



50th Anniversary
St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church
September 28, 2014

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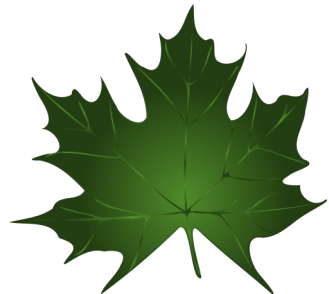
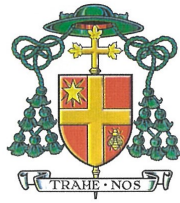
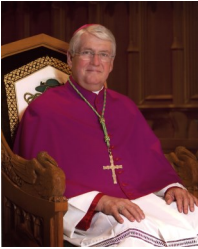


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B I S H O P O F H A M I L T O N

September 2014

The Clergy & Parishioners
St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church
125 Centennial Parkway North
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to offer my sincere congratulations as you celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish in Hamilton.

A parish is comprised of members of God's family who have been baptized into the sanctifying spiritual life of grace. Through this baptism we become members of the Lord's family and spiritually related to each other. We gather to give glory to God in our common worship and to receive his grace-filled blessings, particularly through the celebration of Mass, the reception of Eucharist, and other sacraments, and hearing God's word. As members of St. Gregory the Great Parish you exercise charity individually and communally. This charity is often in the material domain, but also frequently is in the realm of the spiritual as we perform both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In all of this, we seek to increase our love for God and our goodwill toward each other.

I hope that you get to know each other better as you strive to fulfill your ambitions as individual Catholics and as members of our Church family.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

Jubilejno leto - sveto leto!

Vsak jubilej je razlog za veselje. Zlat jubilej - toliko večji. Zato tudi slovenska župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega v Hamiltonu z verniki in salezijanci, ki župnijo vodijo, z velikim veseljem in hvaležnostjo obhaja ta častitljivi jubilej. Ko vsem izrekam iskrene čestitke zanj, se hkrati zahvaljujem vsem vernikom in sobratom, ki so prek župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega skozi petdeset let dajali pečat in življenje tej slovenski skupnosti v Hamiltonu.



Za zavetnika slovenske župnije v Hamiltonu ste izbrali papeža sv. Gregorija Velikega iz 6. stoletja. On je eden redkih papežev, ki mu dodajamo ime Veliki. Za zavetnika svoje župnije ste ga izbrali tudi zato, da bi z njim povezali lik velikega slovenskega škofa dr. Gregorija Rožmana. Lahko bi rekli: kot je bil papež Gregorij Veliki pomemben za vesoljno Cerkev, je bil škof Rožman pomemben za Cerkev na Slovenskem in za slovenske vernike v izseljenstvu. Papeža Gregorija Velikega je še zlasti zaznamovalo 14 let papeževanja, škofa Rožmana pa, zanimivo, tudi 14 let življenja v izgnanstvu oz. izseljenstvu. Prvemu je bil naložen 14-letni križ služenja vsej Cerkvi, škofu Rožmanu pa 14-letni križ odtrganosti od svojih vernikov, škofije in svoje ljubljene domovine - hkrati pa mu je bila s strani papeža Pija XII. zaupana skrb za slovenske izseljence in begunce.

Oba sta z vsem srcem ljubila Cerkev in ji do konca zvesto služila. Papež Gregorij Veliki je bil pobudnik misijonsega delovanja Cerkve med novimi evropskimi poganskimi narodi. Zapustil je globoke duhovne spise, preuredil je bogoslužje in uvedel gregorijanski koral. Škof Rožman pa je bil v letih vojne neke vrste advokat vseh, ki so se zaradi vojnih razmer znašli v stiski ali življenjski nevarnosti. Organiziral je jugaoslovanski evharistični kongres (1935) in kongres Kristusa kralja (1939), leta 1943 pa, na pobudo papeža Pija XII., odmevno vseslovensko posvetitev Marijinemu brezmadežnemu Srcu, s številnimi pobudami in spisi. In prav v tej pobudi lahko najdemo veliko povezav med slovenskimi salezijanci in škofom Rožmanom: tista najpomembnejša se je zgodila v soboto 29. maja 1943, ko je bila na Rakovniku v Ljubljani osrednja spokorna in spravna slovesnost pred vseslovensko posvetitvijo Marijinemu brezmadežnemu Srcu in ko je na Rakovnik v slovesni procesiji priromala tudi podoba brezjanske Marije Pomagaj (medvojne begunke).

Na tisti spravi dan na Rakovniku je škof Rožman dejal: "Pred podobo Marije Pomočnice, ki smo jo tolikokrat prosili milosti in bili tudi uslišani, sklenimo za trdno, da hočemo zanaprej živeti po Božjih zapovedih. Božje zapovedi naj bodo trdni temelj, ki bomo nanj zgradili boljšo bodočnost svojemu narodu." (Bogoljub 1943, 154-156).

Spoštovani! Tudi mi si danes, po več kot 70-ih letih, vzemimo k srcu ta klic škofa Rožmana, da bi živeli 'po Božjih zapovedih', da bi ostali zvesti Kristusu in svojemu narodu. Na priprošnjo papeža Gregorija Velikega pa si prizadevajmo, da bi bili tudi mi misijonarji sredi sveta, v katerem živimo; da bi bili Kristusove priče do skrajnih meja sveta - četudi daleč od domovine svojih staršev.

Bog vas živi!

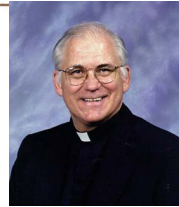

mag. Jahez Potočnik SDB

Salesians of Don Bosco

148 Main St. New Rochelle, New York 10801 ♦ 914-636-4225
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL

September 28, 2014

Dear Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Parish,



Greetings to the people of St. Gregory the Great Parish as you celebrate the 50th anniversary of your foundation as a Catholic community for the Slovenian people in Hamilton, Ontario! The Salesian family members throughout the Eastern United States and Canada send you their congratulations on this happy occasion.

Your celebration on this day brings to mind all those in your parish community who sacrificed so much to build, maintain, and develop this church over the many years since its founding. To these parishioners, we owe a great debt of gratitude. We remember with gratitude the Salesian Priests who have served the people of this parish with great generosity and faith. We recall with gratitude the laymen and laywomen who served this parish community in a variety of ministerial roles.

Most of all, I want to offer a word of thanks to you, the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Parish. For over fifty years, you have shown a deep commitment to the faith formation and ministerial accompaniment of your young sons and daughters. For those of you who are or have been parents of children brought up in the Catholic faith at St. Gregory the Great Parish, I congratulate you for your sacrifice and dedication to future of your sons and daughters. You have been faithful in responding to God's call as parents by raising your children as disciples of Christ in this faith-filled environment.

On this day, I join with Bishop Anthony Tonnos, Fr. Janez Potočnik (Slovenian provincial), Fr. Blaž Cuderman, and Fr. Bogdan Kolar in thanking God for 50 years of witness of Don Bosco's charism and mission at St. Gregory the Great Parish.

On behalf of the Salesian brothers and priests in the St. Philip Province of Canada and the Eastern U.S., I want to thank you for making Don Bosco's educational approach with the young such a vital part of your ministry as a parish community for the past 50 years. We look forward to many more years of collaboration so that the young, especially those most in need, will experience Don Bosco's gift in this Catholic community.

With prayers and great esteem,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Thomas A. Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Thomas A. Dunne, S.D.B.
Provincial



Host President's Message

On behalf of *St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church Council* and all parishioners, we are honoured to welcome you to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the construction of our church.

Thank you to our honoured guests, visitors, and performers for sharing in this day and to everyone who has contributed in any way to make this celebration memorable.

Our deepest gratitude to our sponsors for their generous contributions. Please support these wonderful benefactors in our community.

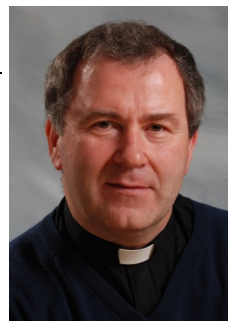
Parishioners and dedicated volunteers at St. Gregory's also deserve our thanks. Fifty successful years and this wonderful celebration of faith and culture in Canada would not be possible without their dedication and hard work.

Congratulations also to Father Drago Gačnik as he celebrates not only the 30th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, but also a forty-year association with the Salesian community. We appreciate your exceptional guidance, support and dedicated service to our faith and the Slovenian community and we look forward to sharing many more years with you at St. Gregory's.

With Warm Regards,

Milan Ferletič

Besede župnika Fr. Draga Gačnika, SDB



Spoštovani župljani in prijatelji!

Kot župnik župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega, sem v zadnjih enajstih letih precej dobro spoznal življenje te župnijske skupnosti. Prvi začetki niso bili ravno lahki, saj sem po enem tednu ostal sam skupaj s pokojnim salezijancem Ivanom Dobrškom, takrat že v 92-tem letu starosti. Ni mi bil v kaj veliko pomoč glede župnijskega dela in moral sem na hitro zagristi v delo župnije. Ker je bilo moje znanje angleščine zelo pomankljivo, sem si pomagal včasih z italijanščino. Počasi pa sem začel spoznavati delo in življenje v župniji in njen ritem. Dve leti sta pretekli, predem sem dobil dokumente, da sem lahko legalno bival in delal v Kanadi. Iz leta v leto je bilo boljše in počasi sem se vživel v delo na župniji.

Ko sem v zadnjem času tudi kaj več prebiral razne prispevke o zgodovini župnije, sem dobival tudi vse bolj jasno podobo, kako delati in v kateri smeri je potrebno vlagati večje napore. Desna roka je bil vedno župnijski pastoralni svet brez katerega si ne bi mogel zamisliti dela tukaj na župniji, prav tako tudi vsa društva, ki vsako po svoje deluje v prid župnije. Ker imam rad glasbo, se mi zdelo nujno, da sem se vključil v zборе in slovensko solo, saj sem tako dobil stik z mlajšo generacijo. Ta še posebej potrebuje, da ji znamo predstaviti lepoto slovenskega jezika in kulture.

Pa ne samo delo v župniji, tudi naše »podružnice«, če jih smem tako imenovati, društva v naši okolici, so na nek način del naše župnijske skupnosti, zato rad držim z njimi stike preko maš, ki jih imamo tam ob različnih priložnostih. V Savi in Triglavu bolj v zimskem času enkrat mesečno, Slovenski park in Bled poleti, Lipa park pa za Štefanovo.

Župnija je zaenkrat še precej razgibana, tako po dejavnosti kot tudi po prireditvah, ki jih imamo v teku leta. Verjetno bo potrebno sem in tja določene prireditve prilagoditi za nove čase zato potrebujemo mlade, ki bodo prinašali tudi nove ideje in seveda moči.

Kot imate sami izkušnjo, je potrebno veliko prostovoljcev, da bomo še naprej hodili s časom. Tudi današnja slovesnost in letošnji Slovenski dan sta pokazala kako veliko število ljudi je potrebnih, da se prireditev, praznovanje pripravi. Zato hvala vsem, ki vlagate svoje moči, čas in ljubezen v naše skupno dobro. Vsakdo in vsako dejanje je kot kamenček v mozaiku.

Bog naj živi še naprej to skupnost, da bomo tako drug ob drugem rasli in si pomagali.

Fr. Drago Gačnik, SDB
Fr. Drago Gačnik, SDB, župnik



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church in Hamilton.

Over the course of the past five decades, St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church has been a gathering place for individuals and families who are committed to upholding Christian ideals of faith and service while preserving their Slovenian heritage. This anniversary offers parishioners a chance to reaffirm their deeply held spiritual beliefs, as they reflect upon the events that have shaped their church's history.

I am sure that all of you will rejoice in the many observances planned to mark this special occasion. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.



OTTAWA
2014





*On behalf of the Government of Ontario,
I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all those
celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of*

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SLOVENIAN CHURCH

*This important event is a celebration of the strength
of faith and the dedication of those who have
worshipped at St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church
over the years.*

*I send my best wishes to everyone
taking part in this celebration.*



Legislative Building, Toronto
September 28, 2014

**Kathleen Wynne
Premier**

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT: 1964 - 2014

The celebration of any 50th Anniversary implies commitment, perseverance and dedication among those involved in the project. These characteristics are well represented in the Slovenian immigrants living in the Niagara Peninsula - who, while relatively small in number, successfully began construction of a thriving parish 50 years ago. For most of these past 50 years the parish has been a mission church of the Salesians of Don Bosco – an order to which Father Drago Gačnik belongs. He has been the pastor since arriving from Slovenia in Hamilton in 2003.

The story of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church had its origins with Slovenian immigrants who settled in the Niagara Peninsula prior to and following the Second World War. These people emigrated from this central European country as economic and political refugees. Planning the reality of a Roman Catholic Parish which would serve their spiritual, cultural and social needs in their native tongue began in earnest in August 1960, with the arrival in Hamilton of a Slovenian priest, Rev. Alojzij Tomc, from the United States.

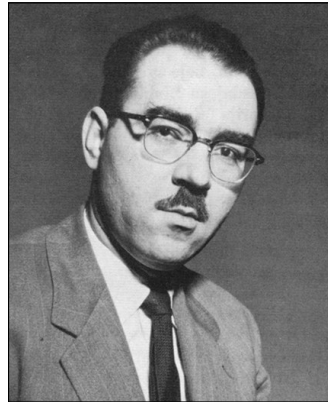
Under the leadership of Rev. Alojzij Tomc, the Slovenian immigrants sought approval from Bishop Ryan of the Diocese of Hamilton to form a par-

ish and Slovenian community center. In 1961, a parcel of land was purchased from Mr. Anton Ritlop (himself a Slovenian immigrant farmer). By 1964, when approximately two hundred families were attending mass at temporary facilities in Holy Rosary School on Beach Road, there were funds on deposit totaling \$75,000. A meeting was held with diocesan representatives at which time permission was granted to construct a large building, consisting of an upper and lower hall, as the first phase of a larger project to be completed at some point in the future when there were sufficient funds. The first phase included the lower hall which was to serve as the initial church sanctuary. Mr. Slavko Erzetič, a parish member, was elected chairman of the building committee and the architectural firm Wall, Yamamoto & Matthews Architects, of Burlington, for whom Mr. Erzetič worked, prepared the design with his integral involvement. Under the watchful eyes of Father Tomc and Mr. Erzetič, construction began in 1964 with the chapel in the lower hall being blessed on May 22, 1965.

Now having a place in which to celebrate together as the first phase of the project, the Slovenian community realized that building a church and rectory would be the next phase of construction. With the arrival in 1975

of a new Salesian Pastor, Rev. Karel Ceglar, the next major phase of the project gained momentum. More adjacent property was purchased to accommodate a church building, rectory and sports field. At a parish council meeting held on April 27th 1980, the decision was made to establish a building fund that would allow the dream to become a reality. With a design completed by the Hamilton Architect Victor P. Pala, construction by Saltfleet Construction commenced in May 1982 and, on December 5th of that same year, Bishop Paul F. Reding consecrated St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church. The bell tower, an integral part of any Slovenian church, was added in 1993 and an elevator was added to the parish hall in 2012 to make it an accessible facility.

The parish continues to be the spiritual, cultural and social centre for Slovenians in the Niagara peninsula. In addition to the spiritual mission, there were many active groups within the parish: the Slovenian Heritage Language School, Folklore dance groups, various choirs, a sports club and a youth club. St. Gregory's mission is also present in the five Slovenian clubs located in Breslau, Beamsville, St. Catharines, Puslinch and London, Ontario. Throughout the years, many dedicated Slovenian Salesian priests have encouraged parishioners to join and support the parish groups as well as the Catholic Women's League, the Altar Society

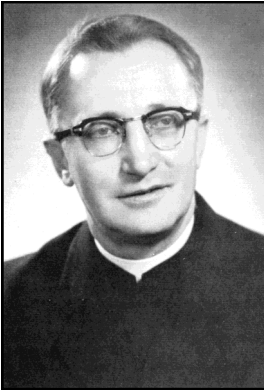


Slavko Erzetič,
Chair of Building Committee

and the Liturgical Committee. The parish was also instrumental in reviving the Slovenian Society of St. Joseph: the group responsible for organizing the construction of the adjacent senior's residence known as Villa Slovenia, which opened in 1992.

Throughout the long years of planning, fund raising and construction many supportive parishioners donated funds, provided expertise, enthusiasm and labour to create the spiritual and cultural home known as St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church. Sadly, many of those ground breaking visionaries have passed away, but their legacy will stand for future generations to enjoy. Their commitment, perseverance and dedication to the needs of this community serve as a reminder of what St. Gregory the Great Parish has achieved during the last 50 years and today's parishioners give thanks to God for all their work.

Pri Sv. Gregoriju Velikem - v Hamiltonu



Fr. Dr. Lojze
Tomc, Founding
Pastor

HAMILTON, Ont. — Odkar smo poročali, kako so hamiltonski škof 22. majnika 1965 blagoslovili kapelo in dvorano v našem Do-mu, se nismo več oglasili v Ameriški Domovini. Morda ste mislili, da smo od takrat naprej imeli nedeljsko sv. mašo in sedež župnije v Domu, pa to se še ni dalo. Prav do 9. avgusta smo prihajali k sv. maši v šolsko dvorano pri Sv. Ani, ker je v Domu še mnogo potrebnega manjkalo. V tem času so delavci tam izgotovili stanovanje za duhovnika, farno pisarno in sobo za oskrbnika-cerkovnika. V kapeli sta pa naša pridna mizarja Janez Grebenc in Janez Tanko napravila manjši oltar za tabernakelj in dovršila spovednico.

Tako smo izbrali in določili nedeljo, 15. avgusta - praznik Vnebovzeta M. B. - za tisti zgodovinski dan, ko smo se prvič zbrali k nedeljski Daritvi okrog svojega oltarja, v svoji lastni, čeprav začasni cerkvi.

Bil je letošnji Veliki Šmaren najbolj soparen in vroč dan to poletje. Prvo sv. mašo sem opravil ob 9h, drugo, glavno sv. mašo pa op 10.30 dop.

Prostori so bili prijetno hladni, ker so betonski zidovi napol v zemlji. Oltarji so bili lepo okrašeni s cvetjem. Sredi kapele pa je ob belem stebrišču stal

At St. Gregory the Great in Hamil- ton August 1965

Since we last updated you on how the Bishop of Hamilton blessed the chapel in our hall on May 22, 1965, I have not communicated with "American Homeland." You probably thought that from that date we had celebrated Sunday Mass in the new chapel but that is not the case. Until August 9th, we continued to have Mass in the school auditorium at St. Ann's as the new building still had many necessary items missing.

During this time, the workers completed the rectory residence, office and maintenance room. In the chapel, skilled carpenters Janez Grebenc and Janez Tanko constructed a small altar for the tabernacle as well as a confessional.

Therefore, we selected August 15th, The Feast of the Ascension, as the date when we first gathered to say Mass around our own altar, even though it is still within a temporary space.

This day proved to be the hottest and most humid day of the summer. I offered the first Mass at 9:00a.m; the main Mass was celebrated at 10:30a.m.

The chapel area was quite cool, as the concrete walls are partly underground. The altars were beautifully decorated with flowers. In the center of the chapel, on a white column, stood a beautiful statue of Mary; a statue that for forty years had presided over the main altar in the old Slovenian church in Collinwood, Cleveland. The statue's outstretched hands reached out towards the Hamilton Slovenians who had gathered in the chapel in large numbers. It was as if she wished to lift them up towards heaven. From now on, let this statue lift the hearts of the young Slovenian immigrants in Hamilton.

I invited the pastor from St. Ann's to provide the homily during the main Mass. For five years,

le-pi kip Marije Vnebovzete, prav tisti, ki je nad 40 let kraljeval nad glavnim oltarjem stare slovenske cerkve v clevelandskem Collinwoodu. Obe roki je širila nasproti hamiltonskim Slovencem, ki so v trumah vstopali, kot da bi jih hotela dvigniti proti nebesom. Naj od sedaj naprej dviga srca mladih slovenskih izseljencev v Hamiltonu. Povabil sem g. župnika od Sv. Ane za prvo pridigo pri glavni sv. maši. On nam je 5 let dajal prostor za sv. mašo in v njegovem gostoljubnem župnišču sem jaz imel stanovanje in vso oskrbo. Župnik Fr. Charles McColgan je silno ljubezniv in gostoljuben duhovnik. V dosti župniščih in samostanih sem bil gost, odkar sem odšel na tuje, pa nikjer se nisem tako domače počutil kot pri njem. Stal mi je ob strani v najhujših težavah kot brat in njemu se moramo v veliki meri zahvaliti, da smo premagali odpor in nasprotovanje na škofiji.

Po sv. maši sem šel v mašnih oblačilih in s križem v roki h glavnim vratom in farani so se zvr-stili k cerkvenemu "ofru" in darovali precejšnjo vso-to, ki jo bomo porabili za povečanje trdnih tal na postajališču za automobile.

Drugi teden v septembru se bom tudi jaz preselil v Dom in bomo z vsem na svojem. Sv. Ana nas bo odstavila, ker smo že dorasli. Ne pozabite vi, naši dobrotniki, ko greste mimo Niagarskih slapov v Kanado, ustaviti se pri nas. Ko privozite po Queen Elisabeth Highway do 20 Hghw. na vzhod-nem koncu Hamiltona, krenite nanjo. Komaj pol milje po 20. cesti, pa ste pri nas. Vedno vas bomo veseli in si šteli vaš obisk v čast!

Fr. L. Tomc /Ameriška Domovina, avgust 1965/

he had provided us with space for Holy Mass and as well as my place of residence in the rectory. Father Charles McColgan is a loving and hospitable priest. I have been a guest in many rectories and monasteries since I left my homeland, but nowhere did I feel so much at home as I did with Father McColgan. He stood by my side like a brother during the most difficult times and I must give him great thanks for enabling us to overcome some opposition from the bishop's office.

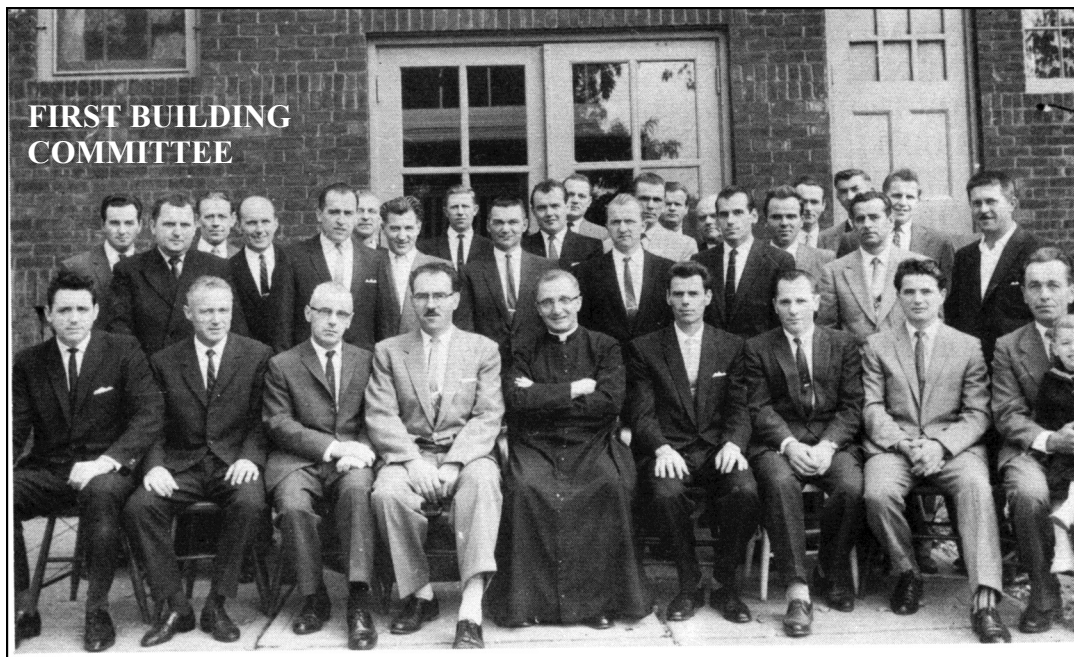
After Mass, I proceeded in my vestments, with a cross in my hands, to the main entrance where many parishioners donated funds generously. These funds were used to pave the parking lot.

In the second week of September, I will move into my residence at the new "Slovenian Home." As we have reached maturity as a community, St. Ann has blessed this move. Do not forget, dear supporters, when you travel past Niagara Falls and journey into Canada, please stop and visit us. Take the Highway 20 exit from the Queen Elizabeth Way, at the eastern end of Hamilton. Drive for half a mile and you will reach us. We will always be happy to greet you and treat you as an honoured guest.

Fr. L. Tomc in Ameriška Domovina Aug. 1965



Blagoslovitev novozgrajene dvorane, Maj 22, 1965



First row form left to right:

1. Rado Marušič
2. Uroš Vehovec
3. Drago Ložar
4. Slavko Erzetič , Committee Chairman
5. Dr. Lojze Tomc, Founding Pastor
6. Frank Kozlar
7. Ludvik Kastelic
8. Ivan Župančič
9. Jože Cerar
10. Mark Cerar (child)

Second row form left to right:

1. Karl Knaus
2. Alojz Zorko
3. Ivan Nedelko
4. Maks Sagadin
5. Tone Vengar

6. Ivan Sobočan
7. Jože Pust
8. Jože Vuk
9. Štefan Ray
10. Ignac Horvat
11. Jože Tompa
12. Ivan Vegelj
13. Ivan Tanko
14. Vinko Cestnik
15. Stanko Bratuž ?
16. Nande Žonta
17. Jaka Muhič
18. Polde Kline
19. Polde Simčič ?
20. Frank Jeraj
21. Anton Cesar
22. Rudi Levstik

SVETA MAŠA / HOLY MASS: 10:00 A.M. - Program

Celebrants

Father Janez Potočnik, Salesian Provincial from Slovenia
Father Thomas Dunne, Salesian Provincial from United States
Father Bogdan Kolar, PhD from Slovenia
Father Blaž Cuderman from Slovenia
Father John Puntino, Director of Salesians of Don Bosco, Toronto
Father Drago Gačnik, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish

Slovesni vhod / Entrance Procession:

Križ, sveče, narodne noše, Knights of Columbus, bralci, duhovniki.
Cross, Candles, National Costumes, Knights of Columbus, Readers, Priests

Vstopna pesem / Entrance Hymn:	Zemlje, Morje vsa narava G. Mali, F. Kimovec	MePZ
Križ, pozdrav -Cross and Welcome		
Gospod, usmili se / Lord have Mercy:	Maša v Čast sv Katarini	Vinko Vodopivec MePZ
Slava / Gloria :	Maša v Čast sv Katarini	Vinko Vodopivec MePZ
Prvo berilo / First Reading:	Ezekial 18,25 -28	Ignac Horvat
Psaln 121	Veseli pojdemov Gospodovo Hišo	G. Zafošnik MePZ
Drugo berilo / Second Reading:	Philippians 2, 1 -11	Jessica Novak
Aleluja:	Raise the Gospel	O. Alstott, B. Farrell MePZ/English Choir
Evangelij / Gospel:	Fr. John Puntino	
Homilija / Homily:	Fr. Thomas Dunne	
Vera / Profession of Faith		
Prošnje / Petitions:		
Darovanje / Offertory	Taste & See	
Prinašanje darov / Gift Bearers	Prvi trije živeči predsedniki First three, still living, Parish Council Presidents Marko Ferfolja, Pavel Novak, Ignac Kolenko Tri prve članice Girls Club First three members of Catholic Girls Club Nadia Miklavčič, Jessica Novak, Leah Škerl	
Svet / Holy Holy	Maša v Čast sv Katarini	Vinko Vodopivec MePZ
Skrivnost vere/ Profession of Faith:	Kadar uživamo ta kruh	
Oče naš / Our Father:	Pojemo v angleščini / English Folk Arrangement	
Jagnje božje: / Lamb of God	Maša v Čast sv Katarini	Vinko Vodopivec MePZ
Obhajilo / Communion:		
Zborna / Mixed Choir	O kam Gospod	Jus. Lud. Weis MePZ
Ljudska / Congregation	Zdaj se zbudi duša moja	
Zborna/ English Choir	Praise the Lord My Soul Celebrate	
Otroški zbor/ Children's:	Veruj v Boga in Aleluja	
Blagoslov		
Konec / Recessional Hymn	Marija skoz življenje (1. in 3. kitica)	Ignac Hladnik

Po maši se bomo pred cerkvijo vsi skupaj slikali!

Our special thanks to

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Our Parish Statistics

From the August 1960 arrival of Father L. Tomc up to 4:00 pm Saturday September 27, 2014 there have been at our parish:

1014 Baptisms
490 First Holy Communions
417 Holy Confirmations
371 Weddings
330 Funerals





MENU - JEDILNIK

Bread Rolls & Butter
Home made Soup with Noodles
Salad
Chicken Schnitzel & Satarash
Mixed vegetables
Roast Beef & gravy
Mashed potatoes
Noodles
Dessert: Doboš Cake
Coffee

Food prepared by
Head Chef, Mrs Milena Krušič,
and Ladies of the Parish

Also available are beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks

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Ralph Farkaš, Joe Horvat, Tony Horvat
Frank Mramor, Frank Škerl

CULTURAL PROGRAM

PowerPoint Pictures by Father Drago Gačnik and Tony Horvat

1. Master of Ceremonies – Heidy Novak – Greetings
2. Prayer before Lunch – Father Drago Gačnik
3. Introduction of special guests

Lunch & Dessert

4. introduction of key note speakers by Heidy Novak
5. Father Janez Potočnik, Salesian Provincial for Slovenia
6. Father Thomas Dunne, Salesian Provincial for United States East and Canada
7. Men's Choir "Majolka" directed by Father Drago Gačnik
 - a. Pozdrav Fr. Ferjančič
 - b. Mati Dobrega Pastirja Lojze Mav
 - c. Hišica draga domača L Hafner
8. St. Gregory the Great Church Construction Film by Alfonz Mozetič
with commentary by Frank Novak
9. St. Gregory Ladies Choir directed by Father Drago Gačnik
 - a. Tam gori za našo vasjo ...
 - b. Angelček varuh moj ...
10. John Doma, Honorary Consul General, Republic of Slovenia
Introduction of the new Slovenian Ambassador
11. Greeting from Slovenian Ambassador Marjan Cencen
12. Introduction of Original Building Committee Members by Heidy Novak
13. St. Gregory Mixed Choir directed by Father Drago Gačnik
 - a. Na Jezeru, Miroslav Vilhar, Fran Serafin Vilhar
 - b. Tam kjer teče bistra Zila, Jože Leskovar
14. Milan Ferletič, President of Parish Council
15. Father Drago Gačnik, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great
16. Folklorna Skupina "Venec" directed by David Antolin
17. Closing Remarks and Afternoon Social

† IN MEMORIAM †

In Remembrance of their strong faith and steadfast
dedication to the building and growth of our parish and
Slovenian community...

You will always be in our hearts!

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| + Cestnik, John Vinko | from Family Cestnik |
| + Demšar, Janko & Antonia | from MaryAnn Demšar |
| + Erzetič, Slavko | from Mrs. Erzetič |
| + Ferfolja, Theresa | from Ferfolja and Fields Families |
| + Hajdinjak, Rudi & Terezija | from Druzina Lojze Ferenčak |
| + Halas, John & Teresa | from Daughters, Elizabeth & Theresa & Families |
| + Hočevar, Janez | from Marija Hočevar |
| + Kline, Milica | from Polde Kline & Family |
| + Kobe, John | from Angela Kobe in Družina |
| + Korošec, Rudi | from Gertrude Korošec & Family |
| + Kosednar, Janez | from Family Kosednar |
| + Kozlar, Frank | from Annie, Marianne, Frances & Families |
| + Mertuk, Ivan | from Ivan Mertuk |
| + Pučko, Alojz & Eddy | from Elka Peršin & Teresa Pučko & Family |
| + Sajder, Steve | from Vida & Family Sajder |
| + Skale, Vinko | from Family Skale and Lukežič |
| + Sobočan, Ivan | from Cecilia, Milan, John & Families |
| + Štern, Slavko | from Family Štern and Podrebarac |
| + Šušteršič, Janez | from Heidi Novak & Family |
| + Yuk, Jože | from Marija Hočevar |

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With love and admiration,
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Viktor in Olga Glavač
z Družino

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On their 50th anniversary.
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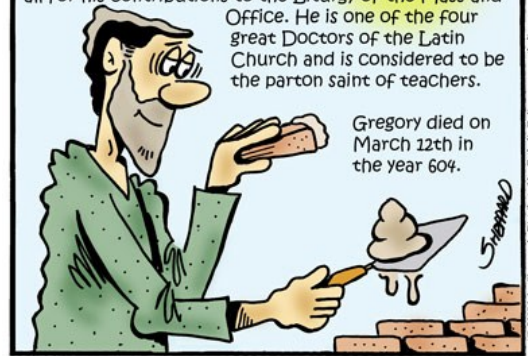
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by John Sheppard

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He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.

Gregory died on
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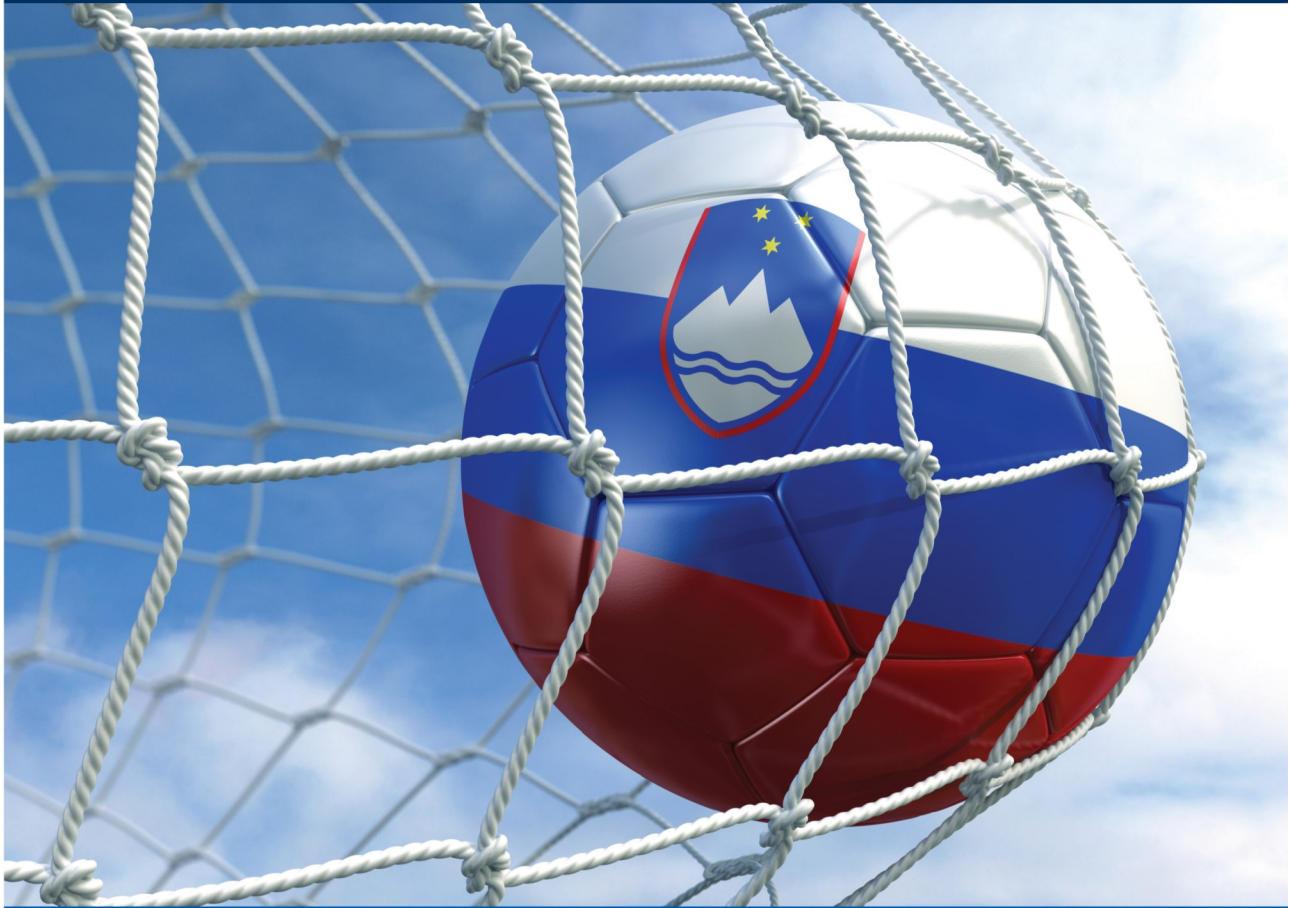
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