years of 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997 most gracious hosting was given in Slovakia by all the Hornak family members to those able to visit from America, the time had finally come to attempt in some way to show gratitude, bonding and love to those family members able to visit in 2010.

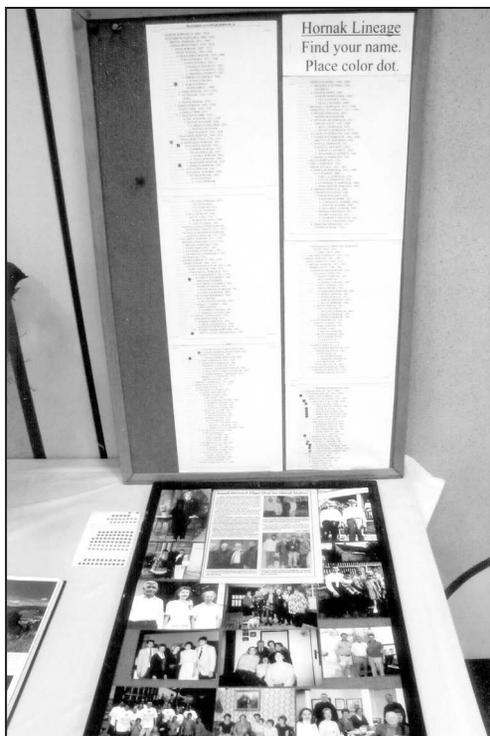
The visiting party of four, Fero & Katka Hornak, son Marcel a professor in Bratislava at the countries largest Comenius University and Maria Straka Jobus from the Hornak roots village of Krakovany, traveled to, and returned from, the airport in Toronto, Canada. The stop in Canada was necessary in order to also spend time with Bozena Cibik Wagner another cousin, and her family, who lives in Welland, Ontario. At the airport in Canada they would rent a car to use in their travels, and to drive to Ohio.

Arriving in Ohio on Saturday, September 11th, plans were made to spend the following six days at the home of Joe and Dolores Hornack in Independence, Ohio. The next day, Sunday, a reception was organized in a Party Room at the Independence Civic Center where friends and family, some for the first time, could meet and greet each other. Over 50 persons were able to attend. A catered buffet, with some added Slovak homemade specialties, was enjoyed by all. A DVD showing highlights of earlier visits to Krakovany was shown on a large screen in the background, Slovak accordion music was provided by a local Slovak woman who herself was from Trnava. A display was prepared of old family photos and with it a long lineage chart on which colored dots for those in attendance could be placed. Young and old enjoyed spending this afternoon together.

The next day, Monday, a van carry six would visit Pittsburgh. Here Jay Hornack lives, he had visited with these relatives twice before and would host this visit while showing the sights. Some stops being of special interest to Slovaks. Tuesday would be a planned morning Slovak mass at St. Andrew Abbey and home of the Slovak Institute & Reference Library. At the Institute, with director Andrew Hudak and where Joe Hornack assists, they would see and receive some carefully selected reading material. Especially for Prof. Marcel Hornak to take back to Bratislava. A drive to see Slovak landmarks in Cleveland would follow and then to downtown Cleveland and the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame & Museum. Wednesday would be time in Cuyahoga Valley National Park hiking and visiting see historic Canal locks. In the evening Marcel would meet with younger family members to take in some nightlife while his elders would enjoy an evening of Putt-Putt golf with Joe and Dolores.

Thursday a morning visit to burial sights of deceased family was made and then a visit to the national home office of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU Jednota), in Independence. The newly added museum display was especially appreciated. President Andrew Rajec found special interest speaking with Professor Marcel Hornak and getting his views as a younger generation scholar, Marcel being only 38 years old. This same afternoon they would return to Welland Ontario Canada to resume seeing Canadian sights and returning Slovakia on the 24th of September.

Old family photos and long lineage chart were on display at a reception for the visiting party from Slovakia.



## Heinz History Center Hosts Vatican Splendors Exhibition

Beginning Oct. 2, the Senator John Heinz History Center is hosting *Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art*, a 10,000 square-foot exhibition presenting unique objects illustrating 2,000 years of art, history, and culture. The History Center is one of only three venues in North America to host this extraordinary exhibition.

The *Vatican Splendors* exhibition presents nearly 200 unique items from the Vatican, including:

- Original works by Michelangelo, as well as a first generation cast of the Pietà from St. Peter's Basilica, alongside signed documents and personal objects used in work on the Sistine Chapel;
- 17th century works by Bernini, including carved, gilded angels and a baroque urn depicting the Last Supper from the Basilica of Saint Mary Major;
- A reliquary containing the remains of Saint Peter and Saint Paul that has never been outside of the Vatican;
- Guercino's c. 1622 "Portrait of Christ with Crown of Thorns" painting, the first modern representation of Jesus, that has never been on display at the Vatican;
- Original frescoes of saints created between 1277-1280 at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls;
- Objects discovered at the tombs of Saint Peter and Saint Paul;
- A bronze Cast of the Hand of Pope John Paul II, which visitors are encouraged to touch during their visit, alongside a handwritten poem from John Paul II; and
- Historical objects from the modern and ancient basilicas of Saint Peter's in Rome.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), at Ticketmaster outlets at select Giant Eagles, via telephone at 1-888-5VATICAN, or at the History Center box office at 1212 Smallman St. in the Strip District, during museum hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day).

Members of parishes or congregations must mention the Parish Advantage program when purchasing tickets to receive the \$2 discount. Online customers should enter the special promotional code "PARISH" when placing online ticket orders.

### Western Pennsylvania Section on Display

As part of the *Vatican Splendors* exhibit, visitors can also see a special collection of Western Pennsylvania artifacts, including more than 70 seldom seen vestments, crosiers, chalices, monstrances, statues, and paintings.

The "Catholicism in Western Pennsylvania" collection is on loan from churches and archives throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the region, the History Center's archives, and the Andy Warhol Museum.

Included among the featured Western Pennsylvania artifacts are:

- Ceremonial items such as crosiers and mitres used by local bishops to lead the public in liturgical events. Many of these objects were gifts from mentors, parishioners, and loved ones and they represent the bishops' ascension into the upper echelons of the church.
- Objects used in the daily celebration of Mass such as unique censers that distribute pungent aromas, cruets containing water and wine, and chalices that hold the consecrated wine for communion, as well as objects used by priests to administer sacraments to parishioners.
- Artifacts that represent the ethnic traditions of local churches and the European roots of immigrants and their Catholic rituals. The craftsmanship of these objects speaks to the immigrants' devotion to their religion and their fundamental role in caring for and decorating their parishes.
- A collection of relics collected in the late 1800s that contain the remains of some of the Church's most venerated saints, preserved with historic artistry. These relics are on loan from The Chapel of St. Anthony in the Troy Hill section of Pittsburgh that houses the largest collection of relics outside of the Vatican.
- Several pieces of religious art, including abstracts and sketches, on loan from the Andy Warhol Museum collection.

For more information about the exhibit artifacts, membership opportunities, or ticketing details, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org) or [www.vaticansplendors.com](http://www.vaticansplendors.com).



Items from the Vatican Splendors exhibit include:  
Cast of Pietà from Saint Peter's Basilica.  
Michelangelo Buonarroti.  
Plaster, marble powder.  
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Items from the "Catholicism in Western Pennsylvania" section of the exhibit include:

This crozier was used by Cardinal John Wright, who led the Pittsburgh Diocese from 1959 to 1969.

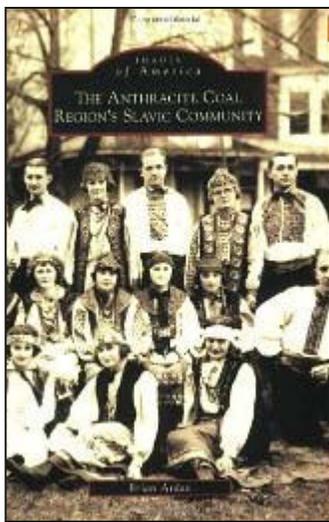




## Book Corner

### “The Anthracite Coal Region’s Slavic Community”

Review by: Branch 112 and Supreme Court Member Joanne Engle Austin



The Images of America series of books published by Arcadia Publishing have been giving voice to small towns and local histories that normally would be relegated to word of mouth or dusty museum photo collections. Arcadia has been publishing local histories and photos since 1993 and this book presents a picture of the people from the Slavic nations who came to the Pennsylvania coal region in the mid to late 19th century in search of work and a chance at a better life. The book is “The Anthracite Coal Region’s Slavic Community” by Brian Ardan. Ardan has a Master’s degree in Slavic studies and wrote the book in the hopes that it will “be a touchstone of sorts for those interested in knowing about, and perhaps preserving, a culture that has had an enormously strong hand in shaping the character of hard coal cities and towns.” The book begins by noting that the term Slavic is comprised of individuals hailing from Eastern Europe and include Slovaks, Poles, Rusyns, Ukrainians and others. There are over 200

photographs of life from the Old World, the mines, church, and local life. The book is not meant to focus on one group of Slavs but on the entire group who immigrated to the coal region and influenced life there for years to come.

The book describes the Slavs in their home countries and the conditions that led them to seek a new life in America. Poor economic conditions and overused land back home forced Slavs to leave for the New World to find work. Oftentimes the male patriarch would emigrate first to set up base and leave their wives, children, parents and siblings home until he had made enough money to send for them. The work they found in America had actually been looking for them. When the Pennsylvania anthracite mine owners were finding it hard to attract local established immigrants to perform the more dangerous mine work the owners sought out new, cheap labor. Immigrant Slavs were recruited to work in the breakers, breathe coal dust, and perform back-breaking labor to strip the vast reservoirs of anthracite that were fueling the growth of America. There are vivid photos in the book of Slavs working in the mines as manual laborers and of “breaker boys” who separated the slate from the coal – young children who had to forego school and go to work in order to help support the family. Women were not spared the hard labor and worked in the nearby mills and cigar factories. The immigrant Slavs worked hard and saved their money and were able to start buying small homes and plots of land to work. It may not have been much but it was the first step in starting a new and more prosperous life.

The Slavic peoples were seen as outsiders when they came to America and were looked down upon by the more established immigrants of the area. As a result many of the ethnic Slavs grouped together to offer each other support and brotherhood. The church was one of these critical establishments that offered community to the people. Many ethnic churches were built in the area including St. Joseph’s Slovak Roman Catholic Church in Hazelton and St. Michael’s Orthodox Church in Mount Carmel. Slavs also formed social groups and fraternal organizations that focused on cultural unity and identification. The book identifies several of the fraternal organizations that formed in the region and that their purpose was not only for brotherhood but also for benefits. Many immigrants were not given death benefits by the collieries and it was not uncommon for Slavs to work their entire lives in the mines only to succumb to an accident or to black lung disease. The benefits provided by the unions helped the survivors bury their loved ones. With the prospect of a short life span for the workers there were also many Slav orphans in the area. The book has a photo of long rows of orphans that were waiting for their dinner at the Jednota Home – an orphanage founded by the First Catholic Slovak Union in 1914.

There are many photos and descriptions of Slavic immigrants who were joining in with the practices of their newly adopted homeland while holding on to their heritage. Church functions intertwined native dress and songs with American themes and anthems. There is included a photo of a 1918 report card from the Roman Catholic School of St. Michael the Archangel in Jessup which shows courses such as English, U.S. history and civic government as well as classes taught in Slovak including catechism, reading and writing.

The book finishes with a look at some of the Slavic traditions that are still seen in the anthracite region including egg painting, the blessing of Easter baskets, and even of Christmas carolers that would receive money or alcohol for songs sung in their native Slavic tongues. Many of these traditions are kept alive by both young and old today.

“The Anthracite Coal Region’s Slavic Community” is an entertaining and easy read with pictures on every page that highlights the history of Slavs in eastern Pennsylvania and the factors that brought them together in church and fraternity. It is meant to show the life and evolution of the Slavic peoples from their immigrant experience to the local Slavs inhabiting the Pennsylvania anthracite region today.

[Reviewer’s Personal Note: I bought this book specifically because it was about Slavs in

the anthracite region and that is where my family history is from. My grandfather, Stephen J. Engle, left school in the eighth grade to become a breaker boy for the mines. He spent half his life working the mines and eventually developed black lung disease but lived a long and full life into his early nineties. He was also devoted to the First Catholic Slovak Union and I was excited when the book mentioned the FCSU. I felt a pride well up when thinking about how my family banded together with others in order to thrive in their adopted homeland. As we grow older we become more and more distanced from our ancestors who made that initial leap to America but held on to their ethnic traditions. I feel it is important to know about those traditions and to pass them on to future generations.]

Title: “The Anthracite Coal Region’s Slavic Community”

Author: Brian Ardan

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128 Pages

For more, go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

## Carpathian Cookbook Available For Christmas



The 13th edition of the Carpathian Cookery cookbook, now available for sale, includes sections on Christmas customs and recipes, along with those for Easter, as well as traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other “tried and true” recipes of St. John parishioners.

The cost of Carpathian Cookery in the US is \$14.00, plus \$3.00 postage and handling, for a total of \$17.00. If ordering from Canada, please send a \$20.00 US Postal money order payable in US dollars to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage costs.

Please send your check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. For more information, call (724) 438-6027 or email [www.carpathiancookery@gmail.com](mailto:www.carpathiancookery@gmail.com).

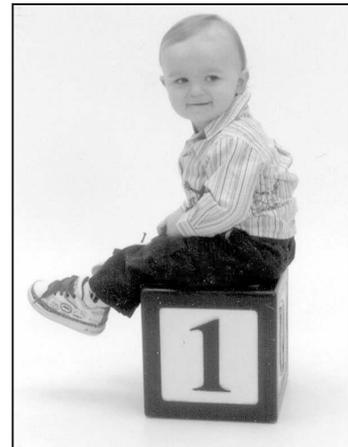


## Congratulations, Fr. Stevko!

Fr. Victor Stevko celebrated his 83rd birthday and the 54th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the church hall of SS Cyril and Methodius, which is located in Lidcombe, a suburb of western Sidney, Australia. He is pictured here, surrounded by many of the parishioners of this Slovak Catholic Church.

## Happy First Birthday, Henry Strekal

Henry Emerson Strekal, among the newest (and youngest) members of Branch 24, Cleveland, Ohio, recently celebrated his first birthday. Born October 12, 2009, Henry celebrated his first birthday the following weekend, with family and friends in attendance, at his home in Bainbridge Township.



Happy Birthday, Henry!

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 EMBASSY SUITES PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and asked Vice President Harcar to lead the prayer.

## ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President  
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary  
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President  
George F. Matta, Treasurer  
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Region 8 & 9, by the invitation of the President

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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

## TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

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

The President led an in-depth discussion reviewing our annuity rates. It was decided to keep the current rates.

## FHLB – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

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

## PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

## SALES AND MARKETING

At this time the President introduced Mr. Roger Gertz from Mt. Software, Inc. Mr. Gertz presented to the Executive Committee a lengthy software illustration program for our recommenders and agents to sell life insurance and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President stated that we will send Mr. Gertz information regarding our products for further demonstration. Mr. Gertz stated that he will do another presentation if necessary.

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

## AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White, AQS Asset Management, LLC., presented his report to the Executive Committee meeting via Web-ex and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

Mr. White reviewed his report he was going to present to the Board of Directors on Friday, September 24th, 2010.

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

## MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

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

## MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of August:

Disbursements for the month of August 2010:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	146,377.97
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	29,694.40
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	527.05

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

## REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

The President stated that the requests for donations have been referred to the Board of Directors Meeting to be held on Friday, September 24, 2010.

## ADJOURN

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

Vice President Harcar closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec  
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary



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- \* The minimum deposit is \$1,000.00.

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we could double our Society immediately**

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# Insights and Viewpoints

## Radičová's First Hundred Days: Attempting to Chart a Course

By Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.  
The University of Maryland University College

After more than a hundred days in office, the new right-center coalition led by Prime Minister Ivetta Radičová is facing mounting dissatisfaction among the Slovak populace. Pursuing a policy of belt-tightening, Radičová is convinced that economic health will only return when governments show restraint by spending within their means and avoiding large budget deficits. Sticking to her austerity program, Radičová is staying the course, remarking that "this government is not responsible for the deficit, but it is responsible for what the country looks like in four years time."

With Slovakia running an 8 percent budget shortfall for 2010, Radičová is aiming to trim the budget to the EU target of 3 percent, and would like to balance the budget by the end of her four year term in office. This marks one of the most ambitious programs of fiscal realignment among EU members since the global financial crisis commenced in 2008.

Slovakia has endured a turbulent period during the world recession. Unemployment stands at 14.6 percent, the second highest in EU after Spain. The Slovak economy has shrunk by 4.7 percent in 2009. Before the economic downturn, Slovakia had boasted 10.4 percent growth in 2007 and ranked among the fastest growing economies in the EU. This was one of the reasons that Slovakia entered the Eurozone and was able to adopt the Euro currency, unlike its neighbors in the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland. The swift decline in trade, especially the sharp decline of exports items such as cars and flat screen televisions, threw the budget off balance as tax revenues dwindled. The deficit ballooned from 27 percent of GDP to 42 percent in 2010.

### A New Budget

Seeing the effects that the crisis has had on weaker Eurozone economies like Greece, the new government decided to act. To set an example, Radičová proposed pushing through ambitious cuts in pay that include reducing state employees' wages by 10 percent and trimming the state's capital investments. Top government officials will have to cope with salary reductions that are linked to triple the annual budget deficit. This amounts to a 24 percent pay cut for 2,600 state employees, which includes even the Prime Minister.

Finance Minister Ivan Mikloš surmised that the reduced spending will cost about a half percentage point in economic growth in 2011, and projected growth would slow to 3 percent from the 4 percent current rate. Some economists even think 3 percent is an optimistic prediction and see growth to as little as 1.5 percent once the economic reforms set in.

On October 6, 2010, Radičová's cabinet approved a draft of a budget that would slash state outlays yet offers concessions to the four-party coalition partners, which are essential to keeping her government intact. The only addendum was a provision to allocate additional funds to victims from Slovakia's terrible flooding this past summer. As law requires, the budget was submitted to parliament on October 15, and budgets typically pass no later than December.

### Opposition Protests

Trade Unions strongly disagree with the details of proposed cuts in the new budget. They have taken their protests to the streets in a series of demonstrations that began in early October and culminated on October 12 in Žilina, Košice, and finally in Bratislava. Over 4,000 union members gathered for the Bratislava protest, which was one of the largest demonstrations in recent years. Led by the Confederation of Trade Unions (KOZ), the unions claim that proposed changes would hurt employees and put at risk "the most vulnerable groups in society."

The unions oppose the coming hike in the value added tax (VAT), which would rise from 19 to 20 percent. The unions prefer a VAT which consists of lower rates for necessities such as food, but they could agree to higher rates for non-essential luxury goods. Rather than penalize ordinary people, the unions want the government to slash administration expenses and modify employment rules. In addition to opposing proposed pension reforms, the unions also want higher taxes on dividends, but would agree with maintaining an excise tax on energy and supporting farmers who use diesel fuel.

Addressing a crowd in Bratislava, union Chairman Miroslav Gazdik stated that the new austerity measures would cost an

average four-member family as much as 400 Euros annually, or about as much as a typical blue collar worker's monthly pay.

The protests were part of a broader series of demonstrations by trade unions across the European Union, where workers in cities from Brussels and Paris to Dublin, Athens, Madrid, and elsewhere have staged massive demonstrations that began in September 2010. Organized by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), the demonstrators believed that that ordinary people are being unfairly targeted for an economic crisis caused by the banks and financial institutions.

While Radičová concurs that ordinary people were not responsible for the global economic crisis, she is determined to keep Slovakia's spending under control. The devil is in the detail, for aiming for a more balanced budget is requiring some very hard choices.

Whereas the trade unions oppose cuts in social spending, the Slovak Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SAMP) has expressed concern that tax increases are unfairly targeting small business owners. In addition to the small VAT rise, other taxes have already gone up, such as property taxes as well as vehicle registration costs and superhighway fees. Small business owners living in Slovakia cannot obtain the tax loopholes of many large foreign firms. The small businesses prefer reduced government spending and assistance to stimulate their own enterprises.

Meanwhile the opposition led by former Prime Minister Robert Fico has been crying foul play since day one of the Radičová regime. He has repeatedly denounced the stringent budget. He wants the proposed removal of parliamentary legal immunity (which failed to pass in a costly September referendum that most voters did not even bother to vote on) be applied not only to parliamentary members, but also those in the government. He sees Radičová as failing miserably in her first 100 days in office and believes the government will not last more than about 90 more days, or six months to a year at most. But such talk is to be expected from the opposition which is still licking its wounds from an election defeat in which the Smer Party still secured nearly 35 percent of the vote, more than double what Radičová's Slovak Democratic and Christian Union Party garnered.

### Staying the Course

Thus far it appears that Radičová is staying the course and not caving in to the political pressure. She pretty much expected a negative response from the national trade unions and has more or less written them off, adding that the unions support the Smer Party. So in the tripartite discussions over labor issues among the government, labor, and business, the unions will be acting more like an opposition group rather than "a partner in social dialogue."

Radičová remarked that the first hundred days were a stressful time. "We underwent a period of searching, setting up the rules of the game, familiarizing ourselves with the new environment." She added that "we had to deal with the loan to Greece from day one; we had to prepare a state budget that's normally being drafted in April. From day one, we had to address various inherited contracts at all ministries." She went on to express full confidence in her Cabinet, which she described as composed of people who are competent experts rather than professional politicians.

On the other hand, Fico sees the current government as failing on one issue after the other. He remarked that "its first 100 days demonstrate the total lack of preparation ... just one chaotic decision after another."

### Dealing with Debts

Slovakia's relations with the EU remain somewhat unsettled after the new government refused to take part in bailing out Greece (See my Jednota article, September 29, 2010). But Radičová is refusing to budge on the issue, much to the consternation of EU European partners. She explained her position in an interview with The Wall Street Journal in which she reiterated emphatically her position on refusing the EU approved Greek loan.

Radičová stated that she was "in solidarity with the citizens of countries" which are in a bind. In the interview and on many occasions she has often cited her empathy with ordinary people (bežní ľudia). She did not fault the citizens of these countries, rather she specified the institutions responsible for the mess – "the governments, rating agencies, the European Commission, Eurostat and the monitoring of real situations, and last but not

least, banks." She called for a change in the behavior of these institutions so they will not repeat these "moral hazards."

Above all, Radičová cited the need to behave responsibly, and noted that "we cannot continue and increase the debt... It is not realistic." Too many states were living off of loans and then using the loans to pay off interest due to poor decision-making. States were living beyond their means to pay.

She mentioned that when she went to USA, she first saw the Statue of Liberty, a great symbol of humanity. But things have gotten so out of whack with reality, and added that that "to show the truth now, the torch would have to show a credit card." This explains her view of fiscal responsibility and how she wants Slovakia to lead the way showing states how to live within their means.

### Problems in the Coalition

Finally, while trying to steer the economic ship into safer waters, Radičová has had to deal with problems of scandal, including those in her own cabinet and government. While pledging to clean up corruption, it appeared that behind-the-scene deals were occurring shortly after her government took power.

The ruling coalition has accused former Fico government employees of enriching themselves with state contracts. For instance, EU funds had financed two sizable projects financed by European funds that involved a dubious tender offer for a procurement system in the Agricultural Ministry that violated proper procedures. Similar violations involved money targeted for several social services. As a result, Slovakia must return 13 million Euros because of this misappropriation of funds and taxpayers must foot the bill.

Another scandal emerged over the inexpensive sales to many government employees over the last decade. But this time it concerned some of the coalition's members, including Christian Democratic leader Jan Figel, who had paid only 50,000 Euros for an apartment in downtown Slovakia; the average market price for a comparable apartment was about 80 times that value! Figel acknowledged the bargain price and has pledged to donate the property to charity. Still the revelation dealt a black mark on a government which has been pledging to clean up corruption and introduce more transparency among state employees' financial dealings.

Another public embarrassment to the current government was the revelation that two top level nominees for state jobs participated in a compromising deal with the financial firm Hayek Consulting. The scandal involved both Martin Chren, whom the Freedom and Solidarity Party (SaS) nominated as state secretary (deputy minister) at the Ministry of Economy, and Ivan Švejna, the Most-Híd Party candidate for state secretary at the Ministry of Transport, Post, and Telecommunications. Radičová initially dismissed the accusations as media-created rumors, but mounting evidence pointed to some highly questionable contracts negotiated shortly after the June 2010 elections.

The story involved the fact that Chren and Švejna were both co-owners of the Hayek firm when it signed a lucrative 8,100 Euro deal with the National Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses, which belongs to Economic Ministry of Economy. This occurred just several days after both received their government appointments. So there was more to the story than just fluff.

Radičová insisted that the duo had not done anything illegal in signing the deal in July 2010. When the news became publicized in August, Martin Chren pointed out that the company renegeed on the contract to avoid any conflicts of interest for the state employees.

Opposition leader Robert Fico responded by calling for the resignations of both as well as Economy Minister Juraj Miškov, another SaS (Freedom and Solidarity Party) nominee. The Speaker of Parliament and the chair of the SaS, Richard Sulík, concurred that the contract should not have been signed, but also affirmed that what happened was perfectly legal and the deal was not overpriced.

As the media heated up the scandal and public pressure mounted, Ivan Švejna finally decided to resign his post on October 8 to protect his party and Hayek Consulting firm. Chren continues in his job, providing scandal mongers fuel for cries of corruption against the very government that had promised a new transparency in financial disclosures.

Regardless of legality, the whole mess has made the govern-

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Miroslav Satan received the first 2011 IIHF World Championship ticket from Gooly, the event's mascot. Photo: Štartfoto/Jakub Súkup.

## Miroslav Satan becomes first owner of 2011 Worlds tickets

Miroslav Satan received the first 2011 IIHF World Championship ticket from Gooly, the event's mascot. Photo: Štartfoto/Jakub Súkup.

BRATISLAVA – The waiting for the ticket sales for the 2011 IIHF World Championship finally comes to an end. The first ticket packages found their new owners when the ticket sales started on Monday, September 27, 2010, at 11am.

The owner of the first World Championship ticket was long-serving Slovak team captain Miroslav Satan, who received his ticket 214 days before the start of the World Championship in Slovakia. The four-time Olympian, who played 1,050 NHL games, received the symbolic ticket from the mascot, Gooly, in one of the official Ticketportal outlets.

"The Organizing Committee has been receiving phone calls and e-mails for weeks. This shows how huge the interest in tickets is," the Organizing Committee's chairman Igor Nemecek said. Around 350,000 spectators in the two venues in Bratislava and Košice are expected and an estimated TV audience of 800 million viewers.

Some 3,800 tickets have been purchased already; 23,800 were reserved after only three hours.

For further information about the 2011 World Championship and ticket prices visit <http://2011.iihfworlds.com>.

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## Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle in November

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

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

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



### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ~ HOLIDAY HOURS

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on the following days during the holidays:

Thanksgiving Holidays  
November 25 & 26, 2010

In observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
December 23 & 24, 2010

In observance of New Years Day  
December 31, 2010



Josie and Jerry Simon on their wedding day, Oct 1, 1960



Josie and Jerry Simon with their children in 2010. Standing, L-R, Joseph, Diane, and Paul

## Jerry and Josie Siman Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Jerry and Josie Siman celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 1, 2010. They have been blessed with three children, Joseph, Paul, Diane, and 5 grandchildren, Michelle, Kristie, Jennifer, Rachel and Jason.

They were married in St. Stanislaus Kostka church by Rev. Zygmunt Musielski. Father Musielski also celebrated the mass when Jerry & Josie renewed their wedding vows in this same church on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Jerry worked at Forsyth Shirt Company in Toronto for 35 years where he became Technical Services manager in their computer department. He retired in the year 2000. Josie was a housewife raising three children, then babysitting five grandchildren. The three children and five grandchildren are all Jednota members.

Jerry is a life long member of Jednota Branch 785 in Toronto. His parents signed him up the year he was born and he is still a member. Josie became a member shortly after they were married.

They were active in the Jednota Bowling league. Jerry was the sports director for Branch 785 in Toronto for 18 years. He and Josie coordinated many bowling and golf trips to the Jednota international tournaments held in the USA and Canada. They have made many friends in the States during all these outings.

Jerry has been a delegate from Branch 785 at the FCSU International Conventions for many years starting in Chicago in 1982. They always went to the Conventions together. He was elected to the position of Pension Board Trustee at the 1998 convention and has been re-elected to this office at every convention since then. The most recent convention was held in Cleveland in August 2010.

Their children Joe, Paul, and Diane, held a surprise 50th Anniversary party for them at the Canadiana Banquet hall with over 80 guests invited.

On this golden anniversary we want to thank you for your love and dedication. May your days be filled with love, happiness, and good health.

Love, your children and grandchildren

## Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey Benefit in November

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### PRIVACY – PERSONAL FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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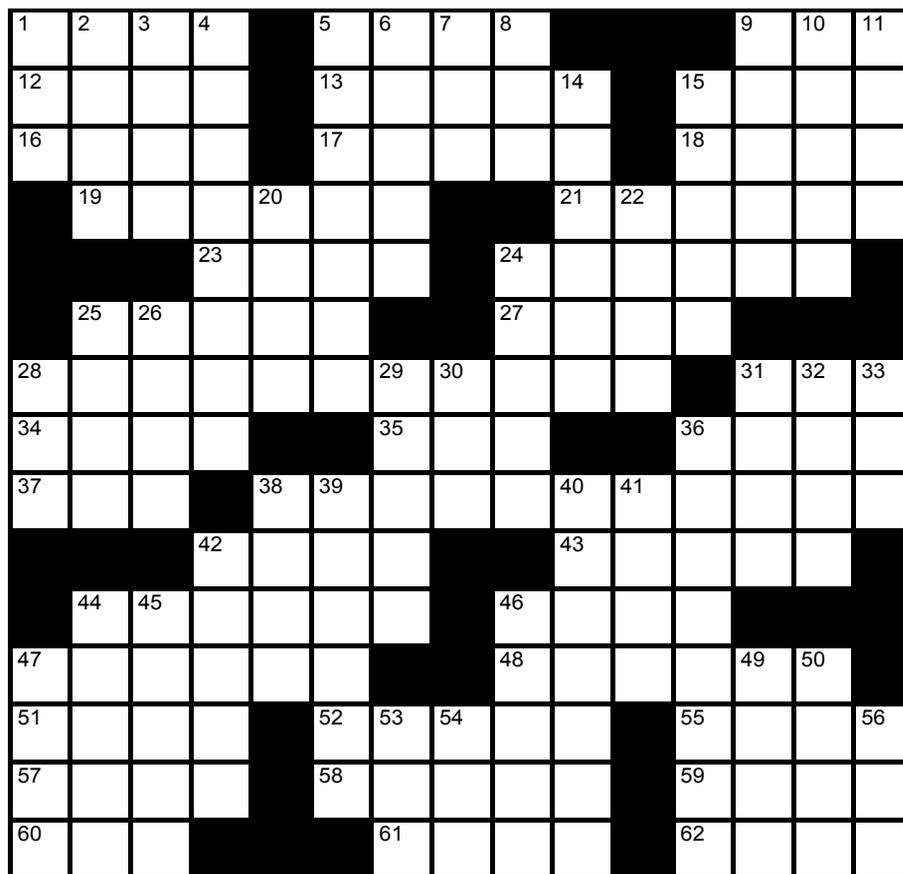
- information you provide to us in an application or other form;
- information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.), or others; and
- information that we may receive from a Consumer Reporting Agency.

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

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

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

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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### Across

- 1 Type of store
- 5 Mocked
- 9 Actress \_\_\_ Marie Saint
- 12 Boundary
- 13 English river
- 15 Unit of fat
- 16 Ireland
- 17 Israeli dance
- 18 Function
- 19 Kinsman
- 21 Justification
- 23 Spinnaker or flying jib, e.g.
- 24 Coal fragment
- 25 Deceivers
- 27 Some addresses (Abbr.)
- 28 Sports car items
- 31 Correspond
- 34 African perennial
- 35 Geller, for one
- 36 Chomp
- 37 Armament item
- 38 Peach types
- 42 Switch's partner
- 43 Great divide
- 44 Fragrances
- 46 Evening (Fr.)
- 47 Finally!
- 48 *White Fang* author
- 51 Prophet
- 52 Lawful
- 55 Roman date
- 57 Receptions
- 58 Sidestep
- 59 *Thin Man* character
- 60 Carney, for one
- 61 Suggestive look
- 62 Rum, usually

### Down

- 1 Insect
- 2 Norse deity, rule of the Aesir
- 3 Fiend
- 4 Souvenir
- 5 Nonbeliever
- 6 Stealthy move
- 7 Always (Poet.)
- 8 Genetic material
- 9 Notched
- 10 Heroism
- 11 Prayer word
- 14 Frugality
- 15 Alumni
- 20 Jackrabbit
- 22 Conclusions
- 24 \_\_\_ T. Nelson of *Coach*
- 25 Cartoon character *Little \_\_\_*
- 26 Computer symbol
- 28 Sack
- 29 Court proceedings
- 30 Sea eagle
- 31 Whale parts
- 32 Unit
- 33 Your (Fr.)
- 36 Type of school or house

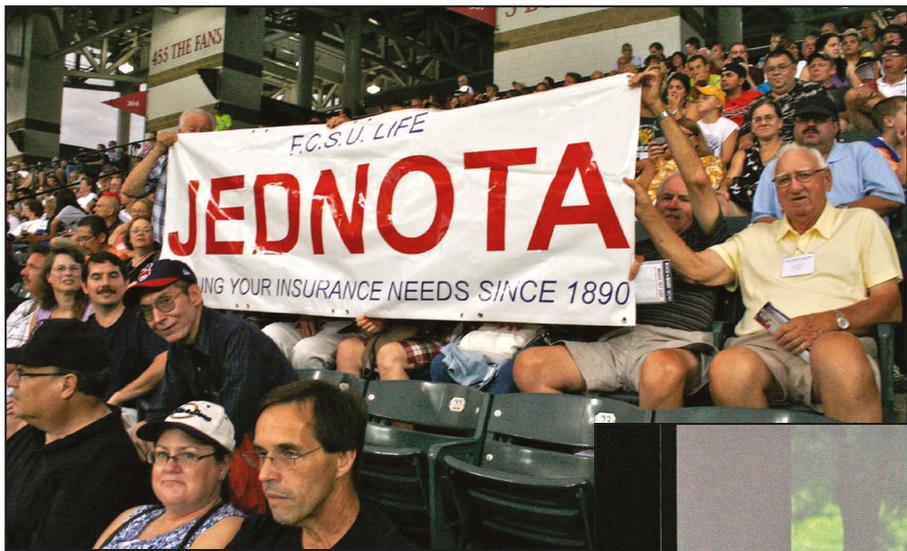
- 38 Containers
- 39 Trivial
- 40 Two-wheeled vehicle
- 41 Lean
- 42 Carnivores
- 44 Guide
- 45 Baseball shoe addition
- 46 Transparency
- 47 Movie dog
- 49 One of 44 Acro
- 50 Roman Empero
- 53 Sick
- 54 Pool stick
- 56 Droop

See Solution on Page 18



# Full Convention Coverage is HERE!

To access all photos taken by our professional photographer at the 49th Quadrennial Convention held in Cleveland, OH at the Renaissance Hotel – as well as view slideshows of activities each day of Convention, Saturday August 14 – Wednesday August 18 – please go to [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com) and click on the links we have provided.



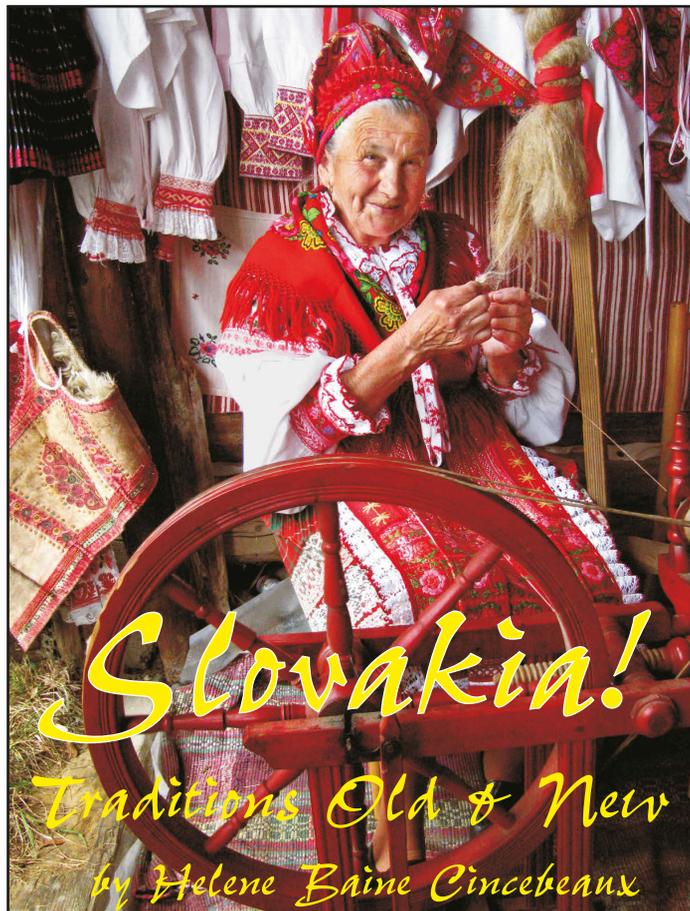
The Embassy of the Slovak Republic  
kindly invites you to  
join us in christening a new book...

## *Slovakia!* *Traditions Old & New*

by Helene Baine Cincebeaux

**THURS., Nov. 4, 2010, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Embassy of the Slovak Republic  
3523 International Court, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20008**



Author Helene Baine Cincebeaux began traveling to Slovakia in 1969, exploring over 2,000 villages and collecting traditions, customs, stories and legends. Forty years of research resulted in this book. Over the years she journeyed with her mother Helen Zemek Baine, 92 years young, who will also be present at this event. Their collection of Slovak folk dress, folk art and photographs has been exhibited in major museums in a dozen states from New York to California and 8 countries, including castles in Italy. A mini-exhibit will be on display.

Love for her adopted "homeland" led Helene to establish the Slovak Heritage & Folklore Society International 24 years ago; she recently published the 96th issue of "Slovakia" sent to some 1,400 families and institutions across the United States, Canada and Slovakia. She has authored many magazine articles and several books including "Treasures of Slovakia" which contains 100 images of Slovakia, "Slovak Pride" with information on genealogy and



her data base of some 29,000 Slovak surnames and villages, and a section of "Dowry" with Slovak wedding customs.

Helene has shared her love for Slovakia with almost 2,000 people leading 70 Treasures Tours to immerse travelers in Slovakia's beauty and culture; her greatest joy is re-uniting American- Slovaks with long-lost family in the "old country" and sharing the information she gained over the years from the Slovak people who opened their hearts and their homes in welcome.

Donald Pafko, Slovak Honorary Consul in Minnesota, will introduce Helene and her book. Slovak Jozef Ivaska, Man of a Thousand Songs, who has performed in 26 countries on 4 continents, will sing a musical introduction and conduct the book's "christening."

**RSVP to: (202) – 237 – 1054, EXT. 266 or 200  
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Business Attire**

**Please present this invitation upon arrival**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

### FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION ANNUITY & IRA INTEREST RATES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA's with the "Cash Interest" Option	3.65% (3.585% apr) 3.40% (3.344% apr)
Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA New "Park 2 Annuity"	3.90% (3.826% apr) 3.00% (2.956% apr)
New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA—1st yr guarantee	3.15% (3.102% apr)
New six-year fixed rate Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.40% (3.344% apr)
New Settlement Options are based on an interest rate of	3.15% (3.102% apr)

**If you have any questions about our annuities or IRA's,  
please contact your local branch officer or the Home Office!**

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY,PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its annual Stedry Vecer on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Begin the evening with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Our traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner (including pirohi) will follow in the festively decorated dining room. After dinner and the awarding of door prizes, the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. Please plan to attend and help us preserve this beautiful custom. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for children 16 and younger. Reserve your tickets early (they are limited) by calling Darlene Patty at 724-537-7743. Absolutely no reservations will be accepted after November 27 or by the Bishop Connare Center.

**Linda L. Gonta, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 4 - MSGR. RURA DISTRICT - NEW JERSEY

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

Refreshments will be served.

**Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

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

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

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

Fraternally,

**Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

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

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

**Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary**

### FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT - DISTRICT 9

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

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

**Geraldine Buchheit**

### DISTRICT 10 - REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary/Treasurer**

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

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

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

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

**Grace M. Charney, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 12 - ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT

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

**Frances Tarquinio, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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

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

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

Sincerely,

**Paul Skuben, President**

### DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT - MONTREAL

The Prince Rastislav District - Montreal and Branches 784 and 810 will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday November 21, 2010 after Mass at Sts Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. On the agenda will be the election of officers and a discussion of the social calendar for 2010 and 2011. Refreshments will be served.

Branch 784 will host the traditional Slovak Christmas Dinner on Sunday November 28, 2010. We invite members and friends of both branches to attend.

**Alexander S. Dobrik, President**

## BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood Ohio. We will have our election of officers. Our annual Christmas party will take place after the conclusion of the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179

**Marie A. Golias, Secretary**

### BRANCH 3 - HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The 2010 annual meeting of Saint Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday November 21, 2010 in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Election of officers for 2011 will be conducted followed by a short update on local branch activities. New ideas for branch activities will be entertained and any changes of address or beneficiaries can be submitted at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and get involved.

**Mike Koval Financial Secretary**

### BRANCH 6 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen's Society, Branch 006, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Chippers Grill, 1733 N. Bloomington St., Streator, IL. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM with a lunch provided for all members after the meeting. The agenda will include the nomination and election of officers for the year 2011. All members are welcome to attend this meeting. Any questions, please call 815-822-8851 or 815-672-1764. Thank you.

**Paul Chismar, Secretary**

### BRANCH 10 - OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10 K. J., First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, Pennsylvania will hold its Annual Meeting, Audit and Election of Officers at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 28, at the home of Recording Secretary William A. Nalevanko, 405 North River Street, Olyphant, Pennsylvania.

**William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010. A Mass will be offered by Msgr. Joseph Pekar for our members at 8:30AM in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. Following the Mass, members are invited to return to the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall in the lower level of the church for our regular meeting and breakfast.

At this meeting, the John A. Zahor Scholarship will be awarded to the following college freshmen: Lauren Bruchansky, Daniel Kowalski, Nicholas Kuruc, Meredith Lorys, Elise Kapitancek, Stephanie Johnson, and Lisa Quadgliarol. This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years John A. Zahor served as president of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to

the education of its members.

Also, the Andrew J. Imbro Grant will be given to the following college juniors for their college expenses: Stephen Dolan, Jessica Johnson, Alia Elnabas, Peter Kapitancek, Matthew Minese, Amanda Nelson, and Johnathan Solek. The grant was established in honor of Andrew Imbro and his years as financial secretary of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to its young members.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at 9:30AM in SS Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of officers also will take place at this meeting.

We cordially invite our members to attend these meetings and enjoy seeing their friends.

**Henry Zack, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

St Andrew Svorad Society, Branch 24, offers Congratulations to Branch Chaplain

Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB, on the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

We will be providing complimentary tickets for branch members only for the St. Andrew Abbey Viliya Dinner on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at St. Andrew Abbey, 10510 Buckeye Road. Mass is at 12:00 noon, with dinner to follow. Reservations are required and available by call Activities Director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 after 6:00pm. The deadline is Monday, November 22. For non-members or to purchase additional tickets, call the Abbey at 216/721-5300, extension 0. For further details, see announcement in this newspaper.

**Bob Kopco, President**

### BRANCH 38 - DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday evening, November 11, 2010, at 7:00PM at the home of Secretary Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, PA.

Officers' reports will be given, along with discussion on the 49th Convention. Branch Officers will be elected for 2011. All Branch 38 members are urged to attend.

**Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer**

### BRANCH 45 - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 28, 2010, at 12:30pm after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. The election of officers also will be chosen. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

**Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

### BRANCH 55 - BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of Branch 55 K.J. is

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scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the home of the Vice-President, 188 Di-Marco Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Officers will be elected and regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served. Please bring non-perishable food for Aid For Friends. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the President at (610) 356-7956 or Secretary at (215) 637-6530 for directions.

**Fraternally yours,  
Josephine E. Gerba Secretary-Treasurer**

## BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 10:00AM, at the residence of President and Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA. The fiscal end of the year reports and financial statements will be presented. The auditor's report will be submitted and the nomination of officers for the coming year will take place. The delegates to the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will present their reports. The merger of Branch 18K, Kulpmont, PA into Branch 75, Shamokin, PA, and how the combined branches will be affected by the jointure, will be discussed. All members are requested to attend this semi-annual.

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

## BRANCH 112 – MAHANAOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 112, Mahanoy City, will hold their annual meeting and holiday party on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 1PM. The meeting will be held at 86 Spring Street, Pottsville, PA. The agenda will include election of officers, a report on the convention and ideas for gaining membership. Please call 570-544-6694 for directions.

Thank you.

**Karen Sterling**

## BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 12:00 noon at the home of President John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. On the agenda will be officers' reports, election of officers for 2011, and a discussion on charitable donations.

All members are invited to attend this annual meeting. There will be a fraternal luncheon after the meeting.

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased members, especially those who have passed away during the past six months: Helen Kersjes, Frank Juraska, and Joseph Cuma.

**Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary**

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 1:15 P.M. at the Old Country Buffet, Town Square Mall, Vestal Parkway, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be a discussion of the District Picnic, District Meeting, Branch business, and the FCSU Convention, held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 14- 18, 2010. Voting for officers of the Branch will also be held. Members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8043 or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 28 to reserve a place at the dinner. Hope to see you at the meeting.

**Arlo Meeker, President**

## BRANCH 181 – UNITED PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold a meeting on Novem-

ber 13, 2010, immediately following the 5:00pm Mass, St. Florian Formation Building, St. Florian Church grounds, 4261, Rt. 981, P.O. Box 187, United PA. On the agenda: The election of officers as well as finalizing Viliya arrangements. All members are urged to attend.

**Gerry Kovacina**

## BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The annual meeting of Saint Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday November 21, 2010 at 9:30 am in Saint Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Officers will be elected for 2011, and suggestions for branch activities for next year will be discussed. Please spread the word so more of our members will attend and become involved in branch activities. Please plan to attend.

**Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 320 -

The officers of SS Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting and Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 18, at noon at Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. There will be no cost to members; however, there will a \$10.00 charge for non-members. In addition to conducting general business, there will be an election of officers. Please make your reservation by calling Fran at (724) 929-9788 before December 12 and let her know if you will be attending.

**Mary Anne Higginbothan, President**

## BRANCH 367 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

On November 22, 2010, St. Joseph Society, Branch 367, will hold its annual meeting and election of officers and clear up all donations to our five parishes for the year 2010. The meeting will be held at Bogey's Restaurant & Golf Club on Duck Hollow Road, Uniontown, PA.

Please call 724-438-3887 for reservations. I also would like to extend an invitation to any members from the other four branches to come and join us for any input and to help you with your insurance problems. I need some new officers and if you would like to have a part-time job, the money earned is up to you.

Fraternally yours,

**Mrs. Audrey J. Balazik, President**

## BRANCH 382 - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382, Scranton, PA, will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at Noon in the VFW Hall, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

On the agenda will be officer reports, branch activities and donations, correspondence, and insurance programs.

Reports of the 2010 F.C.S.U. Convention in Cleveland and District 17 activities will be presented.

Election of officers for 2011 will also take place.

Refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend.

## BRANCH 401 – EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of Branch 401KJ, St. Anthony of Padua, will be held at the King's Restaurant, 315 Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, PA, Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 11:00AM. The agenda will include nomination of officers, and financial matters. Also graduates of high school and college for the years 2009 and 2010 are requested to get in touch with the president or secretary – Patrick or Rose Froncek, respectively. If possible, it would be great to see you at the meeting!

Please note that the new mailing address for

Branch 401 is: P.O. Box 178, North Apollo, PA, 15673.

The annual meeting of Branch 401KJ, St. Anthony of Padua, will be held at the King's Restaurant, 315 Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, PA, Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 11:00AM. Scheduled for the agenda will be the election of officers and any other matters to be addressed.

Best wishes to all for the upcoming holidays. Štastliva Sviatky.

**Fraternally, Rose Froncek, Secretary**

## BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. The agenda will include the election of officers for the year 2011.

All members are invited to attend.

**Geri Buchheit,  
Recording/Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 419 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Stephen the Martyr, Branch 419, will hold its semi-annual meeting, November 14, 2010, at 1:00PM at Norm's Pizza located on Sherman Street. On the agenda will be reports of convention, as well as the election of officers. Any inquiries and reservations should be directed to Marie Gryczko at 824-4125 no later than November 6, 2010. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**Marie Gryczko, President**

## BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of the St. Joseph's the Guardian Society, Branch 484, will be held Sunday, December 12, 2010, 2:00 PM at the home of the president Rose Ann Rura, 819 Power Plant Road, Coral, Pa. 15731. On the agenda will be the fiscal year financial statements, branch donations, report of the District 7 annual meeting and the election of 2011 officers. All members are welcome.

**Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, in Chicago, will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, with the branch Christmas Luncheon following, on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Location: Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459.

At 1:30 pm, members will gather for a period of fraternal fellowship. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, with a delicious dinner following.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at (773) 505-0117 or (502) 244-6643 by November 26th. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

**Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 510 – KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

St. Anthony Society, Branch 510, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 5:30PM at Casa Capri in Kenosha, WI. On the agenda will be the officers' reports, a discussion on future events, and updates on insurance and annuity products, including the good rates the FCSU offers for insurance and investment products to protect your assets. Also, we can discuss the scholarship applications for Catholic schools and college programs. They are available. Following business, an open discussion will be held on convention results.

After the meeting, there will be a light lunch available. For reservations, call Joseph Scuglik at 262-654-7364.

**Joseph Scuglik, President**

## BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567KJ, will have a branch meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 1:00pm in the church social hall, 924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA. We will have nominations officers for 2011. All members are invited.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our nut and poppy-seed roll bake sale.

**Rosalie Favere, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 580 - WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010 after the 9:30 mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. All members are welcome.

**Virginia Jasek, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Branch 595 in Muskegon Heights, MI would like to announce our monthly pork and kraut dinners being served at the club. They will be held on the second Sunday of each month. This is a complete traditional dinner including dessert. Only \$6 for adults and children under 12 pay only \$4. We will be serving from noon until 3 p.m.

Our monthly breakfast is held the fourth Sunday of each month. We serve from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We serve a wide variety of breakfast items. The cost remains at \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

We are located at the corner of Sixth Street and Sherman Boulevard in Muskegon Heights. Our phone number is 231 733 7525. Please contact us if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

**Donna Stone, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at 2:00PM at Alexander's Restaurant, 720 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA. The election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. For reservations, call 1-724-375-2287 by November 1, 2010.

**Edith Valo, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, November 14, at noon at King's Restaurant, located in Bentleyville, PA. In addition to general business, there will an election of officers. Members are urged to attend.

**Dorothy Petrus, President**

## BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NY

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

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

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

**Fraternally,**

**Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary**

## BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On December 19, 2010, Branch 731 will celebrate Mass at 11: 30am at Saint Matthias Church, Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio in commemoration of deceased members of Saint Joseph Branch 731. Monsignor Peter M. Po-

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lando will be the celebrant.

Following the Liturgy, we will meet at the Saint Matthias rectory for our annual meeting and election of officers for the 2011 year.

**Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 738 –

#### MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Branch 738 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday 12/7/10 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Post 6673, Whitaker Way, Munhall, Pa. The meeting will include election of officers and a review of the financial audit. All members are invited to attend.

### BRANCH 743---

#### STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officer Report, a 2010 financial report, approval of the 2011 budget, discussion of branch activities, convention report and other business pertaining to the branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of branch officers will also take place.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI.

The annual meeting will follow mass in the Church Social Hall.

Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

Members who need assistance with their policy or need to change their address or beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087 or phone @586-254-0225.

On behalf of the Officers of Branch 743 we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

**Joseph C. Rimarcik,  
President and Financial Secretary**

### BRANCHES 784 AND 810 –

#### MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

Branches 784 and 810 will hold their annual meeting on Sunday November 21, 2010. Elections of officers will take place. All members are requested to attend. The meeting will be held at the SS Cyril and Methodius Parish hall after the mass. Discussion of our up-coming Christmas Banquet of November 28 will be discussed along with the social calendar for year 2010 and 2011 Refreshments will be served

**Alice Dobrik, President**

### BRANCH 796 –

#### EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, will hold its annual meeting Sunday Nov. 14, 2010 at 1pm in the church basement of Holy Trinity Egypt, Pa. The selection of delegates for the district meeting will take place as well as discussion of new members. All members of Branch 796 are cordially invited to attend. Food and drink will be served following the meeting. God Bless All.

**Jerry Lloyd, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 844 –

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its All Saints and All Souls Mass on Sunday October 31, 2010 at St. John Bosco High School located on 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. Mass will begin at 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served after Mass in cafeteria.

Also, following fraternal fellowship, Branch 844 members will hold a meeting to discuss branch activities and discuss outcome of 49th FCSU Convention in Cleveland.

**Milan Konkol, Secretary**

### BRANCH 853 –

#### CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 853 will hold its annual Spaghetti dinner Christmas party on Saturday November 27, 2010 at Regos Restaurant in Charleroi, PA at 11:00 am. Due to seating, reservations are required.

To make your reservation please call 412-341-1577 and leave your name, phone number and number of adults and children attending. There will be no cost to branch members attending. Non-branch members will be charged \$12 per person which will be payable at that time.

After the luncheon, the branch meeting will be held. This includes the election of the branch officers.

Branch members are requested to bring their list of volunteer hours and fraternal service hours for the 2010 year.

Branch 853 wishes all a blessed Christmas season.

**Monica RodacyBoone, President**

### BRANCH 855 –

#### PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 21, 2010. The meeting will be held at 1:00PM; at Carrie Cerino's Restaurant; 8922 Ridge Road; North Royalton, Ohio 44133. We will have an election of officers for 2011.

All members are invited to attend. Please call Linda at 440-886-0206 by November 15, 2010, if you plan to attend.

**Linda L. Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer**

### BRANCH 856 –

#### WASHINGTON, DC

Our Mother of Sorrows Society will hold its annual meeting, December 13, 2010, at 1:30PM at the Pimmit Hills Regional Library, located at 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA, (703) 790-8088. The purpose of the meeting will be to nominate Officers for 2011. We also will discuss success of the recent convention held in Cleveland, OH, August 2010.

We urge our members and our newly acquired Branch 61 from Baltimore to attend. The floor will be open to hear and discuss new ideas. For additional information, please feel free to contact Steve Matula at (703) 671-3013 or Katherine Nowatkoski at (703) 860-1693.

Sincerely,

**Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary**

### BRANCH 888 -

#### WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next two meetings on Sunday, November 28, 2010, at 3:00pm at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, FL, 33410; and on Friday, December 10, 2010, at 5:30pm at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, FL, 33410. Contact David Rafaidus, President, at (561) 776-0449 or jednota888@yahoo.com for directions and further information.

On the agenda will be future Branch activities, treasurer's report, nomination and election of officers, and items of mutual interest to the membership. All Branch members are invited to attend.

**David Rafaidus, President**

## OBITUARIES

### George R. Starek

#### Branch 38 –

#### White Oaks, Pennsylvania

GEORGE R. STAREK, of Swissvale, died on Saturday, August 14, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Lena Richard Starek, they were married February 6, 1959 and had 51 loving years together. He worked as a craneman at the Union Switch & Signal in Swissvale. Loving brother of Joseph Starek of East Pittsburgh, Irene Banis of Swissvale, Anna Blazina of Van Nuys, CA and the late Michael Starek and Steve Starek. Son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Starek. George is survived by his nieces and nephews. He is a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and a member of the St. Barnabas Church. Friends were received 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. the following Monday at the Thomas L. Nied Funeral Home, Swissvale. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday at 10 am.

### Cyril J. Vanic

#### Branch 156 –

#### Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Cyril J. Vanic, 87, of Bethlehem, passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in his home. He was the husband of Anna M. (Spevak) Vanic. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in April. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Anna (Posivak) Vanic. A World War II veteran of the U. S. Navy, he served in the 87th Seabee Battalion. Cyril was employed as a millwright in the 48 Mill at the Bethlehem Steel Co. He was a member of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem. Survivors: with his wife, Anna; are a granddaughter, Carrie Ann Riter; and a great-granddaughter, Reagan. He was predeceased by a daughter, Carolann Corbett, and brothers and sisters. Services were held at 9:30am the following Friday in the Pearson Funeral Home, Bethlehem, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in the church. Family and friends were received from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

### John J. Nalevanko, Sr.

#### Branch 393 –

#### Greensburg, Pennsylvania

John J. Nalevanko Sr., 87, of Greensburg, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, in Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. Born Aug. 25, 1923, in Greensburg, he was a son of the late Joseph and Mary Nalevanko. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a lab technician by Westinghouse in Churchill. John was a member of St. Bartholomew Church, Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion Post 515 and a social member of the Hannastown Fire Hall. He also had served as president of the local branch of the First Catholic Slovak Union and was an avid gardener. He was a World

War II veteran, having served in the Army. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Joseph, George and Andrew Nalevanko. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Ann (Messaros) Nalevanko; two sons, Bruce Nalevanko, of Crabtree, and John J. Nalevanko Jr. and wife, Janet Luci, of Greensburg; four grandchildren, Bruce Jr., Courtney, Ryan and Jordan Nalevanko; two stepgrandchildren, Douglas and Stormy Knight; a sister, Mary Opsitnick and husband, William, of Greensburg; two sisters-in-law, Lily Nalevanko and Betty Cam, both of Greensburg; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to celebrate the life of John from 4 to 8 p.m. the following Sunday in the Clement L. Pantalone Funeral Home, Greensburg. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. the following Monday in St. Bartholomew Church, Crabtree. Interment followed in Calvary Hill Cemetery, Crabtree.

### John M. Harar

#### Branch 856 –

#### Washington, DC

John M. Harar, age 94, of Arlington, VA, died on Sunday, April 11, 2010. Beloved husband of 68 years of Virginia J. Harar; loving father of Dorothy Bishop (Steve), John T. "Jack" Harar, James V. Harar, Robert E. Harar (Elaine), Martin J. Harar (Sheryl) and Thomas J. Harar (Nancy). Also surviving are his 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Brother of Agnes Patun of Chicago, IL and the late Josephine Lenick and Paul Harar. The family received friends at the Murphy Funeral Home of Arlington, on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm, with prayers at a 7:30pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church, Arlington, VA, on the following Thursday at 10:00am. Interment followed at Columbia Gardens Cemetery.

Z'Bohom Janko!

**Katherine Nowatkoski,  
Financial Secretary, Branch 856**

### Frank J. Velez

#### Branch 856 –

#### Washington, DC

Frank J. Velez of Springfield, VA, died on June 16, 2010. Survived by his wife of 62 years Mary Jane Velez; beloved father of Francis Velez, John Velez, Ann Atkins, James Velez, Janet Beaver, and Michael Velez. Also survived by sisters Rose Wilson and Kate Lacey, and 15 grandchildren. Friends were received on the following Friday, June 18, from 6 to 8 pm at DeMaine Funeral Home, Springfield, VA. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 19, at 12 noon at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Annadale, VA.

**Katherine Nowatkoski,  
Financial Secretary, Branch 856**

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## LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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# The Loneliness of One Cross-Country Runner

Cross-country can be the loneliest of sports to begin with. The solitary training regimen, the typically sparse crowds, competing not in an arena but on pathways in the fields or on forest trails – and, as often as not, a small team to work with. But a team of one? Tell that to anyone and you're likely to hear, "You've got to be kidding!"

But James Boeding wasn't kidding. He was his high school's one-man cross-country team, and what's more, he turned himself into a champion. When I saw the headline about him over Joanna Molloy's recent feature in the *New York Daily News*, I knew I wanted to know more about his grit, determination and heroism. I thought the story would be perfect for *The Christophers*, and I was right.

Webutuck High School in Dutchess County, N.Y., had no cross-country team at all until last fall, but it wasn't for James Boeding's lack of trying. Year after year he'd plead his case with school authorities – cross-country didn't cost much, after all – but year after year he was turned down. Finally a new administration last year relented, and cross-country (along with soccer) was offered as one of Webutuck's two autumn sports. Still, two problems remained. For one, there was no cross-country coach. And second, when the call went out for tryouts, only Boeding turned up. He would be, literally, a one-man team.

Far from stopping Boeding, it only pushed him harder. He found a friend and mentor in Landon Johns, a 29-year-old construction worker with a background in both running and football, who urged Boeding on by way of a six-day-a-week training schedule and physically punishing workouts.

"There were days when I actually felt bad for him because it was borderline torture," Johns said. "But that's what it takes. He was so far behind everybody else, training by himself. I never raised my voice, but no matter how insane it sounded he would listen." And before long, the workouts began to pay off.

Not only was Boeding running against other school teams in league races; he was winning them. He came in first, for example, in the Mid-Hudson Athletic League Championship last October and, on top of that, was named runner of the year. And in November, in the Sectional Championships at Bear Mountain, he beat out the best runners that other schools in the area had to offer. A collision cost him a shot at the state title after that, but he still managed to get up and finish third.

Even in winning Boeding failed to nail down a title for his school; every rival team had more runners and could rack up the points. But that doesn't bother him.

"While I'm running I try to think about my stride, my form," he said. "I think about the other times I ran the same course, the number of steps per minute, what's going on in front of me. I just try to look up."

James Boeding will have more teammates this year – seven, to be exact. He's up at Bowdoin College in Maine on an athletic scholarship and looking forward to running with the cross-country squad. But as far as *The Christophers* are concerned, he doesn't have to win another thing. By holding on to his dream in a singular display of perseverance, he's already shown us something. He's shown that he's got what it takes.

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## Six New Saints Canonized in Outdoor Ceremony, St. Peter's Square

VATICAN CITY, ITALY — Tens of thousands of pilgrims from around the world gathered in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday morning, October 17, to celebrate the canonization of six new saints of the Catholic Church. Among them was Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., the first saint from the Congregation of Holy Cross, who was formally canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in an outdoor ceremony.

Saint André worked as a humble porter at a school in Montréal and founded the Oratory of Saint Joseph there. He came to be known as "the miracle man of Montréal" for his outreach and compassion for the sick. The spirit of his work with the poor and sick carries over into the lives of Holy Cross religious and those to whom they minister around the world. Pope John Paul II beatified Brother André in 1982.

Also canonized on October 17 were five other saints, representing the vitality of the Church around the world and across the centuries:

- Blessed Mary MacKillop, 1842-1909, Australia's first saint and founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.
- Blessed Stanislaw Soltys Kazimierczyk, a Polish-born member of the Canons Regular of the Lateran, who lived 1433-1489. He was famous as a preacher and confessor.
- Blessed Juana Josefa Cipitria Barriola of Spain. She died in 1912 and was founder of the Daughters of Jesus.
- Blessed Giulia Salzano, the Italian founder of the Catechetical Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; she died in 1929.
- Blessed Camilla Battista Varano, an Italian Poor Clare who lived 1458-1524.



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# News From Slovakia

## Gasparovic Sees Potential for Development of Slovak-Ukrainian Trade

Kiev, October 6 (TASR correspondent) - Visiting Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic has called for more bilateral business cooperation in talks with his Ukrainian opposite number Viktor Yanukovich on Wednesday, adding that the prospects for the development of bilateral trade are excellent.

"Slovakia and Ukraine can absorb mutual investments into their countries or even jointly invest in third countries," he pointed out.

Yanukovich observed that cooperation between the two countries has slightly cooled in the last five years. But intensifying cooperation between their top-level authorities is a good sign. According to him, Ukraine will expand its cooperation within the framework of Visegrad Four Group countries (the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia).

Gasparovich said that Ukraine will play a major role in the Eastern Europe of the future – one of stability. He also said that Slovakia will back Ukraine's bid to join the European Union in any way that it can.

## Dzurinda Welcomes Awarding of Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo

Bratislava, October 8 (TASR) - Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Mikulas Dzurinda welcomed the decision to award the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize to Chinese political prisoner and dissident Liu Xiaobo.

Dzurinda six months ago backed Liu's nomination along with another 50 Slovak MPs.

"It's an extraordinary expression of honor and respect towards everyone for whom human rights are indivisible and human freedom is a value of principle," said Dzurinda, adding that his signature under Liu's nomination was an expression of Slovakia's civil tradition and recognition of those persecuted by the Communist regime in Slovakia before 1989.

## Miklos: Slovakia Borrowed €2 Billion via State Bonds

Bratislava, October 6 (TASR) - Slovakia has borrowed €2 billion on the financial markets via 15-year government bonds at a 4.373-percent interest rate, Finance Minister Ivan Miklos (SDKU-DS) said at a press briefing held on Wednesday.

The investor demand for bonds has reached €4.3 billion. "We managed to issue bonds today roughly comparable to the Italian bonds and under the level of Polish bonds," said Miklos.

He considers the successful issue of 15-year government bonds to be one of two good news of the day, with the other being the passing of the state budget by the Government. "The budget for 2011 will recover the public finances' health state, as we no longer tread the Greek path," he added.

## Gasparovic: Slovakia and Austria Agree on Almost All Issues

Bratislava, October 11 (TASR) - At a meeting with newly-appointed Austrian Ambassador Josef Markus Wuketich on this date, Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic praised the Schengen zone border arrangement for significantly simplifying contact between Slovaks and Austrians.

According to Gasparovic, Slovakia and Austria are good neighbors who can find agreement on almost all issues. The only unresolved issues concern the use of nuclear power and the hydro-power plants on the Danube River. "I'll be glad if we can reach agreement on these issues. The intensity of the meetings between our officials indicates this," said Gasparovic.

Wuketich stated that the two nations co-exist very closely and that relations are very friendly at all levels. "These days we are two strong partners in the spheres of trade and the economy. Austria is Slovakia's second strongest partner, and Slovakia is among Austria's top ten partners," he noted.

As far as the use of the nuclear energy is concerned, Wuketich believes that an open dialogue with the new Slovak Government will contribute to ensuring that the stance of the Austrian people will be respected.

## Slovakia's Foreign Trade Posted €200-million Deficit in August

Bratislava, October 12 (TASR) - Slovakia's foreign trade posted a deficit of €200 million in August, up from one of €87.8 million the month before, according to preliminary figures released by the Statistics Office on this date.

Overall imports rose by 35.7 percent year-on-year to reach €3.96 billion. Exports rose more moderately - by 19.9 percent to €3.76 billion.

The first eight months of 2010 produced a surplus of €405.3 million, which is 67.8 million

less than over the same period of 2009.

Exports over the January-August 2010 period stood at €30.26 billion, up by 22.3 percent year-on-year. Meanwhile, imports amounted to €29.85 billion, which represents a 23-percent annual rise.

## Inflation Accelerated Slightly in September to 1.1 percent

Bratislava, October 12 (TASR) - The year-on-year inflation rate in Slovakia accelerated slightly from 1 percent in August to 1.1 percent in September, the Statistics Office said on this date.

Core inflation reached 1.3 percent in September, while net inflation equaled 0.5 percent. Compared to the previous month, September didn't see any change in consumer prices.

According to analysts, the y-o-y increase in prices was mainly caused by growing prices of alcohol and tobacco products - by 6.6 percent y-o-y. Consumers also paid considerably more for education - 4.5 percent, healthcare - 4.3 percent, and food and non-alcoholic drinks - 3.9 percent. Furniture prices fell by 3 percent, however.

Between January-September 2010, meanwhile, prices grew by 0.9 percent y-o-y. Compared to the second quarter, consumer prices in the third quarter didn't change overall.

## Government Approves Budget Proposal and Ready to Submit It

Bratislava, October 6 (TASR) - The Government at its session on this date approved the legislative proposal on the state budget for 2011, as well as the public administration budget for the next three years.

The Government now has to submit the proposal to Parliament by October 15.

According to the document prepared by the Finance Ministry, the overall state revenues should reach €13.1 billion next year while expenses are estimated at €16.9 billion, representing a deficit of €3.8 billion.

The overall deficit of the state administration should decrease next year to €3.4 billion from this year's €5.1 billion, with revenues reaching €23.3 billion and expenses €26.7 billion.

The public finances deficit should be falling gradually from the 7.8 percent of GDP reported this year to 4.9 percent in 2011 and 3.8 percent in 2012. In 2013, the state deficit should be pushed under the 3-percent threshold required by the EU budgetary rules and is estimated to reach 2.9 percent of GDP.

In order to cut the deficit, the Government has prepared a package of consolidation measures worth €1.75 billion. The money should be ensured via saving on the side of expenditures equalling €980 million and raising revenues by €770 million.

"The fact is that this budget proposal carries considerable uncertainties," conceded the Finance Ministry. They result from the risks linked to the expected development of the global economy, uncertain real level of this year's deficit, as well as the effects of various austerity measures on revenues and expenditures in public finances.

## Trade Unionists Protest in Front of Government Office and Parliament

Bratislava, October 12 (TASR) - Around 2,000 trade unionists gathered this afternoon in front of the Government Office on Namestie Slobody (Freedom Square) in Bratislava to take part in country-wide protests against Government's austerity package.

Afterwards, the crowd began to march toward Parliament.

Trade Union Confederation (KOZ) chairman Miroslav Gazdik told the protesters that the austerity measures would burden an average four-member family with a further €400 yearly, which is roughly equal to one monthly blue-collar wage. Gazdik claimed that the trade unions failed in persuading the Government to more involve richer groups of the public into the belt-tightening measures.

KOZ is demanding a differentiated VAT rate, higher tax burden for revenues from dividends, keeping the excise tax rate for coal and natural gas, and maintaining bonuses for farmers in using the so-called red diesel. Furthermore, the trade unions disagree with Government's plans in pension policy, and are calling for improving the bonity of the first (public) pension pillar – at the expense of the second (privatisation) pillar.

The protest in Bratislava is the third in Slovakia on Tuesday, having been preceded by regional gatherings in Kosice and Zilina.

## Yura Corporation Slovakia Opens New Branch in Pravenec

Prievidza, October 6 (TASR) - Korean company Yura Corporation Slovakia wants to open a new branch in Slovakia in Pravenec, near Prievidza (Trencin region), and is already looking for staff.

The cable-bundle producer for Kia, which already has assembly plants in Prievidza, wants

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to employ other 250 people.

According to director of the Labour, Social Affairs and the Family Office in Prievidza Jozef Stopka, the company launched recruitment of new employees on Wednesday. The first 140 people should be employed within two weeks.

"In the recent period, the economic and financial crisis has seriously affected our region ... where almost 2,000 employees have lost their jobs since last year," emphasised Stopka.

Yura Corporation Slovakia started production in Slovakia in 2006 and it currently employs 5,000 people.

[The South Korean company has been recently accused by their employees of bullying, applying unlawful workplace practices such as requiring overly long shifts in their assembly plant in Rimavska Sobota or Hnusta (Banska Bystrica region). The management of the company has repudiated

## Armenia Makes Slovakia's First Defeat in EURO 2012 Qualifying

Yerevan, October 8 (TASR) - The Slovak national football team on Friday surprisingly lost a EURO 2012 qualifying match in Armenia 1-3.

The defeat in Yerevan represents Slovakia's first point loss in the qualifying after wins against Macedonia (in Bratislava) and Russia (in Moscow) each 1-0.

Slovaks are set to play their next qualifier against Ireland in Zilina on Tuesday.

EURO 2012 Qualifying:

B Group:

Armenia - Slovakia 3-1 (1-1)

Goals: 23. Movsisyan, 50. Ghazaryan, 89. Mchitaryan - 37. Weiss

## Radicova: STV and SRo Will Merge

Bratislava, October 11 (TASR) - Prime Minister Iveta Radicova (SDKU-DS) after a Coalition Council session this evening revealed that in order to resolve the problematic situation in the public-service Slovak Television (STV) a merger with the broadcaster Slovak Radio (SRo) is called for.

Radicova indicated that the whole project should be launched in January, assuming that no problems in the legislative process occur.

"STV has been repeatedly facing debts; but this would be a minor problem if the public-service television was meeting its main role ... Trojka (Channel 3) isn't broadcasting live sports events. Especially when we wanted to watch the (EURO 2012 qualifying) football (match) against Armenia, it was a private broadcaster (TV Markiza) that aired it. This obviously isn't okay," said Radicova, adding that STV has too few original programmes and too many contracts with external firms.

According to Radicova, Culture Minister Daniel Krajcer (SaS) should prepare a draft of legislation to tackle the current situation within a week.

## SRo: It Isn't Possible to Manage Radio and Television in Same Way

Bratislava, October 12 (TASR) - According to state broadcaster Slovak Television (STV), the decision to merge STV with Slovak Radio (SRo) as announced by Culture and Tourism Minister Daniel Krajcer (Freedom and Solidarity/SaS) provokes more questions than it answers.

SRo pointed out that the two institutions can't be managed in the same way. Its spokesperson Alexandra Stullerova-Korenova also said that the radio broadcaster wants to have the documents in its hands before commenting.

"Both models work in European countries - unified media and individual institutions - both models have their positives, but also their downsides. We don't know what the Government's solution is," Stullerova-Korenova told TASR. According to her, SRo will expect Krajcer to invite one of its representatives into the expert group that is supposed to prepare the new concept - as he promised recently.

According to the proposal, the range of broadcasting will be reduced from the current six radio stations to four in the case of SRo, while only two out of the three STV channels will remain in place after the change.

The minister was fully supported by his party's coalition partners. The ministry and the Government believe that there is no other way to resolve the catastrophic situation at STV, claimed Krajcer, blaming STV general director Stefan Niznansky and the STV Board for the broadcaster's woes.

Krajcer argues that if he hadn't come up with this solution, it would have been necessary to start speaking about the privatization of STV, a topic that wouldn't have avoided SRo either.

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ment appear hypocritical when it attacks the former Fico government for engaging in shady practices.

### Conclusion

The first hundred days have passed, and the honeymoon of a fresh start was short-lived and is now just a distant memory. In order to make straight the road ahead, the Radicova government must avoid a partisan approach to keeping its promises to sweep away corruption. But it must also put its own house in order.

Its handling of scandals was just one of many missteps and sidesteps around political hot potatoes. The government has often publicized proposed changes without first testing the waters of political possibility. Frequently, it has reacted in knee-jerk fashion to political pressures and has its finger in the wind and is too often shifting gears over public opinions expressed on Internet social networking websites.

In lieu of all the messy moves, some positive changes have occurred, such as the requirement that all government institutions publish all of their purchasing contracts on the internet. Relations with Hungary have already improved, even though a strict Slovak national language law that raised eyebrows across Europe is still in place. And the idea of aiming to balance the budget is surely a positive direction for Slovakia's financial integrity.

But the government has much to learn. Prudent government cannot depend on the direction of the wind, rather it must provide firm leadership and a clear vision of the course ahead. The coalition cannot successfully rule as the government of all Slovak citizens if it brushes aside the wishes of well-intentioned union leaders and legitimate concerns of an electorate still hurting from a deep financial crisis. Above all, Radicova and her government must learn to improve communication with all Slovak citizens, and not just those who voted for the current coalition. It must refine the art of compromise and learn to engage in a more constructive dialogue with the opposition. Slovakia needs leaders who will unite its people rather than dig deeper divisions among rival political groupings. Building bridges rather than widening chasms is the true mark of successful public servants. For democracy to be successful, it must involve working with a broader spectrum of Slovak society, and not just for it?

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## Prezident SR Gašparovič a košický arcibiskup Bober na 33. Festivale slovenského dedičstva v NJ

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Potravinové a výstavné stánky boli otvorené od 10. hodiny a dominovala v nich obsiahla výstava o Rev. Jozefovi Murgašovi, ktorého pamiatke bol 33. festival venovaný. Medzi výstavnými stánkami na čestnom mieste vynikal stánok Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, v ktorom pod vedením jeho predsedu Andreja Rajeca jednotárski pracovníci vysvetľovali naše poisťné plány a fraternalistické programy. Zaujímavú výstavu, ktorá obsahovala hodnotné archívne dokumenty a bohatú fotografickú dokumentáciu, pripravil Michal Stretanský zo združenia Slovak Heritage Society vo Wilkes Barre, Pa. V ďalších výstavných a predajných stánkoch boli vystavené alebo na predaj rôzne výrobky ľudového umenia, knihy, časopisy, keramika, obrazy a k dispozícii bola aj poradňa o genealógii s asistenciou pri hľadaní rodinných koreňov. V inej časti parku potravinové stánky poskytovali dostatočný výber pochútok zo slovenskej a americkej kuchyne.

O 11. hodine predpoludním sa konali vo veľkom na bokoch otvorenom šiatri rímskokatolíckej bohoslužby. Svätú omšu celebroidal arcibiskup Bernard Bober z Košíc s asistenciou pomocného biskupa Petra A. Libasciho z Rockville Center, NY., Mons. Juraja Kamasa z Košíc a viacerých slovenských kňazov. Na svätej omši účinkoval vynikajúci spojený cirkevný spevokol z farností sv. Michala v Trentone a z farností Sv. Rodiny v Linden, New Jersey. Arcibiskup mal aj vhodnú kázeň, v ktorej vyslovil poďakovanie slovenskej komunite v USA za zachovanie náboženských tradícií a slovenskej reči v Amerike.

Po svätej omši prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča a jeho sprievod privítali spolupredsedovia festivalu John Duch a Nina Holá, zástupkyňa guvernéra Christieho poslankyňa Anna Little, predsedníčka ÚSZZ Vilma Prívarová, ďalej predseda Slovenskej ligy v Amerike Daniel Tanzone a čestný tajomník Ján Holý. V prezidentovom sprievode boli veľvyslanec Peter Burian a Miloš Koterec a viacerí úradníci z Prezidentskej kancelárie a veľvyslanectva SR vo Washingtonu.

V osobitne pripravenom šiatri nasledoval slávnostný obed na počesť prezidenta, na ktorom sa zúčastnili aj predstavitelia festivalu a slovenských organizácií v Amerike ako aj arcibiskup Bernard Bober s jeho sprievodom a diplomatickí predstavitelia. Okrem už spomenutých na festivale boli predstavení ďalší hostia ako bol čestný predseda Slovenskej ligy Dr. Ludovít Pavlo, čestný tajomník Ján Holý, predseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Andrej M. Rajec a vydavateľ Slováka v Amerike Milan Čuba.

V popoludňajších hodinách kultúrny program otvorili spolupredsedovia festivalu John Duch v anglickej reči a Nina Holá v slovenčine krátkym privítaním prezidenta Gašparoviča a hostí, ako aj účastníkov. Slovenskú a americkú hymnu zaspieval operný spevák Radoslav Lesay. Nasledoval krátky príhovor prezidenta Ivana Gašparoviča, ktorý ocenil úsilie usporiadateľov zachovať tradíciu festivalov. Ďakoval za pozvanie na festival a povedal, že si rád predžil svoj pobyt v New Yorku, kde mal prejav na Generálnom zhromaždení OSN a niekoľko stretnutí so štátnikmi iných krajín, aby mohol prísť povzbudiť Slovákov na východe v snahe zachovať si svoj jazyk a kultúru.

Po prezidentovi mala príhovor predsedníčka ÚSZZ Vilma Prívarová, ktorá povedala, že o slovenskom festivale v New Jersey už veľa počula a preto je rada, že sa na ňom konečne mohla zúčastniť. Dodala, že ÚSZZ poskytuje asistenciu a finančnú pomoc komunitám Slovákov v zahraničí pri usporiadaní takýchto a iných kultúrnych podujatí. Nasledovala tradičná prehliadka krojov, ktorú viedla Renáta Jurášiová.

V ďalšom programe, ktorý odborne viedli konferenciérky Jane Konzelmann a Sabína Sabados, vystupovali striedavo tanečníci súboru Svojina z Michaloviec, operný spevák Rado Lesay, populárny spevák Jozef Ivaška st. z Viedne a Jozef Ivaška ml. Tieto vystúpenia obecenstvo prijalo s veľkým nadšením. Program festivalu obohatil pekným vystúpením aj detský súbor z Cliftonu, ktorý vznikol zásluhou kultúrneho združenia Domovina pri slovenskom kostole sv. Cyrila a Metoda.

V inej časti festivalových priestorov hrala do tanca a na pobavenie zúčastnených populárna hudobná skupina rodiny Jurášiovej KONTAKTY. Usporiadatelia sa nezabudli postarať aj o pobavenie detí, ktoré uspokojilo záľuby aj tej najmladšej generácie. Na záver možno dodať, že každoročne konané podujatie Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v NJ sa tohtoročné zaradilo medzi wte najúspešnejšie v 33. ročnej tradícii, ktorá sa začala v júni v roku 1976.



## Návštevníci a občania Spišskej Novej Vsi rozhodli o siedmich divoch mesta

Spišská Nová Ves (TASR) – Obyvatelia a návštevníci Spišskej Novej Vsi v ankete o siedmich divoch mesta rozhodli, že medzi najväčšie atrakcie patrí Rímskokatolícky farský kostol Nanebovzatia Panny Márie. Podľa hlasovania mu patrí prvé miesto, pričom ide o kostol výnimočný svojou kostolnou vežou, ktorá meria 87 metrov a je najvyššia na Slovensku. Návštevníci a obyvatelia mesta ďalej rozhodli o tom, že druhým najpozoruhodnejším artefaktom v meste je jeho námestie šošovkovitého tvaru, ktoré patrí medzi najkrajšie na Slovensku a najdlhšie tohto typu v Európe.

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s Levočskou bránou, ktorý bol mestskou radnicou až do roku 1777. V súčasnosti sa tu nachádza Múzeum Spiša, kde môžu návštevníci mesta vidieť rôzne výstavy. Piatym najzaujímavejším divom Spišskej Novej Vsi je budova Radnice postavená koncom 18. storočia v klasickej slohu, ktorá sa nachádza uprostred námestia. Najvýznamnejším priestorom je tu reprezentačná miestnosť umiestnená v strede budovy, ktorá presahuje dve poschodia.



Divadlo v Spišskej Novej Vsi.



Konferenciérky kultúrneho programu Sabína Sabados (vľavo) a Jane Konzelmann.



Profesionálni speváci zľava Jozef Ivaška st. z Viedne a Jozef Ivaška ml. z New Yorku.



Svojina z Michaloviec mala viaceré pekné vystúpenia.



Detský súbor Domovina z Cliftonu, N.J. mal tiež veľký úspech.



Množstvo ľudí každoročne navštívi tradičný Spišský trh, práve aj to je dôvod, prečo sa toto podujatie zaradilo medzi sedem divov Spišskej Novej Vsi na šieste miesto. Ide o štvordňové podujatie plné zábavy, ktoré sa v meste koná už viac ako 50 rokov. Posledné miesto sa podarilo obsadiť mozaikou nachádzajúcej sa v gréckokatolíckom Chráme Premenenia Pána. Je vyrobená z prírodných materiálov a nachádza sa v oltárnej časti a na chóre, jej autorom je otec Kamil Dráb. Anketu vyhlásil spišskonovoveský magistrát v máji tohto roku, pričom záujemcovia mohli nominovať na div mesta čokoľvek, čo sa im zdalo zaujímavé v metropole stredného Spiša.

Nasledovalo verejné hlasovanie o poradí z celkovo 31 nominovaných pozoruhodností mesta prostredníctvom anketových lístkov uverejnených v mestskom mesačníku Informátor. Občania mohli aj na internete označiť maximálne sedem nominácií, dohromady bolo odovzdaných takmer 1,500 hlasov. Výsledky ankety sa verejnosť dozvedela počas podujatia Dni mesta Spišská Nová Ves.



Spišská Nová Ves.

## Festival slovenského dedičstva v Pittsburghu, PA

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



## Katarínska zábava v New York City

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

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



## Informácia o postupe rekonštrukcie múzea v Cedar Rapids

Na pôde Veľvyslanectva SR vo Washingtone bolo nedávno prezentačné podujatie Národného českého a slovenského múzea a knižnice zo Cedar Rapids v americkom štáte Iowa. Cieľom bolo informovať krajskú komunitu z okolia Washingtonu o prácach a pokroku pri rekonštrukcii múzea, ktoré bolo v roku 2008 postihnuté rozsiahlymi povodňami a prakticky celá budova a časť expozícií boli zničené. Veľvyslanec Peter Burian, ktorý nad podujatím prevzal záštitu, vo svojom úvodnom vystúpení ocenil neúnavnú snahu pracovníkov múzea pokračovať vo svojej činnosti, ktorou už od roku 1974 prispievajú k udržaniu národnej identity, kultúry a dedičstva Slovákov a Čechov po celých Spojených štátoch. Napriek škodám vo výške viac ako 11 mil. dolárov sa múzeu podarilo prostredníctvom grantov a finančných zbierok od jednotlivcov a inštitúcií zrekonštruovať časť pôvodnej budovy a postaviť aj nové časti, ktoré sprístupnia začiatkom roku 2011.

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## Úvaha nad odchodom ďalšej emigračnej vlny zo slovenského života v Amerike

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festivaly, pikniky, ľudové tanečné zábavy, tradičné Vianoce, Mikulášska nádielka pre deti a iné kultúrne programy.

Žil som asi 60 rokov v štáte New York, zorganizoval som a účinkoval mnohé slovenské podujatia a programy. Mám skúsenosť i vedomosť ako pokračovať a podnikať za udržanie slovenského života na Východe Ameriky. Spomínam len tento úsek Ameriky. Iné slovenské strediská poznám len zo slovenských novín. Dovoľujem si spomenúť niekoľko návrhov, ktoré môže budúca generácia uviesť do života.

Festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey treba organizovať každý rok. Slováci tam radi chodia. Účasť je vždy v tisíckach. Bývajú tam výstavy slovenských kníh, brúseného skla, výšivky, kroje, blúzky a obľúbené slovenské jedlá a pečivo. To všetko si prezrú aj príslušníci iných národností. Potom pokiaľ je záujem u slovenskej verejnosti, hodno organizovať tradičný Slovenský Bál v New York Athletic Club. Je to reprezentačné podujatie, z ktorého výťažok ide na štipendium pre slovenských študentov na Slovensku. Ako si sme zabudli na majora Ladislava Polereckého, vojaka slovenského pôdovu a hrdinu v Amerikej vojne o samostatnosť (1776-1781). Odhalili sme mu pomník 18. septembra 1977 na Trinity Plaza v Yonkers, N.Y. Bola to veľkolepá slávnosť, ktorej sa zúčastnili vzácní americkí hostia ako zástupca West Point Akadémie plukovník De Witt, bývalý podtajomník armády plukovník Ján Slezák, general-major W. Stafford Smith, námorný kapitán v zálohe George F. Kosco a mnohí poprední slovenskí činitelia národni a kultúrni na čele s nebohým predsedom Svetového kongresu Slovákov Štefanom Romanom. Bol to veľkolepý výsledok prejavu spolupatričnosti. Zora zbratania Slovákov vzbĺkla. Veľkú zásluhu na organizovaní tejto slávnosti má bývalý predseda Slovensko-amerického kultúrneho strediska v New Yorku, teraz už zosnulý Ing. Eduard Garba.

Treba myslieť tiež na historické dátumy ako výročia slovenskej samostatnosti, Matice slovenskej, príchod sv. Cyrila a Metoda na Slovensko a vynikajúce národné osobnosti slovenského národa ako A. Hlinka, M. Rázus, gen. M. R. Štefánik a iní. Nepredpisujem novej generácii, čo má oslavovať a čo nie. Chcem len spomenúť, že má veľký výber a viem, že má zaiste tiež svoje myšlienky a plány.

Bolo by užitočné a chvályhodné, aby členovia novej generácie stali sa členmi fraternalistických organizácií ako: Ženská Katolícka Jednota, Mužská Katolícka Jednota, Katolícky Sokol a Slovenský Národný Spolok. Tieto organizácie urobili mnoho dobrého pre slovenský národ a sú dodnes chrbtovou kosťou slovenského života v Amerike.

Bolo by želateľné, aby kultúrni a národní činitelia na Slovensku bližšie poznávali pracovníkov v Amerike aby tak vznikli bratské vzťahy s dôrazom na mládež narodenú v USA zo slovenských rodičov.

Verím, že moja nádej preletí aj oceán, hory a doly a zvestuje Slovensku, že má v amerických Slovákoch oporu, svojho tlmočníka a svojho ochrancu; že americkí Slováci nežili nadarmo, že veria a dúfajú, ako sa na statočných synov a dcéry slovenského národa patrí.

Rudo L. Greguš

## Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

### Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

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

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

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

Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

### Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v New York City

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

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

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

### Schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu IKSJ v Los Angeles

Okres Princa Pribinu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Los Angeles bude mať svoju schôdzu v nedeľu 31. októbra 2010. Oslava začne slovenskou svätou omšou o 15.00 hodine v kaplnke sv. Jána Bosku pri St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower, Bl. Bellflower, CA 90706. Svätú omšu bude slúžiť otec Pavol Sochuľak, ktorý je kňazom v San Bernardino. Pripomenieme si v modlitbách pamiatku Všetkých svätých a milovaných zosnulých. Po svätej omši bude schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu a za tým bude nasledovať spoločné posedenie s priateľmi pri káve a šiškách. Všetky obvody v okolí sú pozvané na zasadnutie okresu. Na programe budú postrehy a informácie z 49. Konvencii IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio a aktivity okresu a poistenie cestou Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

Pavol Skubň, predseda

### Ročná schôdza Spolku sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza Spolku sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 28. novembra 2010 o 12:30 hodine (po slovenskej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue, 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančná správa, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie. Za tým budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie.

Úctivo žiadame o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdzi. Ďakujem a s pozdravom

Maria Jurasi, pokladníčka

## Americká kultúrna výmena Slovakia - (The American Intercultural Students Exchange) prijíma prihlášky

Bratislava (TASR) - Okolo 60 stredoškôľakov zo Slovenska absolvuje každoročne 10-mesačné štúdium (jeden školský rok) v USA prostredníctvom neziskovej organizácie Americká kultúrna výmena - A.K.V. Slovakia. Mladí majú počas týchto pobytov možnosť zdokonaľiť sa v anglickom jazyku a získať zaujímavé poznatky a skúsenosti. Študenti sa vzdelávajú na niektorej strednej škole v Spojených štátoch, ubytovanie a stravu majú zdarma v amerických rodinách, vybraných na základe prísnych kritérií.

Organizácia A.K.V. Slovakia už začala prijímať prihlášky záujemcov o ročné štúdium na stredných školách v USA v školskom roku 2011/2012. Pri sprostredkovaní pobytov už tradične úzko spolupracuje s americkou neziskovou organizáciou A.I.S.E. (The American Intercultural Students Exchange), tak pri umiestňovaní stredoškôľakov v rodinách, ako aj na školách. Informoval o tom riaditeľ A.K.V. Tomáš Szabó. Podmienkou prijatia na stredoškolské štúdium v USA je vek od 15 do 18 rokov, fyzické a psychické zdravie, dobrý prospech a znalosť angličtiny na stredoškolskej úrovni, zodpovedajúca asi trom rokom štúdia tohto jazyka.

Prostredníctvom americkej neziskovej organizácie A.I.S.E., ktorá pôsobí už vyše 30 rokov, prichádza každoročne do USA viac ako tisíc študentov z vyše 30 krajín. Host'ovské rodiny, ktoré prijímajú zahraničných študentov, musia spĺňať morálne, psychologické i finančné kritériá. V prípade, ak by medzi rodinou a študentom nastali problémy, vyrieši ich miestny koordinátor agentúry. V každej škole, kde sú umiestnení zahraniční študenti, je akademický poradca, ktorý im pomáha pri štúdiu, výbere predmetov a pod. Za podobných podmienok ako v USA nezisková organizácia A.K.V. Slovakia sprostredkúva pobyty stredoškôľakov aj v iných krajinách - Nemecku, Francúzsku, Španielsku, Kanade i v Brazílii.

Záujemcovia o ročné stredoškolské štúdium v zahraničí sa môžu prihlásiť a získať podrobnejšie informácie v kancelárii Americkej kultúrnej výmeny na Pražskej ulici 11 v Bratislave alebo na webstránke [www.aise-akv.sk](http://www.aise-akv.sk).

## Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Devízové príjmy SR** z príjazdového cestovného ruchu boli za prvých sedem mesiacov tohto roka vyčíslené na 934.1 milióna eur, čo bol medziročne pokles o 1.3 %. Devízové výdavky Slovákov sa znížili o 1.5 % na 879.1 milióna eur. Podiel individuálnej turistiky na celkovom objeme devízových príjmov tvoril 94.2 % a organizovaná turistika 5.8 %. Najväčšia časť devízových výdavkov pripadla tradične na individuálnu turistiku a dosiahla 84.6 %, zvyšný podiel výdavkov si rozdelili organizovaná turistika s 9.3 % a zahraničné pracovné cesty s podielom 6.1 %. V sledovanom období saldo z príjazdového turizmu bolo aktívne v sume 55 miliónov eur a medziročne sa zvýšilo o 1.9 %. Aktuálnu štatistiku na základe predbežných údajov Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS) zverejnilo Ministerstvo kultúry a cestovného ruchu (MKCR)

• **Viac ako 100 slovenských vojakov** ukončilo v septembri po vyše polročnom pobyte svoje pôsobenie v bojovej misii ISAF v Afganistane. Odchádzajúcu skupinu tvorili zväčša vojaci z východného Slovenska, s pôsobením ktorých vyslovili vojenský predstavitelia iných armád veľkú spokojnosť. Ako informoval hovorca Ordinariátu Ozbrojených síl (OS) a Ozbrojených zborov (OZ) SR Tibor Ujľacký deň pred odletom do vlasti boli vojaci ocenení vojenskými medailami a viac ako polovica z nich sa následne zúčastnila na ďakovnej svätej omši v miestnej medzinárodnej kaplnke na leteckej základni v Kandaháre, ktorú zorganizoval a celebroval vojenský kaplán Ordinariátu OS a OZ SR Slavko Ganaj. Odchádzajúci slovenskí vojaci dostali aj ružence od kanadského vojenského kaplána Lestra Mendosu.

• **Spoločnosť Volkswagen Slovakia** môže byť vzorom pre investorov zo zahraničia, či už na Slovensku sú alebo uvažujú o vstupe. Zvlášť potešiteľné sú informácie o pripravovanom rozšírení výroby, ktoré znamenajú, že v samotnom koncernovom závode a u dodávateľov nájde postupne do konca roka 2014 prácu 4,000 zamestnancov priamo vo výrobe a ďalších 8,000 u subdodávateľských firiem. V bratislavskom Volkswagene vrcholia prípravy na výrobu nového modelu Small Family Up. Spustenie jeho výroby zvýši maximálnu výrobnú kapacitu VW na 400,000 vozidiel ročne. Ako informovalo vedenie spoločnosti, v súčasnosti sa pracuje na štyri smeny sedem dní v týždni. Z výrobných pásov schádzajú modely Touareg, Audi Q7 a Porsche Cayenne.

• **Úmrtnosť** na ochorenia srdca a ciev vo vyspelých krajinách dlhodobo klesá, predlžuje sa stredná dĺžka života aj doba života prežitého v zdraví. Slovensko je v európskom rebríčku úmrtnosti na srdcovocievne ochorenia na jednom z najhorších miest na tomto kontinente. Na Slovensku ročne zomrie na tieto ochorenia 508 ľudí na 100,000 obyvateľov. Horšie sú na tom z Európskej únie iba Rumunsko a Bulharsko, okrem nich v Európe ešte krajiny bývalého Sovietskeho zväzu. V 15 krajinách EÚ dosiahla úmrtnosť na srdcovocievne ochorenia hodnotu 221 ľudí na 100,000 obyvateľov, uviedla to nedávno na stretnutí s novinármi prezidentka Slovenskej kardiologickej spoločnosti (SKS) doc. MUDr. Eva Gonçalvesová.

• **Slovensko** môže prísť o jednu z najväčších, ale aj najkontroverzných investícií vo svojej histórii. Stredoeurópske Las Vegas, ktoré malo vyrásť neďaleko Bratislavy, totiž možno vyrastie u susedov. "Pokiaľ sa zásadne zmení legislatíva, zväzíme presun projektu Metropolis v hodnote 1.5 miliardy eur do Maďarska," vyhlásil Gábor Zászlós, predseda predstaviteľstva spoločnosti TriGranit. Táto spoločnosť komplexne rozvíja, investorom tu je najväčší prevádzkovateľ kasín na svete, spoločnosť Harrah's. Zmena legislatívy by pre Harrah's znamenala zrušenie výhody, ktorá prešla ešte za bývalého ministra financií Jána Počiatka. Tá spočívala v tom, že prevádzkovateľovi budú klesáť odvody z obratu priamo úmerne k tržbám kasína. To sa nepáči súčasnej vláde a na nesúhlas naráža aj na úrovni samosprávy. Investor tak môže skončiť iba niekoľko kilometrov za hranicami.

• **Dve budovy** v centre Košíc čaká radikálna premena. Investície za takmer 400 miliónov korún sú projektom tímu Európske hlavné mesto kultúry 2013. Schátraný amfiteáter sa zastreší, zo starej plavárne bude výstavný priestor. Mesto vypísalo súťaž na prestavbu amfiteátra na multifunkčný priestor s celoročnou prevádzkou. Tú má zaručiť jeho zastrešenie, radnica si od investície sľubuje novú dominantu mesta. "Cieľom projektu je vytvorenie podmienok pre organizovanie kultúrnych podujatí väčšieho rozsahu a tiež pre rozvoj kongresového turizmu. Inovatívne a architektonicky zaujímavé riešenie sa môže stať novou dominantou Košíc," povedal splnomocnenec mesta pre Košice 2013 Rudolf Bauer (KDS). Kapacita súčasného amfiteátra sa výrazne zredukujú, zo súčasných 10-tisíc miest na maximálne 4,000. Pôvodne sa pritom rátalo s kapacitou až 12-tisíc návštevníkov. Uvoľnená plocha sa má využiť na zabezpečenie masovej nárazovej návštevnosti pri veľkých podujatiach. Okrem nich má amfiteáter ponúkať aj denný krátkodobý relax.

• **Metropola** východu sa chce vyprofilovať ako mesto informačných technológií. Podľa kuloárnych informácií sa o Košice zaujíma aj megafirma IBM. Doposiaľ sa v meste Košice realizovali predovšetkým investície v oblasti hutníctva a výroby. Vedenie mesta to chce zmeniť, prilákať chce investorov v IT biznise. Nové investície si radnica sľubuje aj od medzinárodnej konferencie Košice Invest, ktorú organizuje spolu s Americkou obchodnou komorou v Slovenskej republike. Potenciálnym investorom chcú predstaviť investičné príležitosti v meste a v blízkom regióne, očakávajú asi 200 účastníkov. Práve v sfére informácií má podľa riaditeľa Americkéj obchodnej komory v Košiciach Rastislava Puchalu mesto devízu najmä vo vysokoškolskom sektore a silných partnerských subjektoch, ktoré tu pôsobia. IBM je najväčšou spoločnosťou v odbore informačných technológií na svete s viac ako 330-tisíc zamestnancami.

• **Veľvyslanec USA** Theodor Sedwick navštívil nedávno pobočku Colného úradu Košice - Letisko. Zaujímalo sa aj o to, ako košičskí colníci využívajú zariadenie na odhalovanie jadrového a iného rádioaktívneho materiálu. Návšteva veľvyslancu Sedwicka nadväzovala na dlhodobú spoluprácu Colného riaditeľstva SR so Zastupiteľským úradom USA v Bratislave na projektoch technickej pomoci a školení v rôznych oblastiach colníctva.

• **Pre-pilotný skrining** kolorektálneho karcinómu, ktorý na jar minulého roka spustilo občianske združenie Europacoln Slovensko, pomohol zachrániť život viac ako 100 Slovákom. Na výzvu združenia bezplatne podstúpil jednoduchý a bezbolestný test na skryté krvácanie do stolice, ktorý môže odhaliť rakovinu hrubého čreva a konečníka, reagovalo viac ako 80,000 Slovákov. Toto číslo prekvapilo aj samotných organizátorov. Do štúdie bolo nakoniec zaradených prvých 19,931 ľudí, ktorým sa poštou zaslal spomínaný test. Na spracovanie sa do skriningového centra vrátilo 56.5 percenta týchto testov. Gastroenterológ Rudolf Hřčka označil tento výsledok za dobrý, no priznal, že organizátori očakávali vyššiu návratnosť. Napriek tomu tento výsledok podporil predpoklad, že zavedenie národného skriningového programu má zmysel.

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Vladimír Skalský, predseda SZSZ

## M. Dzurinda hľadá v USA high-tech investorov pre Slovensko



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**M. Dzurinda na pôde Americkéj obchodnej komory.**

**Mikulas Dzurinda, Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs speaks to American investors during his recent visit to the United States.**

Inovácie, moderné technológie a možnosti investovania na Slovensku. To boli témy stretnutí ministra zahraničných vecí SR Mikuláša Dzurindu počas oficiálnej návštevy USA, ktorú absolvoval od 17.-19. októbra 2010.

Napôde Americkéj obchodnej komory hovoril šéf slovenskej diplomacie o konkurenčných výhodách Slovenska pri umiestňovaní zahraničných investícií s vyššou pridanou hodnotou. „Cieľom ekonomického rozmeru diplomacie tejto vlády je vzdelanostná ekonomika, ktorá ponúka stabilitu a pracovné príležitosti pre nás, aj pre naše deti.“ Okrem zástupcov najvýznamnejších amerických firiem sa minister zahraničných vecí stretol aj s riaditeľom Národnej akadémie vied USA pre inovácie, technológie a podnikanie

Charlessom Wessnerom. Na pôde prestížnej americkej inštitúcie hovorili o rozvoji v oblasti ekonomiky založenej na kvalitnom vzdelaní a aplikácii poznatkov vedy v praxi.

Politickým vrcholom zahraničnej pracovnej cesty malo byť stretnutie s americkou ministerkou zahraničných vecí Hillary Clintonovou. „Obaja ministri mali hovoriť o slovensko-amerických vzťahoch, aktuálnych zahraničnopolitických a bezpečnostných témach vrátane vývoja v Afganistane a o spolupráci medzi EÚ a USA v regióne západného Balkánu,“ priblížil hovorca ministerstva Ľuboš Schwarzbacher. Okrem šéfky americkej diplomacie sa Dzurinda mal stretnúť aj s predstaviteľmi Pentagónu a Národnej bezpečnostnej rady USA.

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## ZÁPAS O SLOVENSKO

V týchto dňoch vyšiel vo Vydavateľstve Spolku slovenských spisovateľov rozsiahly zborník dokumentov Spoločenstva Kresťanské Slovensko (SKS) pod názvom *Zápas o Slovensko*. Je to autorské dielo univerzitného profesora Abela Kráľa, ktorý je na čele tohto občianskeho združenia už dvadsať rokov. Už pri zbežnom prelistovaní čitateľ s obdivom zisťuje, že na všetky významné udalosti v národnom živote Slovákov SKS zareagovalo analytickými rozbormi a úvahami, rozsiahlymi článkami a obrátilo sa s výzvami na ústredné štátne inštitúcie i cirkevné osobnosti. Väčšina publikovaných textov už bola uverejnená, ale až teraz, keď sú sústredené v zborníku, vidíme cieľavedomosť autora i SKS.

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Prof. Abel Kráľ bol v tomto období aj politicky činný. Bol poslancom Federálneho zhromaždenia ČSFR, bol i prvým veľvyslancom Slovenskej republiky vo Švajčiarsku. Videl a vidí veľmi dobre do politiky, je predvídavý a vie o tom aj kvalitne písať. Päťstostranový zborník vyšiel v nevelkom náklade, a tak sa, žiaľ, sotva dostane do rúk všetkých, pre ktorých by mal byť základnou príručkou.

Ivan Reguli





Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

# Jednota



ÚRADNÝ ORGÁN PRVEJ KATOLÍCKEJ SLOVENSKEJ JEDNOTY V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH A V KANADE

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## Prezident SR Gašparovič a košický arcibiskup Bober na 33. Festivale slovenského dedičstva v NJ

Prítomná bola aj prededníčka Úradu pre zahraničných Slovákov Dr. Privarová • Vystupoval súbor Svojina z Michaloviec • Účastníci sa zaujímali o stánok IKSJ

VPNC Arts Center v New Jersey sa konal v nedeľu 26. septembra 2010 33. Festival slovenského dedičstva, na ktorom sa zúčastnilo približne 10,000 návštevníkov. Na festival prišiel aj prezident Slovenskej republiky Ivan Gašparovič, ktorý deň predtým skončil svoju pracovnú návštevu Organizácie Spojených národov (OSN), ďalej predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Vilma Privarová a slovenskí veľvyslanci Peter Burian z Washingtonu a Miloš Koterec z OSN, ako aj generálny konzul SR v New Yorku Igor Pokojný. Guvernera New Jersey zastupovala štátna poslankyňa Anna Little.

Festival sa začal futbalovým turnajom, v ktorom zápasili o Pohár 33. festivalu štyri slovenské kluby: Tatry Slovakia, Dukla Svidník, FC Litmanová a Slovan Staten Island. Zápasy sa konali po celý deň pod vedením Jozefa Korčáka, Ludvika Kováča a Gabriela Kováča. Víťazom turnaja bol klub Dukla Svidník, ktorému spolupredseda festivalu John Duch a Gabriel Kováč odovzdali víťazný pohár.



Prezidenta Ivana Gašparoviča privítali na Festivale spolupredseda Festivalu John Duch (vľavo) a Nina Holá (vpravo). Vedľa prezidenta SR je zástupkyňa guvernéra Christieho poslankyňa Anna Little a člen výboru Tomáš Duch.

*Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic was welcomed at the New Jersey Festival by festival organizers John Duch (left) and Nina Holy (right). Also present were Anna Little, representing New Jersey Governor Christie, and Festival committee member Thomas Duch.*

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*Archbishop Bernard Bober of Kosice and Bishop Peter Libasci of Rockville Centre, New York led the procession to the altar for Holy Mass.*

Arcibiskup Bernard Bober z Košíc a biskup Peter Libasci z Rockville Centre, NY viedli procesiu k oltáru pred začiatkom svätej omše.



*Working at the FCSU booth at the New Jersey Festival were, L-R National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Regional Director Joseph F. Minarovich, Branch 746 President Sabina Sabados, National President Andrew Rajec, and Branch 290 Secretary Stephen J. Minarovich.*

Na snímke zľava: podpredseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty (IKSJ), Andrej R. Harcar; oblasťný riaditeľ IKSJ, Jozef F. Minarovich; predsedkyňa Spolku č. 746 IKSJ, Sabina Sabados; hlavný predseda IKSJ, Andrej M. Rajec; a tajomník Spolku 290 IKSJ, Štefan J. Minarovich.

## Úvaha nad odchodom ďalšej emigračnej vlny zo slovenského života v Amerike

Áno, pozorujem, že moja generácia biologicky odchádza zo slovenského života v Amerike. Obzerám sa dookola kto ďalej ponese zástavu ideálov slobody, rovnoprávnosti, národnej a štátnej nezávislosti, za ktoré táto generácia a naši otcovia bojovali.

Mysľou mi prebiehajú roky práce za uplatnenie Pravdy a Spravodlivosti, za právo a slobodu v prospech slovenského národa. Organizovali sme podujatia, písali články a rečnili. Tisíciky hodín sme strávili v slovenských spolkoch na schôdzkach, konferenciách, Konvenciách Jednoty, Katolíckeho Sokola a Kongresoch Slovenskej ligy. Ako členovia, alebo funkcionári mnohých slovenských organizácií boli sme a dosiaľ zostávame poradcami, organizátormi, rečníkmi a pisateľmi – publicistami. Boli sme všade tam, kde bolo treba verejne manifestovať za mravné princípy života, podľa zásady: Za Boha život, za Národ slobodu. Obsahove možno povedať, že táto práca nás zušľachtľovala. Možno tiež povedať, že táto generácia si svoju národnú povinnosť vykonala. Treba tiež pripomenúť, že nie vždy všetko išlo hladko. Do organizácií sa dostali oportunisti, ktorí každé postavenie a funkcie využívali pre svoje osobné ciele, prestíž a výhody. V záujme pravdy a spravodlivosti aj toto treba zaknihovať do kroniky tejto generácie.

V rokoch 1968 sme zažili poslednú vlnu emigrácie tzv. poaugustovej. Žiadna emigračná vlna nepadla do tak priaznivých hmotných pomerov, ako táto. A to prevažne na základe svojho technického vzdelania. Ale táto generácia vyrástla v jednom organicky jednotnom telese marxisticko-leninskom, zameraným materialisticky, hladom potom, čo len americká spoločnosť a demokratický systém vie produkovať.

Jedná časť tejto vlny ostala úplne ľahostajná voči potrebám americko-slovenského etnika, ktoré nepodporuje a ktorého sa stráni. Pri voľbe životných družiek nesiahajú po radoch dievčat slovenského pôvodu, v Amerike narodených, ale vlieva sa do cudzích etník a stráca národnú identitu prv ako dosiahne americké občianstvo. Túto časť poaugustovej emigrácie môžeme nazvať suchou ratoľou, ktorú musíme odpočítavať ako nedobytnú národnú stratu, ktorú si nemôžeme dovoliť, ale ktorú musíme prijať ako životnú realitu. Napriek tomu druhá a tretia v Amerike narodená generácia slovenského pôvodu začína sa pripájať ku slovenskému národnému telesu. Študuje dejiny svojich praotcov; ich kultúru a dosahuje už aj slušné pozície vo verejnom a politickom živote v Amerike. Týchto mladých ľudí treba hľadať, im pomáhať a podporovať.

Druhá časť poaugustovej emigrácie našla si kladný vzťah ku svojej národnej minulosti. Zúčastňuje sa na slovenských podujatiach, prispieva hmotne do slovenských kultúrnych organizácií a chce si vypracovať miesta v slovenskom dianí. Pán Boh zaplať za túto časť tejto generácie, ktorá udržuje v nás nádej, že po nás prídu iní, ktorí budú pokračovať v našich šľapajách. Možno sa pokúsia robiť veci ináč ako sme boli my zvyknutí. Treba im radiť, upozorňovať, ale nehatiť ich iniciatívu a elán.

Osobne, verím, že slovenský život v Amerike ešte nie je u konca. Budú sa organizovať

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Rudo L. Greguš

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