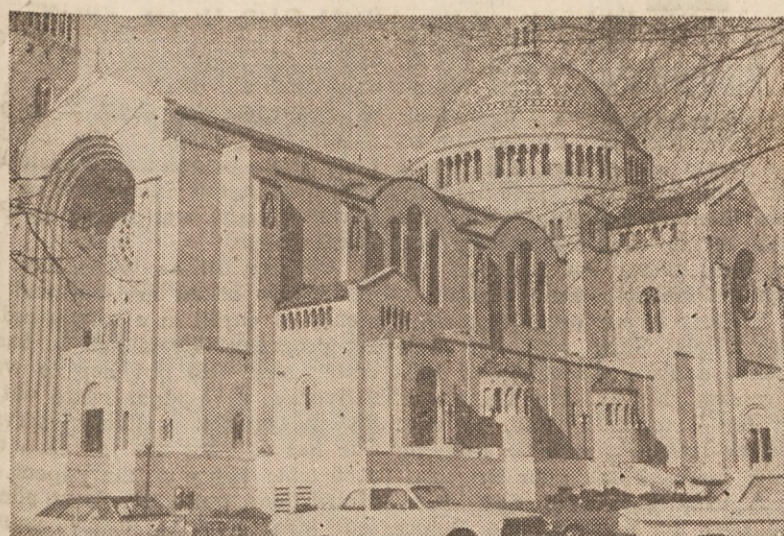


Slovenian Chapel To Be Dedicated In Washington D. C., August 15



by CYRIL A. ZEBOT
Washington D.C.— On Sunday, Aug. 15, at 1:00 p.m. the new Chapel of Our Lady of Brezje will be dedicated in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The dedication will be followed by a solemn pontifi-

cal mass in the main church of the Shrine. The mass will be said in Slovenian by two bishops from Slovenia, the northwestern republic in Yugoslavia, in celebration with American priests of Slovenian descent.

The new chapel was built

from donations by American Slovenes in honor of the Slovenian National Madonna, the Patroness of Slovenia. A magnificent church to her honor stands in a renowned pilgrimage site at Brezje, near Bled in Slovenia.

The Chapel of Our Lady of Brezje is located in the west (left) side of the Shrine's lower-church Memorial Hall. The basic floor plan of the chapel is patterned after an octagonal stub-armed Latin cross, and reminds one of numerous baroque churches and chapels of Slovenia. Thus, the shape of the chapel not only compensates for the starkness of the small, closed-in space but also lends itself artistically to an attractive and harmonious arrangement of its main decorative features.

The focal point of the chapel

is the painting of Madonna and Child, a faithful reproduction of Leopold Layer's baroque original in the national pilgrimage shrine of Brezje in Slovenia.

The four diagonal walls of the new chapel in beige marble contain relief panels portraying four prominent events in the more than twelve hundred years of the history of Slovenes as a Christian people. The reliefs are original works by the well-known Slovenian American sculptor France Gorse.

The panel to the left of the altar represents the beginnings of the Christianity among the Slovenes and depicts the baptism of the Slovenian Prince Gorazd about 745 A.D.

The panel located to the left of the entrance in the rear of the chapel symbolizes the gifts of faith and enlightenment which Christianity has bestowed

upon the Slovenes. It portrays Bishop Slomsek, a saintly shepherd, eloquent teacher and zealous enlightener, teaching the Slovenian young and old.

Immediately to the right of the altar, the panel depicting Bishop Frederic Irenaueus Baraga blessing the Indians, represents the great contribution that the Slovenes made to the American continent through Bishop Baraga and other Slovenian missionaries.

The fourth panel, located to the right of the entrance, is an allegorical portrayal of the gifts and talents that the Slovenian immigrants brought to America, their new homeland.

Inside the chapel above the entrance there is carved an English translation of a prayerful thought expressed by the Slovenian writer and poet Ivan

Cankar: "The merciful eyes of our Mother of Brezje will look upon you and you will be consoled." This spontaneous expression of faith in Our Lady of Brezje by one of the greatest Slovenian secular writers of all times vividly illustrates how deeply rooted in Christianity is all Slovenian culture and civilization.

The painted ceiling is decorated with a Latin cross and an octagonal medallion, using traditional Slovenian colors and folk motifs. The main decorative light in bronze is centered in the medallion and a smaller light is placed over the entrance in the base of the ornamental cross in the ceiling, darker than the rest of the chapel yet lively, unifies the central altar painting and the lighter chapel walls with their historical panels and inscriptions into a har-

monious whole.
TWELVE CENTURIES OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY
Twelve hundred years elapsed since the time when Hotimir, the Slovenian Prince of Carantania requested the Bishop of Salzburg, Vergilius, to send missionaries to his people to instruct them in the Christian faith. Hotimir himself had become a Christian several years earlier when he and his cousin Gorazd were baptized as Christians. The missionaries sent by Vergilius were led by Modestus, probably an Irishman like his superior, and the first Bishop of Slovenes, At Gospa Sveta in Carinthia he consecrated the first church in Slovenian lands, and chose it as his episcopal see, thus laying the foundation for a future Christian Slovenia. The Church
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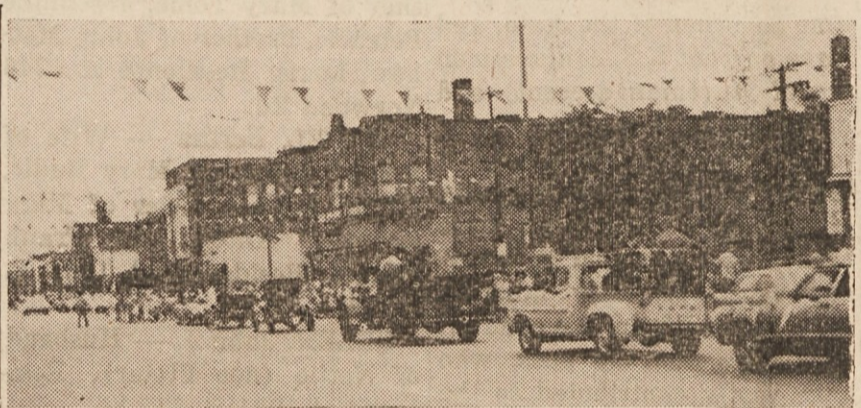
SLOVENIAN MORNING NEWSPAPER

ST. CLAIR FESTIVAL IS OVERWHELMING SUCCESS



Jean Drobnic, proprietor of Grdina Bridal Shop, 6111 St. Clair Ave., and Stan Majer, owner of Stan's Shoe Store, 6107 St. Clair Ave., hold huge banner which recognizes the untiring efforts of Doctor Anthony Garbas, Dutch Remen and Richard Mott who spearheaded the "Little Europe Festival".

by James Debevec
On Saturday July 17, at 10 a.m., a huge two-hour long parade started down St. Clair Ave. going from E. 40th St. to East Blvd., and back to the Slovenian National Home on 65th and St. Clair. It was the first parade of its kind in 25 years.
People lined St. Clair on both sides of the street to watch the little leaguers, boy scouts,



Accordian players, old-time fire engines, antique cars and hundreds of marchers under thousands of flying banners strung along the way, paraded down St. Clair Ave. on July 17. They started at E. 10 St. and traveled as far as East Blvd. Thousands of persons watched the colorful parade.

sociation and the St. Clair Businessmen's Association and the two groups first combined effort was termed an overwhelming success by president of the groups, Dr. Anthony Garbas, 6411 St. Clair Ave.
Mr. Richard Mott, manager of the St. Clair branch Central National Bank, 6422 St. Clair, and treasurer of the festival, said, "The crowd was far beyond our expectations. As far as finances are concerned, our group did not lose money on the event."
He said the pennants flying over the streets were 75 percent paid by local industry.

Stanley Majer, owner of Stan's Shoes and an officer of the controlling committee was aghast over the success of their first venture. "As a matter of fact," he said, "we hope to do the same thing again next year. The people loved it."
The committee is deciding now when to have next year's festival and parade. "Maybe we'll have it in September," Mr. Mott stated.
Whenever it will be held, the St. Clair area will be the benefactor. Mr. Majer summed it up when he explained, "St. Clair will succeed and survive."

Rev. James V. Zeitz is ordained in Belgium

The Rev. James V. Zeitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anne (Masar) Zeitz, 22110 Brookpark Rd., Fairview Park, Ohio, was ordained a priest in Brussels, Belgium on June 26, 1971, at the Jesuit Chapel of St. Michael College.

He celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with his family and friends including his parents, three sisters, a brother and his Grandmother Zeitz. His first Mass was held in the Chapel of St. Albert College, Eegonhoven, Louvain, Belgium, where he has completed three years of theology. He will continue his studies in Europe another year before returning to the U.S.

Father Zeitz, a Jesuit of the Detroit Province, graduated from St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio in 1958 entered the Jesuit Order the same year at Milford, Ohio, where he made two years of novitiate. He pursued a course of studies in languages, French, Latin, German, and Greek at Columbiere College in Clarkston, Mich. He received his BA and MA degrees in Classics from Loyola University, and his licentiate in philosophy from Loyola University-Bellarmine. He continued his studies at West Baden College, Indiana and during the summer months studied French at the University of Quebec.

He taught Latin and French at the University of Detroit High School before leaving to begin his theological formation with the Belgian Jesuits in Louvain in 1968.

He also has, during the summer months, since his arrival in Europe, continued his studies of German at the University of Salzburg and Berlin, has worked with the handicapped in Montelima, France and has traveled and studied French Culture and Architecture in various parts of France, and made a trip to East Germany.

He has made trips to Ljubljana and Ambrus, Yugoslavia, Ambrus being the birthplace of his grandmother, Mary Zeitz. McKrong, Yugoslavia was the birthplace of his Grandfather Zeitz (deceased). He has also traveled to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, the birthplace of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Masar.

CONCERNED NEW VOTERS

As more 18-year-olds exercise their right to vote, they may begin to wonder about those social security "contributions" that are taken from them by law each month so that government can provide for their well-being nearly 50 years from now.

They might well wonder about the thousands upon thousands of dollars of their earnings that they are told by politicians are to be put into some vague trust fund to help care for them in their old age.

A lot can happen in 50 years. The rules can change. Inflation can wipe out the dollar.

Whatever happens, the 18-year-olds who are now starting to vote are destined to bear a substantial portion of the cost. As this fact begins to sink home, politicians will have to consider the financial burdens he is asking the younger generation to help pay. The 18-year-olds will be asking, "What expense is worth my hard-earned money?"

Tony's 5th European Polka Tour is Biggest and Most Successful Ever!

by Tony Petkovsek

Kollander World Travel and Tony's Polka Village say their tour of 369 persons on two separate direct flights, which returned on July 17 from Slovenia to Cleveland, was the largest of its kind ever.

The big 5th European Polka Tour featured popular Richie Vadnal orchestra.

From the time the two flights departed on June 23 and 25 (KLM and JAT), the planned excursions all went off as scheduled featuring such countries as Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, France, and various parts of Yugoslavia.

Tony Petkovsek, John Pestotnik, Radio Club Chair'n, and totnik, Radio Club Chairman, the 5-piece Vadnal orchestra plus accordionist Eddie Stampfl, along with the wives, hosted separate 5 day polka tours of Slovenia and Croatia including the Adriatic Coast.

Highlight of each tour was a farewell party at President Tito's former Villa in the beautiful resort area of Lake Bled. Here the polka tourists dined like royalty with the special china and silverware and a several course meal.

The Vadsals scored a great hit since they were quite familiar faces from their initial appearance in 1970 on Yugoslav TV and radio and the 4th of July Picnic. The native Slovenians would stop them whenever they traveled and seek their records, autographs, and pictures.

This year they again cut a TV and radio tape, appeared at approximately 4 concert-dances which had capacity crowds, became the first American band to cut an album for Helidon records, and were featured on the front cover, in full color, of the most popular entertainment magazine "Stop".

Tony Petkovsek was a special guest of the Yugoslav State Tourist Bureau for a couple of days and had an opportunity

to explore a few of the areas not covered in previous tours, like the famous mineral springs resort of Radenska Slatina, where over 200 million litres of the "kisla" water are bottled annually. This area, plus Ptuj and Maribor, will be incorporated into future tours.

Tony Petkovsek is set to announce shortly a winter ski tour to Slovenia, the 4th tour to Hawaii, and a special 6th tour in the summer to Europe with many surprising entertainment groups in 1972, all in conjunction with Kollander.

Fr. Cimperman Invites All To Parish Picnic

Father Cimperman invites all his friends to his parish picnic, which will be held Sunday, Aug. 15, at St. Michael's Grove in Magadore, Ohio. Take Rt. No. 91 to the Tallmage Circle, make a three quarter turn around it to Rt. No. 532 south, continue to Rt No. 526. At 526 make a left turn to St. Michael's Grove. Signs will be posted along Rt. 526 to help you locate the grounds more easily.

Teachers See Bard

Under a special grant provided by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for a teacher-student audience development program initiated by the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival, all area school teachers will be admitted free on "Teacher's Evenings," Aug. 10 for "The Taming of the Shrew"; Aug. 17 for "You Never Can Tell"; Aug. 24 for "Godspell"; and Sept. 7 for "Henry IV, Part I", playing in revolving repertory through Sept. 18 at Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

A special price of \$1.50 will be granted to accompanying escorts who are not teachers.

Identification cards must be shown and reservations made a week in advance through the box office. Call 228-1225.

More Than Just A Man

by John M. Urbancich
Elsewhere on these pages one will see the death notice for my uncle, Louis Klemencic. The notice lists an outline of facts, but it doesn't reveal anything about Uncle Louie, the man, and I think it should.
It tells that he was a member of St. Joseph's Lodge No. 169, KSKJ, but it doesn't tell how popular a member he was. Nor does it relate how his exuberance and gregariousness made many "O Ja" Club doings come to life.
The notice reveals that he was a husband, but it doesn't reveal that he and Aunt Jo were to celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary Aug. 4; it was a genuine love story.
It states that he was a father and a grandfather, but it does not state how deeply he felt for his family and they for him.
I'll always remember the times when I was a small boy

that Uncle Louie would gruffly, yet gently, knead my head while applying what he called his "ham and egger" headlock. It was his simple way of expressing affection and warmth—he had plenty of both for everyone—and the notice doesn't mention anything about that.

A man with a kind of charisma that induced a procession of over 50 carloads of friends and relatives to accompany him to his resting place at All Souls Cemetery, I'll remember Uncle Louie as one of the kindest men on earth.

I feel certain that now he's one of the kindest men in heaven.

MEETING

Lodge St. Catherine No. 29 will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 7:30 PM. Dues will be collected at 6:30 PM. Social will follow after the meeting.

Nixon Praises Slovenians

As thousands of Americans of Slovenian descent witness the culmination of a splendid effort to perpetuate their Christian Heritage, I extend my warmest greetings on behalf of a Nation that continues to derive strength from your steadfast adherence to the celebrated traditions of your ancestors.

Consecrated to our Lady of Brezje, the National Madonna of Slovenia, the Chapel you dedicate in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a monument to the twelve centuries of Slovenian Christianity and to the lasting impression which this proud legacy has made on your lives and on the American Experience.

I want to extend my warmest congratulations to all who have had a part in this Chapel's successful completion. May all who worship here find the comfort they seek personally, and pray for the courage we need as a nation if we are to preserve the freedom that is our birthright and help advance the dreams of all mankind for a world community built on human brotherhood and lasting peace.

RICHARD NIXON

