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Slovenia Elects Newcomer as Prime Minister

LJUBLJANA, May 4 – Slovenia's Andrej Bajuk, elected on Wednesday as the third prime minister in nine years of independence, has spent most of his life abroad.

Bajuk, a conservative 56-year-old economist, was born in Ljubljana but his family left Slovenia in 1945 after the communists came to power in Yugoslavia at the end of World War Two.

He grew up in Argentina where he became a university professor.

Bajuk will replace Janez Drnovsek, who was premier of the tiny Alpine state's center-left government for the past eight years but lost a confidence vote in parliament four weeks ago.

Most of Bajuk's working life has been spent at the Inter-American Development Bank. He became director of its European department in 1994.

In his program, Bajuk has emphasized preparations for European Union membership as his main task. Slove-

nia started membership talks in 1998 and hopes to be ready to join the EU by 2003.

Bajuk said, "Slovenia has to stay in the first round of candidate countries and achieve better recognition among the citizens of EU membership states."

Bajuk also plans to liberalize the economy by phasing out state intervention, abolishing monopolies and trying to attract more foreign investment.

In recent years, he advised both the center-right Social Democrats and the conservative Christian Democrats. He only joined the Christian Democrats last month.

He is deputy president of the newly established SLS + SKD Slovenian People's Party, which was formed in April by a merger of the People's Party and the Christian Democrats.

He has a Slovenian wife, two daughters and a son.

Slovenian PM Announces New Cabinet

LJUBLJANA May 15 – Slovenia's new Prime Minister Andrej Bajuk made public his new center-right cabinet Sunday, stressing that it would aim to speed up the country's accession to NATO and the European Union.

Bajuk's administration replaces the center-left government of Janez Drnovsek, ousted on April 8 after losing a parliamentary vote on a proposed cabinet reshuffle.

Bajuk told reporters in a press conference that he would maintain control over

the finance ministry, while Lojze Peterle would become foreign minister and Janez Jansa - forced to resign from his government post in 1994 after a scandal over arms sales - would take the job of defense minister.

The Prime Minister also announced the creation of a new minister without portfolio in charge of bringing Slovenian legislation into line with that of the European Union.

Parliament will now have to approve the new cabinet.

--Agence France Presse)

Slovenian School Graduates

This year's graduates of the St. Vitus Slovenian School are Anton Dolenc, Pamela Ovsenik, Andreja Srsen, Viktorija Yuko, Monika Zalar, and Ani Zakelj.

They have successfully completed the course of studies in the Slovenian lan-

guage. They will receive their diplomas after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 21.

Congratulations to the graduates!

Immediately following the Mass everyone is invited to the auditorium for cake and refreshments.

Korotan Concert

The Cleveland based mixed chorus Korotan will hold their concert on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

The Stan Mejac Orchestra will play for the dance following the concert.

Tickets (\$10) for the concert may be purchased from any member of the chorus including Theresa Rihtar at (216) 692-2469. Tickets also at the door.



Claire Blakeley, singing, was the "Narrator" in the Lake Catholic High School, Mentor, Ohio, play "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" presented March 29 through April 2 in the high school auditorium. The spectacular sell-out performances were for one weekend only, and unfortunately, some people were turned away.

Claire is the daughter of Kevin and Mary Ann Blakely of Mentor and the granddaughter of Agnes Blakeley and Vince and Mitzi Globokar. Claire is a sophomore at Lake Catholic and graduated from St. Christine School where she started learning theater from her teacher Mrs. Nancy Welsh.



Recovering Rudi Knez is Grateful for a Loving God

We all know that the most effective way to teach someone, to evangelize or lead someone to God, is to be a living witness to the power and importance of God in your life. The reason it is so effective is because it is not so easy to do in the face of adversity. It's easy to thank and praise God when things are going well. If we are honest with ourselves, however, we will find that the focus during many of these times is on ourselves

and how much God's gifts enhance our lives and how good and blessed we feel. We like the fact that God's gifts allow us to accomplish things and to feel pride in our accomplishments, and we are encouraged to do more. This is not a bad thing in and of itself; God wants us to appreciate his goodness to us and to marvel at what he has accomplished through us. God himself is totally focused on and interested in each one of us every minute

of every day.

Just as it is easy to thank God when all is well, it is easy to give in to the temptation to ask him why and blame him when faced with sickness, death and suffering. However, in suffering and hardship, if we focus on ourselves we get discouraged and lose hope and blame becomes a bad and destructive habit. In order to make it through the hard times - physical, emotional,
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Flowing News

Editor,
Keep the news and views flowing. I continue to enjoy the variety of subjects covered if only the delivery of the paper through the U.S. Postal System could be improved. On RARE occasions I receive it in three days. Most of the time it is 7 - 11 days. According to the post office the paper should go from Cleveland to Pittsburgh in about 130 minutes. They cannot explain the delay. Amazing.

--Violet Ruparcich
Pittsburgh

Nice Letter

Enclosed you will find my check for American Home subscription plus a \$10.00 donation. Enjoy reading the paper. Have a nice Mothers Day and a safe summer.

--Mary Taucher
Maple Hts., Ohio

It's Cool To Be Slovenian

Late Again

Thanks to Julie Harbie of Seven Hills, Ohio who renewed her subscription and enclosed a \$20.00 donation for "a great newspaper." Julie notes that it is a shame that the American Home often comes as much as a week late.

Thinkers International

Enclosed is my check for \$30 for a new subscription. If you look at the URL billbron@midohio.net you will find the rules and procedures for joining Thinkers International, a discussion forum I started three years ago. We now have about 160 members.

--Bill Brown
Richwood, Ohio

Donation

Thanks to Dr. Margaret Gorenssek of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida who renewed her subscription plus enclosed a \$50.00 donation!

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

TO THE GRADUATES...

(Ten things that YOU need to know to survive in life)

1. Visit everyone that had anything to do with your finishing of school and thank them for standing by and helping you. You may need their help again.
2. Nothing in life is free.
3. Start keeping a simple journal containing names of people that you meet.
4. Be nice to those that have not done well in school. Someday, they may be in a position to hire you.
5. For every dollar that you spend on frivolous items, save one dollar in your piggy bank.
6. Your learning does not end with formal education.
7. Your parents are not a bottomless source of funds.
8. You have received the basics to succeed. The rest is up to you.
9. Health is more important than money.
10. When nothing seems to go right and no one seems to care about you, give God a chance.

Fast Runner

Congratulations to Joe Zakelj of Wickliffe, Ohio who came in first place in the Men 45-49 category of the Cleveland Marathon and 10K 2000 run held on Sunday, April 30. Joe took top honors in the 10K Division.

Keep Elian Here

Editor,

I agree with Jim's Journal. Elian should stay in the United States. His mother was trying to bring him here - no mention of his father at that time. I assume she had custody of him.

His father has been re-married for a while. He is the parent of another child.

I think the Cuban government is making a case out of this for their own purpose.

--Jennie K. Brumbaugh
Broadview Hts., Ohio

SWU Branch 10 Salutes Mothers

On Wednesday, May 24 all members and mothers of Slovenian Women's Union Branch 10 will be honored at a luncheon after 1 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant, 22780 Shore Center Dr., Euclid.

Members, friends and guests are invited to attend by making reservations. Call (216) 531-7635 or 1-440-944-4954. Please try to attend. Happy Blessed Mother's Day.

--Ann Stefancic

Polkas Galore

by RUDY FLIS

6417 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Oh, what a place that was on Wednesday, May 3rd between 3 and 9 p.m.

A packed house, upper and lower halls, a jumping crowd moved by a constant stimulation of beautiful Slovenian polkas and waltzes.

The occasion? Lou Trebar's 80th birthday party and the Pecon Orchestra's 25th anniversary. Their status in our area cannot be in question after this past Wednesday. Canada and many states had representatives at this enormous festivity, showing their support and their oneness with us in our love of music of our heritage and the dedicated musicians who deliver a most beautiful music to us.

As a stranger, I enjoyed the music to the fullest, while watching one happy crowd. The house was full, upstairs and downstairs, not much room left.

Yet I sensed a larger crowd. A silent crowd, not

strangers to most. Did you sense anything? Do you think Doc Lausche was near the stage? If he was, he certainly wasn't alone, was he? With some imagination, this crowd could be boundless. It would consist of our Slovenian polka pioneers who struggled and sacrificed for many years for where we are today.

Wednesday I experienced pure joy as my ears transferred notes deep into my soul. I must thank the past, and I must thank the present. Another star for our Slovenian community, it's fine leaders and their volunteers. You have my thanks and the thanks of the hundreds of happy faces I looked into at the St. Clair Slovenian Home this past Wednesday.

I pray my grandchildren will experience what I experienced at the St. Clair Slovenian Home.

To pulsate my memories of heritage, I have a precious souvenir of Wednesday past. "The Very Best of Pecon and Trebar" CD, and does it ever work.

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Rudy Knez is Grateful...

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spiritual, whatever the case may be - our eyes need to be focused on God and on his mercy and goodness. We need to allow ourselves to be totally dependent on him and to help us through the hard times. That is the best way to glorify and give witness to God.

We here in Cleveland are fortunate to have among us people who are able to witness and glorify God through their reactions to seemingly insurmountable obstacles and numerous setbacks. One such person is Rudy Knez, who by his example has led many closer to God and touched the hearts and souls of many more.

Rudi fell on the steps of Calvary, where Jesus was at his weakest and yet strongest, and chose to follow Christ's example. On the very path on which our Savior fell while carrying his cross, he allowed Rudy to have a share in his suffering, and Rudy in true humility willingly embraced it. He never complained - only prayed. In the worst physical condition of his life, he was in a foreign country with facilities far below the standards we have here in the United States. In the greatest pain of his life and in a strange land when told that the other members of the tour were praying for him, he replied that he'd just need to be more patient.

On the morning of his flight back to the United States, Rudy was being moved, and the halo put in during surgery, to hold his bones in place and relieve the pressure on his spine, slipped, and he lost feeling in his limbs again. He could not be moved - it was too risky, the doctors would not permit him to go home. Still, everyone kept on praying, both in the Holy Land and here at home. Many people prayed for the intercession of Bishop Baraga. Rudy was shortly thereafter reluctantly allowed to return home, with the escort of a doctor.

After several months in the hospital with intensive physical therapy and a lengthy convalescence at home, the prayers of the many faithful to Bishop Baraga for intercession, for a "miracle," bore much fruit, and so Rudy, who could not have been expected to survive such a horrendous fall, is now able to look back and, yes, even laugh a bit with his wife as they recount what they endured. It was not an easy journey back, and he's not quite at 100 percent yet, but who would have thought he could recover so well



Mr. Rudy Knez and the Korotan singers

from the serious neck and spinal injuries he suffered.

I can't count how many times I have heard Ani and Rudy Knez thank God while recounting the story. They are thankful to Bishop Baraga because they believe he interceded on Rudy's behalf a number of times. Even the doctors claimed that Rudy's story is "miraculous." Still, even without the doctors claims, we who know Rudy can see the hand of God and the intercession of Bishop Baraga in Rudy's story and in his daily life. Is it not the way of saints to point the way to God and not draw undue attention to themselves? The Knezes praise God for the "miracle" and are grateful to Bishop Baraga for his intercession.

Rudi's manner of dealing with the situation in which he found himself has led others closer to God, and this was possible only through the grace of God. In his weakness Rudy submitted himself to God's will, and his faith was strengthened as God healed him. Rudy's willingness to accept God's will was repaid with the grace to endure as well as overcome.

God has also blessed Rudy's marriage. I never thought it possible, but Rudy and Ani seem even more in love than ever. A situation that would have strained and maybe harmed a less solid marriage has only taught

them how to serve each other better. They are both now closer to God as well as to each other. I for one am very thankful for their shining witness of the power of faith and true love.

A product of Salesian education, which espouses a spirituality of joyful service to the youth, Rudy has spent his life joyfully serving the young as well as those young at heart. Salesians are known for their cheerful witness wherever they find themselves. Rudy Knez, even in sickness, kept a smile on his face and hoped to once again serve the youth he loves so well.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the worst and best day in the life of Rudy Knez we thank him for his steadfast faith, humility, and his willingness to be a witness of God's love and mercy to all those who know him and some who just heard about him. We are grateful to Bishop Baraga for his intercession all through the ordeal and beyond. Above all, we thank God for his gift to us in Rudy Knez and praise him, for he is indeed wonderfully kind, benevolent and merciful. He heard our prayers and those of Bishop Baraga and graced us with the continued presence of one who has given us so much and from whom we still have much to learn.

--Christy Nemeč

Waterloo Pensioners Picnic

The grass is finally turning green, flowers will soon be in full bloom and that means its time for enjoying outdoor fun.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 28th, call Dorothy Gorjup at 1-216-732-9231 or Grace Marinch at 1-440-944-0172 for dinner tickets and join the Waterloo Pensioners for their annual picnic at the beautiful SNPJ Farm, Health Rd., Kirtland.

Dinner prepared by Sophie Mazi and her crew will be served at 1 p.m. Menu will be breaded pork chops and all the trimmings for only \$11.00. This picnic is open to non-members but dinner tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance by calling either of

the above numbers or can be purchased from any club member. Cut off date for purchasing tickets is June 19.

Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich from 3 to 6 p.m. If you care to join us for dancing or listening to Fred's melodious sounds, cost for gate admission will be \$4, payable at the gate.

We have ordered a beautiful sunny day, so plan to spend June 28th at the Farm socializing with old friends and making new ones. The members of the Waterloo Pensioners Club are looking forward to seeing some new faces as well as the familiar ones.

--Grace Marinch
Recording Secretary

Public Reception for Bishop Pevec

St. Vitus Parish has invited **Bishop A. Edward Pevec** to return to St. Vitus to observe his 50th year Jubilee Mass of ordination to the priesthood.

The bishop will have the Mass of thanksgiving at St. Vitus Church (6019 Glass Avenue, Cleveland) on Sunday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m.

All parishioners, without exception, and his many friends, are invited.

Following the Mass everyone is invited to a **public reception** for the Bishop at the Slovenian National Home (6409 St. Clair).

Please note: for the weekend of May 27-28 the following Mass schedule: Saturday, May 27 Sunday Vigil Mass (4 p.m.) and on Sunday, May 28 - Mass at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Pevec on Tony's Program

Bishop A. Edward Pevec will be a guest on Tony Petkovsek's radio program on Tuesday, May 23 between 3 and 4 p.m. on WELW 1330 a.m. and simulcast on Lake County Cable as well as world wide on the Internet at www.welw.com

The bishop will trace his 50 years in the priesthood.

Slovenians Seeking US Relatives

The relatives from Slovenia are looking for contacts or any information about relatives in the United States:

Family DEBEVEC from Pueblo, Colorado (Ogulin Olga, Fred Debevec, Franciska Debevec). their last known address was 1511 Routt Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

You can send the information to Mr. Janko Francelj, Dolenja Brezovica 9, 1352 Preserje, Slovenia.

--Msgr. Franci Petric

Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends who sent me cards, telephoned me, and had prayers and rosaries said for my speedy recovery. (I fell and broke my wrist in February).

It was a long and at times very painful recovery. I am coming along much better and anticipate going back to work on May 22nd.

I also would like to personally thank Our Lord for watching over me in my hour of pain, and Reverend Father John Kumse (pastor of St. Mary's church in Collinwood) for coming to bless me at the hospital.

--Dorothyann Winter
Cleveland, Ohio

Mother's Day Program

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School presents a Mother's Day program on Sunday, May 21 after the 10 a.m. Mass in the school cafeteria.

A breakfast will also be served as a tribute and gratitude to the self-giving spirit of the school's mothers.

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Seibert meets Seibert at Tomsick's 'Smile 2' party

As a follow-up to last year's successful "Smile" party, musician Joey Tomsick will present "Smile 2" on Thursday, May 25th at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio.

This year, the smiling bandleader and DJ will welcome as his special guest Gary Seibert and the Polka Power Band from California and a special appearance by Nancy Seibert of Indianapolis, as "Seibert meets Seibert."

There will be a lot of smiling faces in the crowd as Gary takes the stage to perform for the first time ever in Euclid. His entire California band will be among the many performers for the festive evening, prior to the Memorial holiday weekend.

A highlight of the celebration will be an appearance by female accordionist songwriter, Nancy Seibert,

who is not related to Gary, but shares the same wonderful personality.

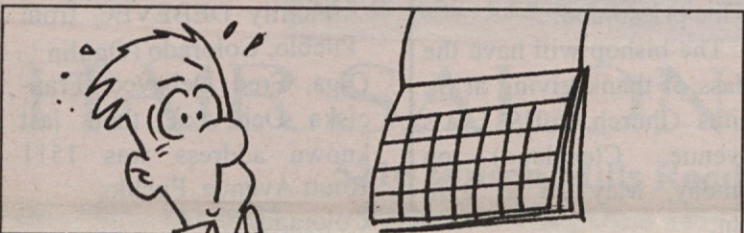
The award winning Mahoning Valley Button Box Club will start the music program at 5 p.m. on the main stage, while one-man musician extraordinaire Hank Guzel Sr. will keep the bar/annex crowd entertained with his one-man band.

The Joey Tomsick Orchestra will present a one-hour "Smile" polka show. The Gary Seibert polka band will perform all evening.

Available will be good food (come early for the light lunches and delicious sandwiches) and the usual liquid refreshments, too.

Admission is only \$7 with tickets available at the door or in advance from the Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St.

Come on and join the fun and be sure to wear a big "Smile."



Technically the United States observes no national holiday. Each state has jurisdiction over its holidays, which are designated by legislative enactment or executive proclamation.



Joey Tomsick and members of his fabulous JTO band

News from the Euclid Pensioners

Happy Spring from the Euclid Pensioners. Here's hoping everyone came through the winter in good health and with the desire to join us at our annual picnic on Wednesday, July 5th at SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland. A delicious dinner prepared by Joe Stavanja will be served starting at 12:30 p.m., after which, back by popular demand,

Fred Ziwich will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets are still only \$10 per person for the dinner and dance, \$4 for the dance only. Dinners require reservations and no dinner tickets will be sold at the door. For dinner tickets call Mary Sterle at 216-481-9418.

Congratulations to our member Lou Trebar who was honored on his 80th birthday by the Polka Hall of Fame on May 3rd. Truly deserving of this recognition, Lou is most generous and always obliges when asked to entertain by playing his accordion. May he continue to spread Slovenian cheer with his musical talent and be honored again on his 90th birthday. Additionally, may we all be there to be a part of this event.

This is the time of year for travel, be it day trips or longer vacations. While away, most of us at some time or another leave our travel companions or group and go off on our own. Imagine that you're in Las Vegas in July and decide to visit a casino down the Strip. No one wants to go with you because it's 110° in the shade so you decide to walk there by yourself. The heat gets to you and you pass out on the sidewalk where first aid is given and identification is sought, but all you have is your Ohio driver's license and some credit cards. There is no phone

number and even if there was, you would not be home in Ohio to answer the phone. Obviously, you should have been carrying more in the way of identification, information like the address of where you are staying, who you are with, if you are part of a tour or convention, the name of the tour leader and a phone number back home of a relative or friend.

When we were in Orlando recently we stayed with relatives and had a rental car. We carried the name and address of the relatives wherever we went. An auto accident can happen any time and without this information who would they call? It only takes a couple of minutes to write down pertinent names and addresses, and it may save your live.

In the middle of May, many of the Euclid Pensioners are going to the Windsor Casino on a bus trip organized by our tour director Mimi Stibil. Once at the casino, everyone will go their own way hopefully carrying identification in case it is needed, identification that says they are part of a group from Euclid, Ohio, led by Mimi Stibil on bus so and so. In addition, the phone number of a relative back home may be useful. Think about how many times we all have traveled, maybe even to Slovenia, with no local identification. Weren't we lucky that nothing ever happened?

Mimi Stibil has other tours planned for the rest of the year and a few spaces remain on all of them. On August 14, she has a trip to the Niagara Casino, and on December 4 and 5, a Christmas trip to the Niagara Falls area. Call her at 440-843-8727 for more information.

We say a fond farewell to

those who have recently passed on: Catherine Vidmar, Katherine Selan, John Kocjan, Margaret Cigoy, and Albert Strukel. Marge was one of our most active members, often working in the kitchen. She will be missed, as will all the other deceased members.

"Glad you are back so soon" wishes to our Vice President Frank Kalamasz, who recently had knee surgery. Frank missed only one meeting and says he plans to be golfing and bowling in the near future.

We extend a gracious welcome to our new members Marie Kebe, Ernest and Rose Strancar, and Raymond and Florence Stopar.

Lastly, we invite each and every one of you to our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, at 1 p.m., at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid. The June 7th meeting should be most interesting as it is our "denim" meeting where everyone will be wearing blue jeans, shorts, blouses or whatever. (See Al Volk for whatever.) If you don't have any denim, come anyway and see what a group of pensioners look like when they are dressed like teenagers. It should be fun.

--Patricia Habat,
Recording Secretary

Newburgh-Maple Meeting

The Newburgh-Maple Hts. Pensioners Club May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at noon at the Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80th St., off Union Ave.

The June meeting will be on June 28.

The July picnic-meeting will be at Stafford Park in Maple Hts., on July 26.

Tribute to Bishop Pevec

*Our Lord looked down upon the Earth
And saw this young slip of man,
He tapped him on the shoulder
And said,
"Come follow Me, my young man,
My vineyard needs the likes of you."*

*And so this young man followed Him,
Took up the Cross, and began
to teach the Word of God.
The young, the old, the sick, and all
Were touched by his love of God,
And his love for his fellowman.*

*Then one day, Our Lord looked again,
And was pleased with what He saw.
He tapped him on the shoulder again
And said,
"Well done, my dear beloved Priest,
But now I need you for greater things."*

*And so it came to pass,
No longer just Father, our Priest,
But by the Grace of God,
This pious, kind and humble man,
Became Shepherd of a greater flock.*

*With awe and pride and continued love,
We greet you, Bishop Edward Pevec!*

--S.J.F.

St. Vitus Catholic War Vets

Post 1655

Memorial Program

Mass, Sunday, May 21, St. Vitus Church, 9:00 a.m.

8:45 a.m. - Raising of Colors, National Anthem, and placing of wreath at the flag pole (in front of St. Vitus School entrance).

8:55 a.m. - Parade to St. Vitus church.

9:00 a.m. - Mass celebrated by Father William Jerse.



Commander: Stephen P. Piorkowski

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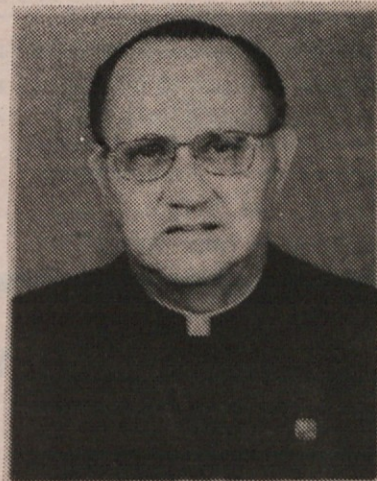


Father Roberts Celebrates 25th

Father Ralph Roberts S.S.S. is celebrating his 25th anniversary at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood, the last Sunday in August.

He began his vocation when he was professed a brother of the Blessed Sacrament Community at the Eymard Seminary in 1959. He remained a brother of the congregation for about 16 years. He studied for the priesthood at Beda College in Rome, and was ordained on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 19th, 1975.

Serving as a Blessed Sacrament father, he was commissioned to the Philippines where he served for almost 17 years. His assignments took him to Kocevje, Slovenia, Bron, Czechoslovakia. He served as the Director of International House of Studies in Rome in 1995.



His most recent assignment is in Uganda, Africa.

He will return to Cleveland to celebrate his anniversary on August 27. He is a member of KSKJ Lodge 219.

Congratulations and God bless you as you continue your service to the Lord.

--Gerrie Cek

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Growing Up In Collinwood

By Ray Mlakar

What can I say? It seems that I cannot say "Good-bye" to Annunciation Church, but before I continue, it is time for jokes. Got your reading glasses on?

Three doctors died, went to heaven and met St. Peter at the gates. St. Peter asked the first Doctor why he thought he deserved to enter. "I was a doctor with the Christian Medical and Dental Society. Every year I went to the southwest for three weeks to treat the poor Native Americans, free of charge." Welcome, St. Peter says. He then asked the second Doctor what he did. "I was a missionary in Africa for 11 years and worked in a hospital helping tribes there." "Enter into the joy of the Lord", St. Peter says. He then turns to the third doctor and says, "What did you do?" "I was a doctor at the HMO." "Come in," St. Peter says, "But you can only stay for three days."

Okay, how about this: Signs on car bumpers: "Jesus is coming, look busy." Another: "The more you complain, the longer God lets you live."

Well time to go back to Annunciation church. Better be there for I am sure Sister will be counting heads. Cannot forget the Monday Novenas to the Blessed Mother. At 3 p.m. on Monday it was for the school kids and we were all there, and in the

evening, the Novena was repeated for the grown ups. Who can forget the hymns, "Oh, Mary Conceived Without Sin, Pray for Us who have recourse to thee." There were special prayers that were said at the Novena honoring the Blessed Mother. Father Kelly, Fr. Thome, Fr. Hogan, Fr. Brady always gave some heart-rendering sermon. Then came the Benediction and after the Novena, they always enrolled anyone who came forward to the communion railing; enrolling them to honor the Blessed Mother and give them a miraculous medal.

Then on Fridays it was always the Stations of the Cross during Lent and again at 3 p.m. for the school kids, and in the evening for the grownups. In Father's sermon he always made us aware of the horrible death Christ endured for our salvation and brought each one of us a little closer to God. As the saying goes, he went through hell and back to save our souls.

Guess one feels bad that knowing for 30 years God has done nothing but good for others, especially in the last three years of his life. He has healed the sick, brought the dead back to life, cured the blind and the list goes on and on. And I guess what really hurts is that those he trusted and loved most denied even knowing him at his death. I

am sure a lot of us can see that in our own lives for at times we feel that those we befriended most, held in the highest esteem soon forget us. With that we can reflect that God carried his cross, stumbled and fell three times and we, too, in spite of bleak days, carry our cross of life.

Easter has come and gone, but let us not forget what God went through to bring that Happy Easter about. If we play our cards right, some day we, too will rise to a life unheard of, peace and joy forever and for those of us with all our pains, aches, all that will be in the past for there is no pain when we have earned our eternal reward.

This life of problems, sorrow and sickness is for a short period of time, when one figures that heaven will be forever. Don't gamble with our lives here on earth for there is too much to lose on judgement day.

Well, I could go on but I am sure that the American Home would appreciate a short article from me once in a while. Guess I am like a juke box. Put in a nickel and Ray never shuts up. Say Good-bye, Ray.

In closing May the Good Lord bless and watch over all of you. Let us remember each other in our prayers. pray to our loved ones who have passed on, that they may lead us to God's promised land.

The Chinese Laundry

by JOE GLINSEK

Dingy fogged windows and the glow of two light bulbs were all you could see from the street; a poor looking place indeed. Yet, the Chinese laundry was not a place we could afford. Curiosity drew me to the window, and my nose was pressed to the glass before the dark interior revealed a pigtailed man ironing a shirt.

No electric cords on these irons; two more were heating on a coal-fired grate while the third was in use. Men's shirts were a spe-

cialty, and there were enough professional men in the second-story offices along this street to keep him busy.

Only portly, well-tailored men were seen leaving this shop with their tidy wrapped parcels. Usually smoking a cigar, these were the "movers and shakers" of our little strip of commerce.

Glinsek "grew up Slovenian in Collinwood and now lives in Sarasota, Fla. This article is excerpted from a book he hopes to have published.

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of**



**Stephanie
Rahne**

nee Dezelan

Who was born Dec. 26,
1917

and died May 21, 1998

The depths of sorrow we
cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we
loved so well.
And while she sleeps a
peaceful sleep,
Her memory we shall
always keep.

Sadly missed by:
Brothers Joseph and
Louis Dezelan
and many nieces,
nephews, and friends.
Cleveland, Ohio, May 18, 2000



**In Loving Memory
of the 3rd Anniversary
of the death of**



**Caroline
Mihelich**

Died May 17, 1997

A light is from our household
gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of
one
We did our best to save,
Beloved on earth, regretted still,
Remembered in the grave.

T'was hard to part with one so
dear,
little thought the time was near,
Farewell, dear one, life is past,
Our love for you till the end
will last.

Sadly missed by
son, Joseph,
sister Pauline Sasa
brother-in-law Steve Sasa

In Memory

Thanks to Edward
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Thanks to Molley Hribar
of Warren, Michigan who
renewed her subscription
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wonderful husband Frank J.
Hribar, and dear sister
Mary R. Zupanchick.

In Loving Memory

Of the 29th

Anniversary
of the death of



**Joseph Mihelich
died May 20, 1971**

29 years have gone by
since you were at our side.
Remembered, how rough
things were.

Now, I understand what
they were.

In my heart you still live
in all the things I do.

Now mom's at your side.
I hope it's a pleasant ride.

Sadly missed by
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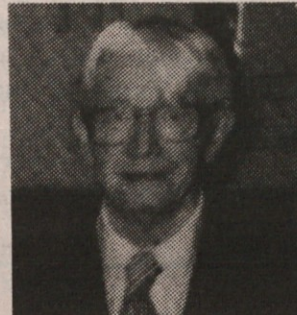
In Memory

Thanks to Janet Krivacic
of Cleveland, Ohio who do-
nated \$15.00 to the Ameri-
can Home newspaper in
memory of her Mom's
Katherine Podrzaj 18th
Anniversary.

In Memory

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs.
Rudy Klammer of Wil-
lowick, Ohio who renewed
their subscription and added
\$20.00 in memory of Julka
and Joze Klammer.

In Loving Memory of



Joseph M. Ambrosic

Our loved one entered into eternal
rest on February 25, 2000, in the
presence of wife Josephine, son Joseph,
daughter-in-law Patricia, and grandson
John Jason.

Our beloved was born on February
27, 1910 in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout
his life, he was active in Church and
Community circles. He was a member of
St. Vitus Holy Name Society, the Mac-
cabees, and AMLA #9.

Funeral services were held on March
1, 2000, at the Cosic Funeral Home on
Lake Shore Blvd., and St. Vitus Church,
where a Mass of the Resurrection was of-
fered. He was laid to rest in Calvary
Cemetery, Section 35, Lot 923, Grave 1.

We are especially grateful to Bishop
Edward Pevec for his presence at the
Mass and to Rev. Joseph Božnar, the
pastor, for offering the Mass and for his
beautiful and moving homily. Our heart-
felt thanks are extended to the concele-
brants of the Mass, Rev. Victor Tomc,
Rev. Victor Cimperman, and Rev. John
Kumse.

We are deeply indebted to the mem-
bers of the community who paid their re-
spects in such large numbers and espe-
cially to those who led in the recitation of
prayers.

Special thanks are extended to Mr.
Stanley Zihlerl, President of AMLA,
long-time family friend, who made a
farewell address on behalf of his organi-
zation. Thanks also to St. Vitus Holy
Name Society who prayed the rosary be-
fore the Funeral Mass.

Deep appreciation is extended to eve-
ryone who paid their final homage to our
loved one, to all for their beautiful floral
pieces, Mass offerings, charitable contri-
butions in his memory, visitations and
prayers at the funeral home, and for the
many expressions of sympathy and con-
cern.

From the depth of our hearts we
thank our many friends who attended
the church services, and accompanied
our beloved Joseph to his final resting
place at Calvary Cemetery.

Sincere thanks to our pallbearers:
Tom Krause, AJ Zdesar, Mike Zak, Ray
Novak, Al Orehek, and Frank Sega. We
are also grateful to Frank Ambrosic, his
nephew who came with his wife Sharon
from Chicago, for his readings at the Fu-
neral Mass.

We are thankful to the organist and
to the choir for the beautiful singing at
Mass.

Thanks to the staff of the Cosic Fu-
neral Home, Lake Shore Blvd., for their
courtesies and careful attention to all of
the funeral details. We also wish to thank
everyone who remained with us for some
time after the funeral and shared with us
a luncheon at Sterle Country House res-
taurant.

Cards of thanks were sent to all who
especially remembered us and our dear
Joseph. If by any chance we missed any-
one, please accept our apology, and may
this public notice serve as a special
thanks to you.

To our beloved Husband, Father,
Grandfather, Father-in-Law, Brother
and Uncle: Rest in peace from your
earthly endeavors and may God richly
reward you for all of your concern and
love for us.

The following prayer was written on
the holy pictures by his son, Joseph in
honor of his father:

"Dear Lord,

We celebrate in your calling home
this kind and gentle soul, Joseph, upon
whom you have showered so much grace
and compassion. May his calling serve as
a reminder to us that we, too, shall be
called to a homecoming. We pray for the
grace to remember you always, and to
accept your will in all things. - Amen."

Sadly missed by
Josephine Ambrosic, wife
Joseph Ambrosic, son
Patricia Ambrosic, daughter-in-law
John Jason Ambrosic, grandson
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The Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges is sponsoring this devotional. The main celebrant will be Bishop A. Edward Pevec. This month he will be celebrating his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. It is anticipated that various Slovenian clergy

will be joining him to participate in the devotional. Father Joseph P. Božnar, pastor of St. Vitus Church in Cleveland, is planning the liturgical program.

The prayer service will include the recitation of the Rosary in conjunction with a candlelight procession Benediction, and the singing of the Slovenian litanies to the Blessed Virgin at the grotto.

--Joseph V. Hočevar, Federation President

Coming Events

Saturday, May 20

Korotan concert, 7 p.m. at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Stan Mejac Orchestra. Tickets at door.

Sunday, May 21

Dinner-Dance honoring Newburgh Slovenian Man of Year William Mannion, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland. Serving 1:30. Music by Joe Novak. Cost \$15.

Tuesday, May 23

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Thursday, May 25

Joey Tomsick's 'Smile' polka party at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid beginning at 5 p.m., featuring Gary Seibert band from California and Mahoning Valley Button Box Club. Admission \$7 at door.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Picnic at Triglav Park, Milwaukee.

Saturday, June 24

St. Clair Rifle Club Steak Dinner-Dance featuring Veseli Godci, with special presentation by Kres Slovenian Dancers, 7 p.m. at St. Clair club grounds, Ravenna Rd., Concord, Ohio. Tickets please call American Interior Design 216-831-0303.

Sunday, June 25

Ohio Federation of KSKJ lodges family picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Noon Mass and outdoor Corpus Christi procession. Games, food, refreshments. Music by Joey Tomsick. Everyone invited.

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Thanks to Joseph and Lillian Starck of Highland Heights, Ohio who renewed their subscription plus added an extra \$20.00 with the note, "Enjoying the paper very much. Good work."

Bike to Pristava

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- 2 T Smuckers orange marmalade
- 1 1/2 t black pepper
- 1/8 t cayenne pepper
- 1/2 t ginger
- 1/2 t ground mustard
- 1/4 t ground allspice
- 1/4 t celery seed
- 1/4 t thyme
- 1 small bay leaf
- 1 T liquid smoke (optional)



Kim Ann Kaifesh

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except liquid smoke and bring to a boil. simmer for 20 minutes, then remove from heat and add liquid smoke.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh
Our Family Recipes

Chipotle Barbecue Sauce

This sauce is tangier than the other barbecue sauce, and depending on how many chipotle peppers, can pack a punch.

Ingredients:

- 1 T oil
- 1/2 C chopped onion
- 2 T garlic
- 2 T molasses
- 2 T tomato paste
- 2 t dijon mustard
- 2 t worcestershire sauce
- 2 chopped chipotle peppers
- 1 C ketchup
- 1/4 C malt vinegar
- 1/4 C brown sugar
- 1/4 C brewed coffee
- 3 T beer (and drink the rest of the can)

Directions:

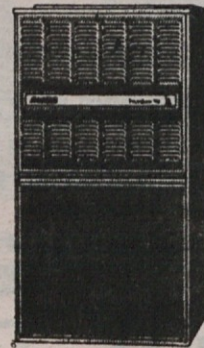
Sauté onion and garlic in oil. Add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for 25 minutes.

--Kim Ann Kaifesh
Our Family Recipes

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rein, wet and twin in winter

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Zavlačevanje tudi s parlamentarno potrditvijo nekaterih ministrskih kandidatov – Glasovanje prihodnji teden

Ta teden poteka v okviru državnega zbora preverjanje kandidatov za posamezne ministrske resorje, ki jih je predlagal mandatar Andrej Bajuk. Kot kaže, zadeva ne bo šla brez zapletov. Sedem predlaganih ministrov je šlo pred pristojne parlamentarne odbore (to je podobno delovanju odborov ameriškega senata, ko predlaga predsednik kandidate za svoj kabinet, denimo pravosodnega ali obrambnega tajnika). Od teh so le trije kandidati dobili potrebno podporo. Ti so Andrej Bručan, ki naj bi bil minister za zdravstvo, delo, družino in socialno politiko, Ciril Smrkolj, sedanji in tudi bodoči kmetijski minister, in Tone Jerovšek, ki naj bi postal minister brez listnice, odgovoren za področje zakonodaje.

Večine pa niso dobili štirje kandidati: Barbara Brezigar, Lojze Peterle, Lojze Marinček in Miha Brejc. Odbor DZ za notranjo politiko in pravosodje je Barbaro Brezigar zavrnil s sicer neodločenim glasovanjem (8:8). Lojze Peterle, kandidat za zunanjega ministra, je pristojni odbor za mednarodne odnose zavrnil z 11 glasovi proti štirim, poroča včeraj STA. Glasovi za Peterleta so prišli iz vrst nekdanje SLS, to ker nekdanja SKD in SDS na sejah tega odbora ne sodelujeta. Odbor za znanost in tehnologijo je z glasovanjem 7:7 zavrnil Lojzeta Marinčka, ki naj bi tako kot doslej vodil ministrstvo za znanost in tehnologijo. Odbor za zdravstvo, delo, družino in socialno politiko je zavrnil Miha Brejca za ministra za delo, družino in socialne zadeve. Glasovanje je bilo 6 za, 8 proti.

Kot zdaj kaže, bo državni zbor o listi ministrskih kandidatov odločal na izrednem

zasedanju prihodnji teden, končni datum bo določil predsednik DZ Janez Podobnik.

Splošno pravilo pri vseh glasovanjih je bilo, da so kandidate podprli poslanci iz vrst vladne koalicije SLS+SKD Slovenske ljudske stranke in SDS, ostali so jih zavračali. Edina posebnost pri glasovanju je bila, ko so štirje poslanci SLS+SKD svoje glasove "vzdržali" pri kandidaturi Mihe Brejca.

Drugi od dr. Bajuka predlagani kandidati še niso prišli pred pristojne odbore, bodo pa v naslednjih dneh, da lahko pride do glasovanja v parlamentu o celotni listi. Po dosedanjih izkušnjah je pa povsem mogoče, da se bodo stvari še in še zapletle.

Veleposlanik Slovenije pri Združenih narodih dr. Ernest Petrič prevzel posle

Včeraj je dr. Ernest Petrič, novi slovenski veleposlanik pri Združenih narodih, izročil poverilna pisma generalnemu sekretarju OZN Kofiju Ananu in tako uradno postal drugi slovenski veleposlanik pri tej svetovni organizaciji. Njegovega prednika, Danila Türka, je Anan imenoval za visokega funkcionarja v OZN.

Dr. Ernest Petrič je bil prvi slovenski veleposlanik v ZDA, po prenehanju mandata (nasledil ga je Dimitrij Rupel), je bil državni sekretar v zunanjem ministrstvu.

V Združene države prihaja novi slovenski veleposlanik Davorin Kračun, ki je za krajši čas bil slovenski zunanji minister. Kračun pride v ZDA oziroma bo svoj položaj prevzel predvidoma 21. maja. Tako bo postal že tretji slovenski veleposlanik v ZDA, po Ernestu Petricu in Dimitriju Ruplu. Švica je napovedala, da bo v kratkem odprla svoje veleposlaništvo v Ljubljani. Milan Kučan je podpisal ukaz o imenovanju Borisa Frleca, nekdanjega zunanjega ministra, za novega veleposlanika v Haagu.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Koncert Korotana—

To soboto ste vabljeni na koncert pevskega zbora Korotan. Koncert bo v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju in se bo pričel ob 7h zv. Vstopnice (\$10) dobite pri vhodu. Po koncertu ples, za katerega bo igral orkester Staneta Mejača.

Spominska sv. maša—

DSPB vabi na spominsko sv. mašo, ki bo v nedeljo, 28. maja, pri Lurški Mariji na Chardon Rd., ob 12. uri. Za ponedeljek, 29. maja je spremenjen čas za molitve na pokopališču Vernih duš in sicer od 11. dop. na 1. pop. Molitve bodo pri glavnem križu in ste naprošeni vsi, ki se jih boste udeležili, da upoštevate to spremembo časa, od 11. na 1. pop.

80. rojstni dan—

Danes praznuje svoj 80. rojstni dan papež Janez Pavel II., ki se rodil 20. maja 1920 v Wadowicach na Poljskem, za papeža pa bil izbran 1978. leta.

Seja—

Klub upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 24. maja, ob 12h, v SND na E. 80 St. Vsi člani vabljeni.

Novi grobovi

Alojzija Kumar

Umrla je 104 leta stara Alojzija Kumar z Maple Hts., rojena Znidrcic, vdova po Karlu, mati Franca, Marije, Emilija (Melina) in že pok. Vladimira, none Karla in Josepha, pranone Josepha. Pogreb bo v soboto, 20. maja, v oskrbi Ferfolijevega zavoda, 5386 Lee Rd., Maple Hts., dop. ob 9., v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10, od tam na pokopališče Kalvarije. Ure kropljenja bodo jutri, v petek, od 2. do 5. pop. in od 7. do 9. zvečer.

Edward Marn

Umril je 80 let stari Edward Marn, mož Rosemary, roj. Vicic, brat Aloysiusa (pok.) in Mary Sinkovic, stric in prastric, veteran 2. svetovne in tudi korejske vojne. Pogrebna sv. maša je bila pretekli torek dopoldne v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete.

Letni občni zbor—

Jutri, petek, ima Slovenski dom za ostarele letno sejo. Ta bo v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Registriranje se prične ob 7h, sama seja pa ob 7.50. Odprta je javnosti, vendar pravico do glasovanja imajo le tisti, ki so v zadnjem letu darovali najmanj \$25 v podporo temu zavetišču.

Petdesetnico posvečenja—

Na povabilo župnije Sv. Vida bo škof A. Edward Pevec obhajal 50-letnico mašniškega posvečenja z zahvalno sv. mašo v nedeljo, 28. maja, ob 2.30 pop. Vsi ste vabljeni na to edinstveno slavje škofa in tudi župnije. Po maši bo sprejem za škofa v SND na St. Clair Ave., h kateremu ste tudi vsi povabljeni.

Graduirali bodo—

Letošnji absolventi Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu so: Anton Dolenc, Pamela Ovsenik, Andreja Sršen, Viktorija Yuko, Monika Zalar in Ani Žakelj. Uspešno so končali tečaj slovenskega jezika. Svoje diplome bodo prejeli v nedeljo, 21. maja, pri polenajsti maši. Vsem pristrčne čestitke! Takoj po maši ste vabljeni, da se jim pridružite za prigrizek, ki bo v šolski dvorani.

Matere počaščene—

Podr. št. 10 SZZ vabi članice in goste v sredo, 24. maja, na počastitev vseh članic-mater, ki bo v restavraciji Perkins, 22780 Shore Center Dr. v Euclidu. Za rezervacije, kličite 216-531-7635 ali 440-944-4954.

O slovenski skupnosti—

Sinoči je urednik AD govoril o zgodovini slovenske skupnosti na večeru, ki ga je sponzoriral Slovenian American Heritage Foundation. Vsem prisotnim se lepo zahvaljuje. V juniju bo okrogla miza, na kateri bodo sodelovali predstavniki slovenskih radijskih oddaj ter govorili o svojem delovanju, težavah, načrtih itd. Bomo naknadno poročali

Spominski dar—

Ann Golop, Willowick, O., je darovala \$20, v spomin moža Rudolpha.



V soboto, 6. maja, so Slovenci, živeči v Italiji, organizirali množično demonstracijo na Trgu sv. Antona v Trstu. Prisotnih je bilo več tisoč ljudi, med njimi je bilo tudi več italijanskih sodržavljanov. Namen demonstracije je bil izražati podporo za zaščitni zakon za slovensko manjšino, ki sedi že veliko let v italijanskem parlamentu. Poročilo o demonstraciji meni, da je bilo prisotnih več kot pet tisoč ljudi.

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Mihaela Logar sklenila obisk pri ameriških Slovencih

Chisholm, Minn., 15. maja (STA) – Državna sekretarka za Slovence po svetu in zamejstvu na zunanjem ministrstvu Mihaela Logar je v nedeljo sklenila desetdnevni obisk slovenskih skupnosti v ZDA. Logarjevo sta med obiskom v zveznih državah Indiana, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming in Minnesota spremljala slovenski konzul v Clevelandu Tone Gogala, ki je poskrbel za organizacijo obiska, in svetovalec v MZZ Jože Poličar. Slednji je v izjavi za javnost zapisal, da je obisk Logarjeve dokaz, da Slovenija ni pozabila niti najmanjših slovenskih skupnosti, ki so se v ZDA izselile ob koncu 19. in začetku 20. stoletja. Slovenska delegacija je bila povsod sprejeta z navdušenjem, pri čemer so pripadniki slovenske skupnosti, med njimi že tretja ali četrta generacija izseljencev, izražali hvaležnost ob pozornosti iz stare domovine in dejstvu, da niso pozabljeni.

Slovenska delegacija se je najprej ustavila v glavnem mestu zvezne države Indiana Indianapolisu, kjer je Logarjevo sprejel župan Bart Paterson, ki je pokazal veliko zanimanje za Slovenijo in podprl zamisel o pobratenju Indianapolisu in Ljubljane. Logarjeva in Gogala sta od župana dobila mestne ključke ter postala častna meščana. Guverner Indiane Frank O'Bannon pa se je skupaj z več sto slovenskimi Američani in drugimi povabljenici udeležil proslave ob 100-letnici Lože Sv. Alojzija Kranjsko slovenske katoliške jednote (KSKJ), najstarejše slovensko ameriške bratovščine, ustanovljene leta 1894, ki je članom skupnosti pomagala pri zavarovanju in drugih potrebah. O'Bannon je Logarjevo in konzula Gogalo razglasil za častna državljana Indiane.

Obisk se je nadaljeval v zvezni državi Colorado, kjer je bil dan poudarek dvema mestoma, ki še vedno nosita slovenski pečat. V Leadville, kjer so nekoč iskali zlato, kasneje pa odprli rudnike srebra in drugih kovin, se je na prehodu v 20. stoletje preselilo okrog 1.500 Slovencev. Nekaj podobnega velja za Pueblo, v obeh mestih pa je nekdanja industrija zamrla. V Leadvillu je med drugimi nekoč župnikoval slovenski duhovnik Jurij Trunk, ki ima velike zasluge za ohranjanje slovenske skupnosti v ZDA. Logarjeva se je s Slovenci srečala v cerkvi Sv. Jožefa in jih tako kot tudi drugje pozvala, da ostanejo zvesti kulturni in zgodovinski identiteti slovenskega naroda. Logarjeva se je v Colorado Springsu srečala še s tamkajšnjim škofom Richardom Hanifenom, ki je obljubil, da bo čimprej obiskal Slovenijo.

V Rock Springs v zvezni državi Wyoming so se Slovenci priseljevali v začetku 20. stoletja in se zaposlovali v rudnikih, leta 1913 pa je bil zgrajen Slovenski dom. V Rock Springsu je veliko slovenskih izseljencev iz Škofje Loke, zato je bila med obiskom Logarjeve izražena želja, da bi se mesti pobratili.

Slovenska delegacija se je srečala tudi z dvema demokraskima zveznima kongresnikoma. V zvezni državi Wyoming je bil to senator Tex Boggs, ki je hkrati rektor Western Wyoming College v mestu Rock Springs. Boggsa je zanimalo, kako daleč je Slovenija v približevanju zvezi NATO, ter ji pri tem izrazil svojo podporo. Dodal je še, da bi na njegovi šoli z veseljem sprejeli kakšnega slovenskega študenta.

Na proslavi 55. obletnice ustanovitve slovenskega doma v Chisholmu v zvezni državi Minnesota se je Logarjeva srečala s članom zveznega predstavniškega doma slovenskega rodu Jamesom Oberstarjem, ki po besedah Toneta Gogala kar ni mogel prehoviti Slovenije, in je tudi ob tej priložnosti potrdil vso svojo podporo slovenskim prizadevanjem za vključitev v zvezo NATO. Logarjeva in Gogala sta v Chisholmu iz rok župana Oblocka prejela mestne ključke in postala častna meščana, Logarjeva pa je pripadnikom slovenske skupnosti podelila priznanja za ohranjanje slovenske identitete.

Novice iz Milwauškega S.K.D. Triglava

Že dolgo se nismo oglašili iz Triglavskega parka. Zima je bila dolga – kar naenkrat pa je postalo goroko: 70°. Mladina je navdušena prihitela na Park in "ta korajžni", s predsednikom na čelu, so poskakali v jezero, za prvo letošnje plavanje. Bilo je 5. marca, kot kaže slika spodaj. No, potem pa je spet zapadel snega, največji to zimo, in nihče ni več mislil na plavanje!

Janko Limoni umrl

Medtem, ko je mladina že sanjala o poletju, smo drugi mislili na naše bolnike. Zemlja se še ni posešla na grobovih Lojzeta in Jožeta, pa smo se že bali, kaj bo z Jankotom Limonijem. Decembra nam je še odigral Miklavža, kot že velikokrat preje. "Preživel je post in Vstajenje" – tako je rekel župnik v pridigi na dan pogreba, "in po Veliki noči je tudi on odšel v večno Alelujo." Pokopali smo ga 2. maja.

Janko je bil za Triglava "vse": od predsednika do največjega garača. Delal in skrbel je za Park, vedno pripravljen z nasveti, vedno odkrit ni poznal zahrbtnosti – bil je poštenjak na celi črti. Z ženo Loni sta skrbeli za kapelico, da je bila vedno lepo okrašena za maše. Z veseljem je prepeval pri naših mašah na Parku, bil pa je tudi član dveh cerkvenih zborov.

Janko se je štel med ustanovitelje Parka, bil je zaveden Slovenec, odločen protikomunist in domobra-

nec. Od ustanovitve pa do smrti je bil član Tabora, njegov tajnik in vedno zvest domobraskim idejam: Bog, Narod, Domovina.

Dragi Janko, zelo Te bomo pogrešali! Zapustil si veliko vrzel, ki je ne bo mogoče izpolniti. Ne bomo Te pozabili, počivaj v miru!

In tudi član Jože Kos

Dve tedna pred Jankotom smo v Waukeganu pokopali Jožeta Kosa, ki je bil tudi Triglavčan. Največje veselje za Jožeta je bilo priti na Park za piknike in to še takrat, ko so se klobase in piške pekle še na mrežah in je bilo težke mreže treba obračati "na roko".

Vedno je prišel nasmejan, z belim predpašnikom – vesel, da je lahko nekaj naredil za Park. S Tončko sta pekla klobase nad žerjavico, da sta bila tudi sama skoro prekajena! Ko

smo se modernizirali je Jože izgubil svoje delo, vendar pa priti na Park je bilo zanj še zmeraj največje veselje. Sedaj tudi on počiva v Ameriški zemlji.

Park se za letos oživlja

Navadno je naše prvo srečanje na Parku na Belo nedeljo. Letos tudi to ni veljalo. Bila je birma in prvo sveto obhajilo in tako smo bili vsi zadržani. Naslednjo nedeljo pa smo se končno le zbrali, in to na prvem uradnem sestanku. Slišali smo vsa odborniška poročila, kaj se je že naredilo in kaj je v načrtu za prihodnjo, letošnjo sezono.

Prva proslava je bila za materinski dan, zatem pride običajna komemoracija z mašo za Spominski dan in nato pikniki, kar vsak mesec eden. Ker je naš duhovni vodja, dr. Jože Gole, v bolnici, bo za Spominski dan maševal na njegovem mestu č.g. Gregor Goršič, ki mu je Park dobro znan, saj je že veliko let, ko je bil še bogoslovec, sodeloval pri naši spominski proslavi. Dr. Goletu, ki ga bomo zelo pogrešali, pa želimo hitrega okrevanja, da se čim preje vrne med nas.

Poleg dr. Goleta imamo še dva druga bolnika: Joška Cimrmančiča in Martina Simčiča – tudi njima želimo vsega dobrega, da čim preje prideta spet na Park.

Če povem po pravici – vsakemu od nas "ta starih" nekaj "fali", in težko čakamo lepih dni, da bomo na Parku malo pozabili na svoje težave.

Tudi naše mlade mamice so se po 23 letih odločile, da je konec z odbojkarstvom (volleyball). Igrale so vsa ta leta za Greenfield Park and Recreation in večinoma odnesle prvo ali pa vsaj drugo mesto. Zdaj pa so že njihovi otroci aktivni

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Mladi člani S.K.D. Triglava v Milwaukeeju so mogli letos plavati že kar 3. marca. Gl. dopis zgoraj.

Tri novi slovenski škofje

Dr. Anton Stres, Andrej Glavan
in dr. Jurij Bizjak

Papež Janez Pavel II. imenoval nove pomožne
škofe za Maribor, Ljubljano in Koper

Dr. ANTON STRES
pomožni škof
mariborske škofije
(biografski oris)

Anton Stres se je rodil 15. decembra 1942 v Dončki gori v župniji Rogatec, v družini s tremi otroci. Leta 1960 se je odločil, da bo vstopil v Misijonsko družbo, k lazaristom. Teologijo je študiral v Ljubljani in Parizu. Leta 1967 je naredil večne zaobljube, aprila naslednjega leta (1968) pa je bil posvečen v duhovnika. Študij je nadaljeval v Parizu in leta 1972 na Katoliškem inštitutu diplomiral še iz filozofije.

Po diplomi v Parizu se je zaposlil na Teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani kot predavatelj filozofije in je leta 1974 doktoriral s tezo Razvoj marksističnega pojmovanja religije v povojni Jugoslaviji. V tem času so ga opazili tudi partijski vrhovi in ga poimenovali "jastreb" (sem so prištevali tudi dva sedanja nadškofa dr. Rodeča in dr. Perka). Udba je o njem širila opravljive govorice, kaj več pa ni bila sposobna.

V zbirki Duhovni razgledi je leta 1979 izdal študijo Nič in smisel, ki govori o filozofskih osnovah nihilizma. Lotil se je tudi nove doktorske disertacije in leta 1984 doktoriral iz filozofije.

Leta 1985 je postal izredni profesor, tri leta pozneje pa predstojnik katedre za filozofijo na Teološki fakulteti. V tem obdobju je sodeloval v uredništvu Celovškega zvona in urejal Bogoslovni vestnik. Leta 1990 je postal redni profesor, leta 1999 pa tudi dekan Teološke fakultete.

Vseskozi je družbeno zelo aktiven, tudi kot publicist in komentator v Družini Slovenska pokrajinska škofovska konferenca je septembra 1985 ustanovila Svet Pravičnost in mir, vodenje je prevzel Anton Stres. Že s prvo izjavo se je Svet Pravičnost in mir vključil v napade na JLA, se povezal z mirovnim gibanjem, ter se postavil na stran uredništva 57. št. Nove revije. Leta 1987 se je svet preimenoval v Komisijo Pravičnost in mir, kateri

še danes predseduje Anton Stres.

Leta 1988 je postal vizitator provincialnega vodstva jugoslovanske province Misijonske družbe, bil je vizitator slovenske Misijonske družbe. Od leta 1992 vodi različne komisije za pogajanja med Cerkvijo in državo.

Njegova najpomembnejša dela: Jugoslovanski marksizem in religija (1979), Nič in smisel (1979), Med besedami in dejanji (1986), Med Bogom in cesarjem (1989), Oseba in družba (1991), Človek in njegov Bog (1994), Svoboda in pravičnost (1998), Cerkev in država (1998).

ANDREJ GLAVAN
pomožni škof
ljublanske nadškofije
(biografski oris)

Andrej Glavan se je rodil 14. oktobra 1943 v župniji Soteska pri Dolenjskih Toplicah. V družini se je rodilo 11 otrok. Oče je bil organist in cerkovnik. V Soteski je bil krščen in obiskoval osnovno šolo. Pri birmi je bil v letu zažiga škofa Vovka, zato je moral skupaj z večino birmancev novomeške dekanije k birmi v škofijsko kapelo v Ljubljani.

Nižjo gimnazijo je obiskoval v Dolenjskih Toplicah, maturiral pa je leta 1961 v Kranju. Po maturi je nadaljeval študij kemijske tehnologije na ljubljanski univerzi in leta 1966 diplomiral. Po nekajmesečni službi-stažiranju v tovarni Iskra v Žužemberku in po enoletni vojaščini v Koprivnici na Hrvaškem je vstopil v bogoslovje.

Na duhovniški poklic je mislil že po prvi stopnji študija kemije, a ga je prelat Josip Šimenc prepričal, da naj prej diplomira, da bo, če bo potrebno, lahko prevzel pouk kemije na takrat še edini katoliški gimnaziji – srednji verski šoli v Vipavi.

Poklic za duhovnika je dokončno dozorel v takrat zelo razgibanem in duhovno prebujenem pokoncilskem obdobju. Sodeloval je pri organizaciji pokoncilskega mladinsko-študentskega



CVETNA NEDELJA PRI FARI SV. JANEZA EVANGELISTA V MILWAUKEEJU: SLOVENSKE PUNČKE Z BUTARICAMI. (Fotografija posredovala Mara Kolman)

misijona v Ljubljani spomladi leta 1966. Kot študent je sodeloval v mnogih cerkvenih pevskih zborih in pomagal pri ustanovitvi pozneje zelo uspešnega zbora sv. Cecilije v Ljubljani.

29. junija 1972 je bil posvečen v duhovnika, 30. novembra istega leta je nastopil službo nedeljskega kaplana v Škofji Loki s stalnim bivanjem na župniji. Nato je bil tam eno leto in pol redni kaplan. V tem času je pripravljaval ustanovitev nove župnije na Suhi, ki je bila do tedaj del škofjeloške župnije in je postala samostojna 1. januarja 1975.

Od leta 1981 je župnik župnije Stara Loka. V tem času je bil eno leto tudi soupravitelj župnije Sv. Lenart nad Škofjo Loko.

Leta 1980 je bil izvoljen in imenovan za dekana loške dekanije in jo opravljal v treh petletnih mandatih, nakar je sprejel službo prodekana in bil ponovno izvoljen v duhovniški svet ljubljanske nadškofije. Od leta 1998 je član zbora svetovalcev, od jeseni 1998 pa opravlja službo arhidakona 2. arhidakona.

Vmes je bil nekaj let član nadškofijskega in medškofijskega katehetskega sveta in več let tudi član komisije za pastoralno družino pri nadškofijskem pastoralnem svetu.

V letu 1999 ga je sveti oče imenoval za prelata.

Dr. JURIJ BIZJAK
(Biografski oris)

Dr. Jurij Bizjak se je rodil 22. februarja 1947 na Colu. Po semenišču v Vipavi je leta 1972 diplomiral na Teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani. Študij v Rimu je sklenil z doktoratom iz bibličnih znanosti. Od leta

Izjava za javnost o nestrpnosti nekaterih v domovini do Slovencev živečih zunaj Slovenije

Ker se v Sloveniji po padcu Drnovškove vlade, med politiki, novinarji in številnimi posamezniki pojavlja velika nestrpnost do Slovencev, ki živijo in delajo zunaj Slovenije, je upravni odbor Slovenske konference SSK na svoji redni seji 11. maja 2000 sprejel naslednja stališča.

Slovenska konferenca SSK obsoja izjave nekaterih politikov in javnih občil, preko katerih širijo državljansko nestrpnost do tistega dela narodovega telesa, ki je zaradi komunističnega nasilja in pobojev ter revanšizma moral bežati iz domovine. Opozarjamo, da bi morali politiki in novinarji, prvi kot nosilci političnih funkcij in drugi kot oblikovalci javnega mnenja, upoštevati prvi odstavek 3. člena in prvi odstavek 5. člena Ustave RS, kjer sta kategorij državljan oziroma Slovenci po svetu tudi temelja naše ustavne pravice in dolžnosti do slovenske diaspore.

Ob vsem tem ne smemo pozabiti, da so komunisti takoj po koncu druge svetovne vojne, še preden so 1945. leta prevzeli oblast na slovenskih tleh, zajeli in neusmiljeno pobili preko dvesto tisoč vojnih ujetnikov in beguncev iz Balkana. Med njimi je bilo tudi okrog 30.000 slovenskih domoljubov. Pred tem genocidom so bežale cele družine, starčki, ženske in otroci. Beg pred komunističnimi eksekutorji je bil za mnoge beg pred gotovo smrtjo.

Kljub temu so po desetletjih komunističnega prezira in zamlčanosti svojo ljubezen do Slovenije pokazali ob osamosvojitveni vojni in nato nesebičnem prizadevanju za njeno mednarodno priznanje. Žal se jim za takrat neprecenljivo podporo in pomoč še do danes ni zahvalila še nobena od dosedanjih slovenskih vlad.

Demos, ki se je zavedal gospodarske in strokovne veličine naše diaspore, je v prvi odstavek 3. člena in prvi odstavek 5. člena Ustave RS zapisal, da bo Država Slovenija skrbela za vse svoje državljane, pa tudi za Slovence brez slovenskega državljanstva po vsem svetu. Ponovno napenjanje sovražnega loka nad Slovenci po svetu je dejanje, ki Sloveniji ne prinaša priljubljenosti in ne potrjuje dejstva, da smo s komunizmom prekinili že leta 1998.

Ker predsednik države, kot zadnji predsednik Zveze komunistov Slovenije, molči, smo prepričani, da po njegovih nastopih sodeč tiho soglašajo z razpihovanjem nestrpnosti doma in po svetu, kar kaže, da ni predsednik vseh državljanov.

Daniel Starman

Predsednik Slovenske konference SSK

1983 je profesor svetopi-semskih ved na Teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani. Deset let je bil v skupini strokovnjakov, ki je prevedla in pripravila slovenski standardni prevod Svetega pisma.

Podatke o škofih dr. Anton Stres in Andrej Glavan je posredoval preko fax-a tiskovni urad Slov. škofovske konference, o dr. Bizjaku pa so podatki iz Nedela 14. maja. – Ur. AD

Dvajset let od smrti Josipa Broza

Že namig, da lahko Tito umre, je bil nekaj nezaslišanega

V štirih mesecih, ki jih je preležal v bolnišnici, zdravniki nisi z izjemno previdnostjo tehtali le tega, kaj storiti, temveč tudi, kaj in kako povedati

ALENKA PUHAR

Ljubljana – Josip Broz Tito (1892–1980) je bil skoraj pol stoletja generalni sekretar Komunistične partije Jugoslavije, štiri leta komandant njene partizanske vojske, potem pa do smrti predsednik jugoslovanske države. Še pred prvo visoko funkcijo revolucionar in nato do smrti revolucionar. Mož, ki velja za sinonim druge, socialistične Jugoslavije, pa mu zato pripisujejo ali večino njenih pozitivnih ali negativnih lastnosti.

Na ta dan (4. maja 1980, ta dopis je pač izšel v Delu 4. maja 2000, op. ur. AD) pred dvajsetimi leti je postal samo še od starosti, boleznih in zdravniških postopkov zdelano truplo. Bilo je na koncu prvomajskih počitnic, dokaj vetrovnih in hladnih, ko so v Kliničnem centru v Ljubljani izključili medicinske aparature, ga odklopili in razglasili smrt.

Tako kot skoraj vse v njegovem življenju je bil tudi konec rezultat skrbno izdelane koreografije. V štirih mesecih, ki jih je preležal v bolnici, zdravniki niso z izjemno previdnostjo tehtali le tega, kaj storiti, temveč tudi, kaj in kako povedati. Baje so ves čas izdelovali po dvoje sporočil, eno za partijo in policijo, drugo za javnost. Drugo se

je pojavljalo v časopisih, radiu in televiziji zmeraj v natanko enaki obliki. Nihče si ni drznil predugačiti niti besede.

V resnici si nihče ni upal objaviti niti tega, da je predsednik države bolan. Vsi so samo citirali: ali zdravniški kolegij ali centralni komite. Ta dva uradna angela varuha nad Titovo osebo sta imela izključno pravico kaj reči – da se to in to dogaja. Končno, da se je to in to nehalo dogajati.

Že sam namig, da utegne predsednik umreti, je veljal za nekaj nezaslišanega. Menda so nekaj ljudi, ki so o tem govorili za šankom, zaprli. Vsaj en časopis prepovedali in zalepili. Cele vagone tujega tiska, ki je o tem pisal neobremenjeno, pa držali na stranskih tirih Sežane in Jesenic.

Vse to se je v osnovnih potezah pokazalo že na samem začetku. Josip Broz Tito, ki je bil prvih petdeset življenja znan samo najožjim krogom komunistov – v Jugoslaviji in v Sovjetski zvezi – je vojno preživel kot partizanski komandant, o katerem so nekaj vedeli le soborci.

Vse je bilo kot naročeno za nastanek romantične legende. In ko je maja 1945 osebno stopil v javnost, se pravi, da se je napotil na turnejo po pravkar os-

vobojeni državi, je v njej že vladal stalinizem in s tem kult osebnosti.

Nova Jugoslavija se je začela kot skrbno skoreografirana spektakel, ki jasno loči oder od zakulisja. Ki upošteva vlogo množičnega občinstva in klakerjev. Ki ve, kako se ustvari glavne junaka.

Josip Broz Tito je bil v tej vlogi imeniten. Čeden moški v najboljših letih, naklonjen uniformam, dober govornik. Obdan z velikim obročem ljudi, ki so preživeli partizanščino in/ali partijsko ilegalo, pa bi zato zanj in za revolucijo dali roko v ogenj. Še najmanj, kar so lahko k temu prispevali tisti, ki so znali (samo) pisati, je bil množičen prestop v patriotsko pompozno, ki se je zgledovala pri sovjetskih vzorih in narodnih pesmih. To se jim je očitno zdelo samoumevno.

Začela se je proizvodnja slavnih besedovanj v prozi in verzih, sredi vse te poplave pa bilo tako rekoč nemogoče najti en sam stvaren podatek. Šele čez nekaj let, ko se je odsotnost preproste biografije izkazala za resno pomanjkljivost (predvsem v odnosu z zahodom, ki je postal politično zanimiv), je bil odobren vpogled v njegovo življenje. Dobila sta ga Louis Adamič in Vladimir Didijer. Prvi se ni dovolj izkazal. Drugi se je za spoznanje bolj, a mu to malo kasneje ni pomagalo.

Že v zgodbi teh dveh biografov (kjer nastopajo tudi kraje, zalezovanja, končno nasilna smrt), se vidi, da je bilo pisanje o Titu kočljivo početje. Zmeraj znova avtorizirano, skrbno odmerjeno in sfrizirano. Vsak prestop takoj

Tri milijone slovenskih stolov

Ljubljana – Tonji Slokar, novi uredici poslovne revije *Manager*, je uspelo narediti prvi pogovor s Paulom N. Steinfeldom iz Atlante v ameriški državi Georgia, ki je od v.d. zunanjega ministra dr. Dimitrija Rupla prejel listino, da je postal častni konzul Republike Slovenije. Paul N. Steinfeld je namreč skupaj s slovenskim poslovnežem Emilom Gasparijem iz New Yorka izvozil iz Slovenije v Ameriko vsaj tri milijone stolov, ki so jih izdelala slovenska pohištvena podjetja. Tako slovenski stoli krasijo verige hotelov Hyatt, Hilton in Marriott, številne igralnice v Las Vegasu, na njih udobno sedijo potniki na luksuznih ladjah, ki križarijo po Karibih, velika verjetnost je, da se je marsikateri znašel tudi v Beli hiši, saj je Steinfeldova družba posebno bogato izdelala tudi stole, na katerih sta sedela predsednik Ronald Reagan in Jimmy Carter, še vedon pa sedi Bill Clinton.

Paul N. Steinfeld je zaljubljen tudi v slovenske smučarje, zato je predsedniku olimpijskega komiteja Janezu Kocijančiču že ponudil svojo počitniško hišico za Slovenski dom v Park Cityju (pri Salt Lake Cityju), Utah, kjer bo največ tekmovanj zimskih olimpijskih iger leta 2002.

(Nedelo, 30. aprila 2000)



Tonja Slokar, Paul N. Steinfeld in Emil Gaspari

kaznovan, pogosto surovo. In zato je tu toliko prepisovanja kot zlepa ne. Skladovnice besedil o tovarišu Titu so danes lahko zanimive predvsem kot gradivo za raziskovalce mitologije, medtem ko o stvari osebi povedo komaj kaj.

Za časopisno rabo, ki skuša nastaviti ogledalo tistemu maju 1980, se mogoče spodobi opozoriti, česa vsega v časopisih ni bilo, ker so se tako zvesto držali zapovedane koreogra-

fije. Malo pozno, a vseeno.

Vse, kar je sodilo v sfero vzdrževanega reda in miru, je bilo v stanju visoke pripravljenosti, vojska, policija, civilna zaščita. Zastrazeni so bili vsi objekti dejanskega pomena, pa tudi tisti zgolj simbolni, kot spomeniki. V nasprotju s skrbno vzdrževanim videzom, ki je dajal vtis popolne vdanosti, enotnosti, ljubezni do vodje in pripadnosti bratstvu in enotnosti, je bila predvidena visoka verjetnost, da bo s Titovo smrtjo prišlo do vstaje.

Za zadušitev upora je bila zaukazana uporaba vseh sredstev. Šele opis vsega tega bi ponudil predstavo o tem, kako dvojna, kar shizofrena je bila prej opisana koreografija javnega dogajanja. Kako mirno in samoumevno smo vsi živeli dvojno življenje.

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(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

po različnih športnih klubih.

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Dragi rojaki in prijatelji slovenskega Lemonta!

Ob lanski obnovi naše romarske cerkvice Marije Pomagaj sem Vam obljubil, da bom ob koncu podal celotno poročilo o naši lanski akciji in o delih, ki smo jih v Lemontu opravili. Hkrati želim dati priznanje tistim, ki imajo za obnovo zasluge. Večina od vas ste imeli priložnost videti obnovljeno notranjščino, prav pa je, da vam predstavim dela in ljudi, ki so poskrbeli, da je stvar stekla in se zaključuje. S poročilom sem malo počakal, da smo postorili še "malenkosti", ki so nam od lani ostale.

Predlog o prenovi cerkve

Cerkev je bila postavljena skupaj s samostanom in leta 1940 blagoslovljena. Bila je najprej samostanska kapela in romarska cerkva Brezjanske Marije Pomagaj – Ameriške Brezje.

Zaradi demografskih sprememb v okolici cerkve sv. Štefana v Chicagu se je težišče slovenskega verskega in kulturnega delovanja odmikalo od tamkajšnje cerkve in dvorane. Ker so bili pravi ljudje o pravem času na pravem mestu, se je težišče začelo seliti v Lemont; začetek in vrh tega je ustanovitev Slovenskega kulturnega centra in gradnja Slovenskega doma na zemlji frančiškanov v Lemontu. Jasno je bilo, da postaja Lemont središče slovenskega življenja za Chicago in širšo okolico.

Ker je župnija sv. Štefana izgubljala svojo prihodnost, so lemontski frančiškani prosili chicaško nadškofijo, da ustanovi v Lemontu slovensko narodno župnijo. Dne 12. septembra 1994 je chicaški nadškof

kardinal Bernardin (sedaj že pokojni) podpisal Dekret o ustanovitvi Slovenskega verskega središča (Slovenian Catholic Mission) s sedežem v Lemontu in slovenski frančiškani smo sprejeli Središče v upravo in oskrbo.

Ob tem je dobila cerkva novo vlogo: poleg samostanske in romarske je postala še "župnijska" cerkev. Dejavnost župnije, kakor tudi potrebe po obnovi so narekovale, da smo se v Slovenskem verskem središču odločili prositi samostan, da nam dovoli obnovo in delno preureditev.

Ko je p. **Blaž Chemazar** prevzel vodstvo samostana kot gvardijan so bile odprte možnosti, da dobimo soglasja vodstva samostana. Tudi Slovenski kulturni center je ponudil široko sodelovanje in pomoč, tako da smo dolžni zahvalo tudi g. **Martinu Hozjanu**, predsedniku Slovenskega kulturnega centra (SKC) in vsem drugim iz Centra za podporo in sodelovanje.

Organizatorji obnove smo torej bili: **Slovensko versko središče, Samostan Marije Pomagaj in Slovenski kulturni center.**

Obnova

Ko smo se lotili obnove, načrti niso bili dokončni, saj smo se zavedali, da smo odvisni izključno od denarne podpore naših rojakov. Okvirni načrt je bil: Odstraniti radiatorje v cerkvi (ki menda niso nikoli pravilno delovali), instalirati nov sistem za ogrevanje in hlajenje in odstraniti stare naprave za hlajenje; ta sistem nam je služil skoraj 30 let. Tako bomo dobili možnost, da razmaknemo klopi in dobimo več prostora v sredi cerkve, kar nujno potrebujemo za poroke, pogrebe in procesije.

Cerkev smo želeli na novo prebarvati in položiti novo preprogo. Obnoviti smo hoteli stranišča ob cerkvi in prestaviti spovednico (odstraniti staro in postaviti novo), da bo spoved bolj privatna in da bo spovednica bolj primerna tudi za starejše in za spovedni pogovor. Načrtovali smo odstranitev zadnje stene in namestitev premične stene, da bi imeli za slovensnosti v cerkvi več prostora.



Cerkev izgleda po obnovi precej drugačna



Slovenski delavci, ki so zaposleni pri podjetniku Francu Tivadarju, pripravljajo okvirj za odprtino v cerkvi zadaj in okrasne letve

Nekaterih del smo se lotili že pred začetkom obnove. V februarju smo popolnoma prenovili cerkvena stranišča. Denarne stroške smo krili iz fonda, v katerega smo pri Slovenskem verskem središču dve leti nabirali "Za prenavo cerkve in samostana".

Marca smo se lotili postavitve nove spovednice, za katero smo odgradili del pisarne ob vhodu v samostan. Leseno notranjost spovednice je mojstrsko izdelal **Andy Tomšič**, ki je daroval najprej svoj mizarški talent, pa tudi ves material in delo. Izdatke v zvezi s postavitvijo spovednice smo krili iz zgoraj omenjenega fonda "za prenavo cerkve in samostana". Sedaj smo lahko odstranili staro spovednico in tako že dobili prvo povečanje prostora v cerkvi.

V marcu je **Peter Jakop** iz Milwaukeeja izdelal nov ambon (pult za branje) v cerkvi, da se ujema z obliko daritvenega oltarja.

Ker najprej nismo verjeli, da bomo lahko cerkev prepleskali v celoti, smo spo-

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Fredy Pirjevec je zadolžen, da mehko sedimo



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mladi najprej prebarvali kapelo z lučkami na levi od oltarja. Še posebej strop je bil potreben temeljitega popravila, kakor tudi strop v cerkvi na nekaj mestih, kjer je zamakalo. Dela v kapelici z lučkami je naredil naš delavec, za strop v cerkvi pa smo poklicali specialista. Izdatke smo še vedno krili iz fonda "za prenavo cerkve in samostana".

Prava obnova se je pričela takoj, ko se je toliko ogrelo, da smo prenehali z ogrevanjem cerkve. Iz cerkve je bilo potrebno odstraniti osem težkih radiatorjev in štiri iz obednice pod cerkvijo, kjer bodo potakali kanali za novo ogrevanje.

Cerkev je bila tako pripravljena za instalacijo kurjave/hlajenja. Večina se gotovo zavedate, da je to večji projekt, pri nas pa še toliko večji, ker je bilo možnih kar nekaj načinov, kako privedi v cerkev tople/vroč zrak. Kje namestiti instalacije, kje postaviti odprtine? Vse rešitve so bile zapletene in zahtevale veliko znanja, izkušenj, spretnosti, potrpežljivega načrtovanja in majhnih pripravljalnih del.

Vodenje je prevzel **Tone Bajuk**, ki pa še zdaleč ni samo pomagal pri izbiri izvajalca, oblikovanju načrtov in iskanju rešitve, ampak je veliko dela pri pripravi odprtini v cerkvi in v stenah opravil sam. To poletje je imel kar "delovne počitnice" v Lemontu. Brez njegovega sodelovanja bi se stvari obračale gotovo drugače, predvsem pa delo ne bi bilo narejeno tako brezhibno, kot je narejeno sedaj.

Izvajalca del pri sistemu za ogrevanje/hlajenje smo izbrali po priporočilu g. **Milana Pecharicha**. Pod strogo kontrolo g. Toneta Bajuka je podjetje Builders Heating Inc. delo dobro opravilo in inženir Bill je imel z nami kar precej po-

trpljenja. Naj omenim še tri možakarje, ki so mi, tako kot vedno, tudi ves čas prenove stali ob strani s pridno roko in dobrim nasvetom. To so **Nace Glavač**, **Viktor Lavriša** in **Slavo Vukšinič**. Bog Vam povrni!

Ko so bile peči postavljene, jih je bilo potrebno priključiti na električno. Uporabili smo že obstoječo napeljavo, ki je služila prejšnjim hladilnim napravam in jih podaljšali do peči. Delo je opravil in ves material prispeval **Janez Čepon** iz Jolieta, ki je hkrati še uredil električno, ki je bila v zadnji steni cerkve.

Takoj, ko smo se prepričali, da zadnja stena cerkve ni nosilna, smo se lahko lotili težkega in prašnega dela podiranja. Ko smo steno odstranili smo morali urediti odprtino, ki bo dobila nov okvir in končno ploščo, ki bodo služile kot premična oz. odstranljiva stena. Nov okvir so naredili v tovarni **Franca Tivadarja**, ki je daroval material in uporabo strojev, slovenski delavci **Marko Čufar**, **Peter Gaber** in **Jože Kular** pa so opravili delo. Obljubili so, da bodo v odprtino namestili še premično steno.

Ko smo odstranili iz cerkve klopi in jih "shranili" v Slovenskem domu (kjer smo jih medtem tudi malo popravili), je bila cerkev pripravljena za pleskanje. Zaradi dobrega odziva naših rojakov pri nabiranju denarja, smo se odločili, da prepleškamo vso cerkev in hodnike pred njo. S tem, da prepleškamo tudi strop smo pridobili možnost, da popolnoma neodvisno izberemo nove barve stropa, zidov in preproge. "Odbor za izbiro barv" je bil majhen: Arhitekt **John Burjek**, **Ana Hozjan** in jaz; očitno smo dobro izbrali, saj so veliki večini zelo všeč.

Takoj po končanem pleskanju smo odstranili staro

preprogo, ki je bila tako dotrajana kot tudi razrezana in preluknjena na mestu, kjer je bila spovednica in kjer so bili radiatorji. Franc Tivadar nam je prekrbel kvalitetno preprogo, ki so jo delavci takoj, ko je bila cerkev prebarvana, položili v cerkev. Ko smo potem prinesli iz Slovenskega doma klopi, je cerkev dobila svojo končno novo podobo, vključno s širšim prehodom po sredi.

Cerkev je bilo potrebno še očistiti, za kar je poskrbela skupina pridnih prostovoljcev, **Cecilija Copot** pa je poskrbela, da je bil na hodniku odstranjen star vosek, ki se ga je v desetletjih nabral kar debel sloj, in tla smo na novo povoskali. Za čiščenje cerkve nam je podarila tudi nov sesalec.

Za prezbiterij cerkve smo kupili tudei nove stole, ki se bolj skladajo z ostalo cerkvijo. Te in tudi nekaj starih je na novo oblekel **Fredi Pirjevec**, ki mu je tudi sicer poverjena skrb za vse tapiciranje, ki ga potrebujemo.

Ko smo občudovali lepo notranjost cerkve, smo hoteli malo polepšati tudi zunanost. Velika drevesa, na katera smo pri betoniranju novih stopnic in pri gradnji parkirišča tako zelo pazili, so začela umirati. Poleg tega, da jih je bila polovica precej polomljenih, so se začele sušiti vejice, ki so odpadale in tako so bile stopnice vedno umazane. Drevesa smo tako odstranili in vsadili mlade ciprese. Tudi pročelje cerkve oz. samostana je tako bolj odkrito.

Na koncu naj se zahvalim še naši gospodinjki **Mihaeli Simrayh**, ki je našim prostovoljcem velikokrat postregla s kosilom, tudi če sem ji povedal, da pridemo, tik pred zdajci.

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Načrti za naprej

Delo še ni popolnoma dokončano. Omenil sem že zadnjo, odstranljivo steno, namestili bodo tudi nove stranske luči v cerkvi, luči pod korom in na hodnikih, ki so že naročene, in osve-

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– NABIRANJE DENARJA –

Začetna dela smo opravili z denarjem, ki smo ga člani SVS zbrali v Sklad za obnavo cerkve in samostana. Ko smo se lotili nabiranja, smo poslali pismo s prošnjo na naslove članov župnije, članov SKC oz. tistim, ki prejema Novice-Newsletter in naročnikom mesečnika Ave Maria. Nekateri naročniki Ave Marije so me opozorili, da pisma niso dobili – in res veliko pisem je prišlo nazaj. Žal so nam pri Ave Mariji dali nekaj let stare naslove in tako smo poslali pisma tudi tistim, ki so se preselili ali so že pokojni. V pismu smo predstavili načrt prenove in povabili na dobrodelno kosilo. Iskrena hvala gre **ANI HOZJAN**, ki je urejala vse administrativne posle nabiranja denarja in urejala prijave za dobrodelno kosilo. Vsekakor veliko in zahtevno delo.

Dobrodelno kosilo smo pripravili v Slovenskem domu. Kuhali sta **Fanika Fritz** in **Zvonka Žižek**, med mnogimi pomočniki pri organizaciji in pripravi kosila pa so bili: **Marija Petek**, **Ana Hozjan**, **Slavica Sovan**, **Luba Novak**, **Bernardka Simrayh**, **Rezka Krampač** in **Nandi Puc**. Posamezne projekte so podprli:

Družina Antona in **Darinke Rous**: Sponzorirali celotno dobrodelno kosilo.

Družina Milana in **Matke Pecharich**: Plačali sistem za ogrevanje/hlajenje (\$25,750).

James Sefcik: Nakup nove preproge.

Družina Franca in **Zvonke Tivadar**: Stroški polaganja preproge, da v višini cene preproge, okvir odprtine zadnje stene – izdelali pa bodo še premakljivo zadnjo predelno steno.

Društvo sv. Ane KSKJ #170: Z organizacijo dobrodelnega kosila krili večino izdatkov za nove dodatne stole za cerkev.

Društvo Prekmurje (Prekmurje Social Club) in **Društvo sv. Križ**: Sponzoriranje piknika 4. julija lani – prihodki so šli v sklad za obnavo.

DENARNO POROČILO – V ŠTEVILKAH

Prihodki:

Darovi, prihodki od kosila in piknika \$ 82,773

Izdatki:

Gretje/hlajenje \$ 25,750
Barvanje cerkve \$ 20,200

Manjkajoči okrasni robovi na stropu \$ 4,968

Novi stoli v prezbiteriju \$ 2,345

Dodatni stoli v cerkvi \$ 3,105

Drevesa pred cerkvijo \$ 966

Drugo \$ 2,024

Trenutno stanje: \$ 23,415

tlili bomo tudi steno za glavnim oltarjem. Čaka nas tudi še obnova barvnih oken tako od zunaj, kot od znotraj in obnova oken na podstrešju cerkve, ki so v zelo slabem stanju.

Računamo, da bodo zbrana sredstva zadoščala. Morebitni presežek bi vložili v nadaljnjo obnavo okolice samostana – tokrat s težiščem na okolico romarskega doma, votline, parkov in prostora za piknike. Tudi križ, ki smo ga lani obnovili, bo potrebno ponovno postaviti, saj ga je nekaj mesecev po tem, ko smo ga obnovili in namestili nov korpus, polomilo drevo, ki ga je podrla nevihta.

Naj bo to hkrati tudi napoved, da delo v Lemontu še ni končano: Delali bomo naprej in še

naprej bomo računali na vašo dobrosrčno pomoč.

"Izvajalci del"

Nekatera večja dela so opravila najeta podjetja: Namestitev sistema za gretje/hlajenje, pleskanje cerkve in polaganje preproge. Druga dela, kot tudi veliko pripravljalnih del in pospravljanje, pa so opravili naši prostovoljci. Prvi namen tega članka je predvsem ta, da se vsem iskreno zahvalim: **BOG VAM VSEM POVRNI!**

Najtežje je vedno omenjati imena; hočem napisati vsa, pa lahko človek hitro izpusti nekoga, ki bi moral biti omenjen. Iskreno se opravičujem, če sem koga izpustil. Nekatero naše delavce omenjam že med besedilom, tukaj hočem na-

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V znamenju okroglih obletnic

– Telovadec MIRO CERAR –

Še letos (natančno 27. oktobra) bo minilo trideset let, odkar je nehal tekmovali v gimnastiki, pa je še vedno znan predvsem kot poosebljenje telovadca: Miro Cerar, doslej najuspešnejši slovenski športnik, ki je lansko jesen slavil 60. letnico, prav sedaj pa se postavlja (dobesedno) vnovič na noge, saj ima za seboj operaciji obeh kolokov, po katerih upa, da bo znova zaživel – brez bolečin.

Miro Cerar ni človek, ki bi javno tarnal. Najrazličnejše (življenjske) preizkušnje, med katerimi so bile dolga obdobja v ospredju kajpak športne, je navadno obvladoval sam oziroma v krogu svojih najbližjih, ki so mu tudi tokrat stali ob strani.

Žena Zdenka, prav tako telovadka, je pač vedela, kako se športnik odziva na izzive, a tudi tegobe v karieri, v kasnejšem (poklicnem) življenju pa so si v družini pravnikov (trije otroci, zdaj tudi že trije vnuki obeh spolov) tudi

znali pomagati med seboj).

“Zaostanki v moji odvetniški pisarni bi se mi spričo vseh drugih obveznosti in seveda tudi odsotnosti zaradi operacij že zdavnaj zginili čez glavo, če dela ne bi tako imenitno in vestno opravljala hčerka Alenka, s katero sva sodelavca,” je ugotovil ob olimpijskem klepetu.

Tudi prvi Cerarjev olimpijski nastop doživlja letos okroglo obletnico. Štirideset let je od Rima 1960, ko je doživel ognjeni krst kot olimpijec.

Že tedaj je bil kandidat za odličje na svojem najljubšem orodju – konju z ročaji, a je ostal praznih rok.

“To je pač ena tistih zgodb, ki ti zaznamujejo življenje,” je pojasnil. “Tedaj bi bilo morebiti celo najlažje postati olimpijski zmagovalec, pa je šla priložnost po zlu tudi zaradi skorajda neverjetnega spleta okoliščin. Na odločilno tekmovanje smo namreč krepko zamudili, čeprav smo se iz olimpijske vasi v zname-

nite antične Terme di Caracalla, kjer so uredili gimnastično areno, odpeljali z dovolj veliko časovno rezervno.

A se je promet povsem zagodil zaradi tekmovanja v hoju na 50 km, ki je potekalo po rimskih cestah. In tako smo prišli na tekmovališče ne samo živčni, marveč je povsem zmanjkalo tudi časa za ogrevanje. Če tedanji jugoslovanski član v tehnični komisiji mednarodne gimnastične zveze ne bi tako dolgo zavladoval z začetkom prireditve, bi nas morebiti doletela celo diskvalifikacija.

Vse je torej minilo v eni sami ihti, tako da sem ga nazadnje na konju pošteno polomil. In tudi to je bilo odveč, ker bi bil – po težavah s poškodbami prej – brez škode opravil vajo malo manj ambiciozno, pa si vendarle še ohranil možnosti za finale ...“ je pripovedoval šampion, ki je v karieri osvojil nič manj kot 30 kolajn na OI (3), SP (6) in EP (21), med njimi kar 16 zlatih.

Rim je bil tako za Cerarja velika šola in izkušnja, serija njegovih zmag na konju, na katerem si je že kot najstnik pritelovalil bron na moskovskem svetovnem prvenstvu 1958 in je potem ostal na najvišji ravni, sklenjena: trikrat prvi (nazadnje leta 1970 v Ljubljani) na SP in dvakrat na OI, 1964 v Tokiu in 1968 v Mexico Cityju.

Cerar je imel srečo, da je doživel tekmovalni vrhunec na olimpijskih prireditvah, katerima je šport začel (televizijski prenosi in širitev po vsem svetu) pohod h globalizaciji. Tokio je bilo prvo azijsko mesto, Mehika na veliki nadmorski višini pa prva prirediteljica, ki ni prihajala iz kroga industrijsko najbolj razvitih držav.

“Olimpijski nastopi, z generalkami vred, ki so bile tedaj v modi leto dni pred samim tekmovanjem, so bile zame nekaj posebnega. Druženje z rojaki in s športniki z vsega sveta v olimpijski vasi, povorka ob otvoritvi tekmovanja, to so nepozabni spomini,” pravi.

Miro Cerar se zaveda, da je bilo njegovo športno obdobje še romantično, da so razmere zdaj spričo profesionalizacije športnikov in komercializacije olimpijskega gibanja povsem drugačne, a o vrednotah športa in olimpizma vendarle ne dvomi.

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

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Mir Kristusov in veselje velikonočnega praznika naj bo z vami vsemi. Prosim, izročite pozdrave tistemu velikemu dobrotniku. Spominjali se vas vomo v molitvi. S toplimi pozdravi hvaležni Fr. Jérôme Francis, S.J., provincijal.”

Ravnokar mi je sporočila predsednica MZA iz Milwaukeeja Mary Coffelt, da je 27. aprila Gospodar življenja odpoklical g. Janka Limoni. Bil je zelo delaven vsa leta pri podvigih Misijonskega piknika. Zelo ga bodo pogrešali. Naj počiva v miru. Molimo za pokoj njegove duše. Naše sožalje izrekamo ge. Loni Limoni.

Spomnimo se v molitvi vseh MZA sodelavcev, ki so bolni. Martin Simčič se je ravnokar vrnil iz bolnice, Ralpa Coffelta in vseh drugih, ki potrebujejo naše molitve. G. dr. Jože Gole je bil operiran na hrbtenici, tudi on potrebuje, da ga vključimo v naše molitve. On je duhovni vodja MZA v Milwaukeeju. Vsako leto je redno maševal na misijonskem pikniku in se srečeval z udeleženci in mnogimi dobrotniki misijonarjev. Tudi sam je vedno velikodušno daroval za misijonarje in vzdrževanje bogoslovcev.

Vsem bolnikom želim skorajšnje okrevanje.

Prav počasi prihaja potuhnjeno vročina v deželo in prav tako vlažni dnevi in noči, ki nam povzročajo nespanje. Le korajžno in z dobro voljo, pa bomo preživeli. Tudi misijonarji se potijo v vročini.

Želim vam veliko dobre volje in korajže in božje pomoči, ter vas lepo pozdravljam v tem Marijinem mesecu!

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Zato se tudi giblje in deluje med športniki. Potem ko je bil nekaj časa gimnastični sodnik, je zdaj že dolga leta med najbolj dejavnimi slovenskimi športniki delavci: ustanovitveni član Olimpijskega komiteja Slovenije, predsednik Slovenske olimpijske akademije in Združenja olimpijcev, član mednarodnih teles za fair play itd.

Kaj pa Sydney? je bilo vprašanje za slovo.

“Čeprav je Avstralija edina celina, na kateri še nisem bil, o poti na igre ta čas ne razmišljam. A tudi če me tam ne bo, bom z mislimi med udeleženci, zlasti našimi, želeč jim kar največ uspeha ...“

Evgen Bergant

NEDELO, 23. aprila 2000

29. – Društvo št. 30 ADZ priredi Spominski dan polka piknik na letovišču ADZ v Leroyju.

JUNI

4. – Otvoritev Slovenske pristave. Igrajo Veseli godci.

11. – Veselica Slovenske šole pri Mariji Vnebovzeti, na Slov. pristavi.

17., 18. – Tabor ZDSPB ima Spominsko proslavo na Slovenski pristavi ob spomenu 55-letnice konca 2. svetovne vojne in slovenskega “holokavsta” za domobrance.

24. – Primorski klub sponzorira koncert na Slovenski pristavi.

25. Piknik ohijske federacije KSKJ društev. Pričetek ob 12h opoldne do 8. zv., na Slovenski pristavi. Od 3h do 7.30 igra Joey Tomsick orkester.

JULIJ

9. – Piknik Misijonske Znamkarske Akcije na Slovenski pristavi. Začetek piknika s sv. mašo opoldne.

16. – Veselica župnije Sv. Vida, na Slovenski pristavi.

23. – Veselica Slovenske šole pri Sv. Vidu, na Slovenski pristavi.

30. – Piknik Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave, na SP.

AVGUST

6. – Veselica Primorskega kluba, na Slovenski pristavi.

Stanje klera 1. januarja 2000 v Sloveniji

V ljubljanski nadškofiji: pod neposredno jurisdikcijo nadškofa 382; stalno živeči v tujini: inkardiniranih 36, ekskardiniranih 19, skupaj 437; redovnih duhovnikov je v nadškofiji 174 in iz drugih slov. škofij 13, skupaj 187; 1999 je bilo posvečenih 6 škofijskih duhovnikov in 3 redovniki; bogoslovcev je 47; povprečna starost je 56 let; lansko leto so umrli škofijski duhovniki: Alojzij Groznik (78), Jože Čampa (69), Franc Jeglič (89), Boris Koman (91), Štefan Novak (77), France Milavec (56), Jože Cukale (84); umrli redovni duhovniki, vsi salezijanci: Egidij Dolinar (74), Karel Ceglar (86), Andrej Majcen (90), Mirko Žerjav (78), Jakob Turšič (85).

Nadškofija ima 306 župnij, razdejena je na 6 arhidiaconatov in 23 dekanij; zasedenih je 264 župnij, 41 župnij pa je v soupravi.

V nadškofiji je živelo leta 1978 760 redovnic, 1985 640, 1991 583, 1999 546.

V koprski škofiji: 1. januarja 2000 je bilo v škofiji inkardiniranih 171 duhovnikov; v škofiji je 25 redovnikov; 10 frančiškanov (in 4 bratje ter 2 novinca), 6 kapucinov (in 2 novinca), 5 lazaristov (in 2 brata), 2 minorita in 2 salezijanca; redovnic je 82: 3 dominikanke, 2 Marijini sestre, 17 notredamk, 6 šolskih sester, 51 usmiljenk in 3 uršulinke.

Škofija ima 13 bogoslovcev; lani so umrli 4 duhovniki: Otman Črnilogar (67), Anton Melinc (78), Jože Petrič (85) in Alojzij Skvarč (78).

V mariborski škofiji: škofijskih je 332 in 83 redovnih duhovnikov; lani je bilo posvečenih 8 novomašnikov; lani so umrli 4 škofijski duhovniki: prof. Karel Jaš (98), Alojzij Gabor (88), mons. Lojze Kozar (88 – tudi pisatelj) in Friderik Gamilar (61).

Vzeto iz Duhovnega življenja Buenos Aires, Leto 67 št. 4

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1330. Kot jutranja zarja je zasijala nad

nami skrivnost velikonočnega veselja. Mati Marija, srednica vseh milosti, pomagaj nam, da bomo resnično velikonočni ljudje stopili v tretje tisočletje.

Rev. Gerard Kalumba, rektor National Seminary, Ggaba, Kampala, Uganda, kjer vzdržujejo dobrotniki pet bogoslovcev, se prisrčno zahvaljuje za pomoč. Zagotavlja svoje molitve ter najboljše želje k prazničnemu razpoloženju Vstalega Kristusa. Že sedaj vabi, da bi se dobrotniki udeležili novih maš vzdrževancev. "Naj Gospod blagoslovi neskončno naše ljubljene dobrotnike ter organizacijo Catholic Mission Aid."

Rev. George Buleya iz Malavija, ki je nedavno končal študije v Rimu in se je srečal pred leti z g. Wolbangom, piše: "Prav lepa hvala za vaše pismo, v katerem sporočate o smrti g. Karla Wolbanga. Zelo me je pretresla vest o njegovi smrti. Ponavadi mi je pisal okoli božiča in velike noči in sem spet pričakoval njegovega pisma, ko sem prejel vaše sporočilo."

Kakšna izguba za Cerkev in misijone! Prvič sem z njim stopil v stik v svojih semenišnih dneh pred osmimi leti, ko sem bil še doma v Malaviju. Bil mi je v pomoč ves čas, ko sem bil v semenišču vse do mojega posvečenja leta 1993. Po mojem posvečenju za duhovnika me ni pozabil, spodbujal me je in me včasih ekonomsko podprl, da sem lahko bolj uspešno služil v božjem vinogradu.

Leta 1995 me je naš škof poslal v Rim za nadaljevanje študija, kjer sem ga imel čast osebno spoznati, ko je prišel na posvečenje oz. kanonizacijo Giovannija G. Perboyra v Rimu, julija 1996. Priložena fotografija je ena od mnogih, ki smo jih posneli ob nepozabnem snidenju. Kdo bi si mislil, da bo to edino in zadnje srečanje. Življenje je polno presenečenj.

G. Wolbanga smrt mi pomeni izgubo prijatelja, vodnika, finančnega in duhovnega podpornika. Toda zavedam se, da bo rodila sad njemu, meni in vsej Cerkvi. Nemogoče je, da bi tako blag gospod pozabil v nesebih name in na vso Cerkev. Nemogoče je, da bi zrna ljubezni in misijonski ogenj, ki jih je gojil na tem svetu, preminuli z njegovo smrtjo! Samo dejstvo, da vam lahko sedaj pišem, je že dokaz, da je zrno vzkliklo in se razvija. Moramo se zvesto zahvaljevati Bogu za dar, ki nam ga je naklonil z g. Wolbangom in je sedaj naša naloga, da nadaljujemo njegovo delo. Daroval sem že sv. mašo za njegov večni mir in jo bom še mnogokrat ponavljal!

Zahvaljujem se Vam, ge. Ferjan, za vaše neutrudno delo z g. Wolbangom. Zavedam se, da so mu mnogi pomagali in ga vzpodbujali pri opravljanju njegove uspešne duhovniške službe. Moja zahvala vsem dobrotnikom, ki so ga podpirali pri misijonskih podvigih in, prosim, sporočite jim, da smo bili premnogi deležni njihove podpore.

Zavedam se, da ste preobremenjeni z delom vaše dobrodelne MZA, kljub temu, prosim, obdržite občasno tudi zvezo z nami, ker se mi zdi, da je bila to njegova želja. Želim vam blagoslova božjega, da boste lažje prenesli izgubo tako velikega dobrotnika, prijatelja. Naj nas v tem svetim času zgled Fr. Karla vodi k molitvi, ljubezni in pokori. Vaš vdani Fr. George Bulewa." (prevod iz angleščine)

Drugo pismo istega gospoda iz Rima, 22. aprila: "Draga g. Ferjan! Prav lepa hvala za vaše pismo in priloženi dar za sv. maše. Prilagam podpisano potrdilo in vam zagotavljam, da bom opravil vse maše po namenu darovalcev. Iz vsega srca se zahvaljujem za dobroščnost in ljubečo skrb dobrotnikov MZA. Zahvaljujem se Bogu za dar mojemu življenju v osebi Fr. Wolbanga, da se bo preko vas izpolnjevala še nadalje njegova volja. Njegovo izredno duhovno življenje in stremljenje za pomoč misijonom, ter pri vzgoji duhovniškega naraščaja naj nam bo vsem izziv, da ga posnemamo. Veliko se lahko od njega naučimo, posebno tisti od nas, ki dobrote prejemamo."

Kmalu bo moje akademsko leto končano. Ko končam študije doktorata, potem pa se vrnem domov. Sem sedem let duhovnik, od tega sem preživel tri leta v Rimu. Želim se vrniti čimprej domov in se posvetiti pastoralnemu delu. Ponovna zahvala vam in MZA za velikonočno voščilo in za mašne intencije. Želim vam veliko božjega blagoslova pri vašem plemenitem in zahtevnem apostolatu. Pozdravljam vse sodelavce. V ljubezni in molitvi Fr. George."



G. Karel Wolbang in Rev. George Bulaya ob srečanju v Rimu

Ker dobrotnik ne želi biti imenovan, naj se sam spomni imena podpiranega in naj mu bo v veselje. Drugič še pismo iz Malavija.

Sedaj pa še od srca do srca iz misijonskega sveta, oz. iz pisem slovenskih misijonarjev:

Ivan Štanta, Ekar Ihosy, Madagaskar, 9. aprila: "Letos sem MZA pomoč prejel od Marije Lavriše iz Clevelanda. Njej sem tudi sporočil, da je vse v redu prišlo. G. Franc Buh je te dni odpotoval v Francijo. Bo operiran na ušesu zaradi tumorja. Priporočam ga v molitev. Jaz bom drugi mesec odšel na trimesečen dopust v Slovenijo. Če Bog da, se mislim vrniti na Madagaskar po 15. avgustu. Bog naj vam vsem pri MZA povrne za vsako pomoč. Lep pozdrav, Ivan Štanta."

Misijonar Rev. Daniel Ohmann, M.M. iz Shinyanga, Tanzanija, 12. aprila: "Prisrčna zahvala za obilni dar MZA, sem zanj zelo hvaležen. Vse darove, ki jih prejemam, uporabim za hrano lačnim ljudem v tem kraju. Južna Afrika je bogata in rodovitna v pridelavi s hrano. Ali zahodni del Afrike je popolnoma nerodovit. Izgleda, da ničesar ne pride iz zemlje in se ne pridelava, ker je nerodovitna. Jaz in moji ubogi ljudje smo vam neizmerno hvaležni za vsak dar, posebno pa jaz, ker tako lahko pomagam tem izredno ubogim, da jih ohranim pri življenju. Z velikim spoštovanjem vaš Fr. Dan Ohmann, M.M."

Rev. Jerome Francis, S.J., provincijal, Calcutta, Indija, pismo 13. aprila: "Dragi! Prosim prinesite mojo srčno zahvalo dragemu dobrotniku iz Toronta, za bogati dar, ki ga je daroval v spomin dragega nam Fr. Josepha Cukaleta. Bilo je zelo plemenito od vas, da ste mnoga leta podpirali misijonarja Cukaleta, kajti on je služil uboge ljudi tu v Indiji. Ne pozabite tudi na nas, kajti tudi mi služimo in pomagamo ubogim."

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Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija (MZA) Catholic Mission Aid (CMA)

je javna, nepridobitna, dobrodelna misijonska organizacija. Ustanovil jo je Fr. Charles A. Wolbang, CM.

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Za pomoč slovenskim misijonarjem zbira finančno pomoč za njih delo med ubogimi v misijonskih deželah ter za vzdrževanje bogoslovcev za domači misijon.

Hvaležni bomo za vsak dar, ki ga boste darovali v ta namen.

Spomnite se misijonarjev in ubogih v svojih oporokah. Za vse prejete darove izdamo potrdilo za "Income tax".

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