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Several of the singers and dancers and their children from the community of Czechs and Slovaks in San Diego gave a rousing welcome to Bishop Václav Malý during his October 19 visit.

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**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place
on November 16, 2013 in San Diego.**



“The point is that to receive the Holy Spirit is to be launched on mission. So it was with Jesus, who was anointed by the Holy Spirit in the Jordan river for his mission of preaching and sacrifice. So it was with the disciples in the upper room at Pentecost. So it is with us when the grace of our own baptism is released powerfully in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Lack of response should not discourage us. What God asks is not our success but our cooperation, said Marianist founder Blessed Fr. William Joseph Chaminade. Or as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta put it similarly, “Fidelity not success.” Like all water, the living water of the Holy Spirit moves first to the lowest level, where there is receptivity, and with time the water will rise to cover those lands higher up. God follows his timetable, not ours.!”

Montague, George T, SM. *Holy Spirit Make Your Home In Me. Biblical Meditations on Receiving the Gift of the Spirit. Frederick, MD The word among us Press, 2008.*

*Heavenly Father, I am awed by the multitude of ways you show your love for us. Deepen in me the awareness that I have been anointed and consecrated by your Holy Spirit for a noble mission. Mary, you in whom the first anointing of Jesus took place, show me how to live with the Holy Spirit in me as he was in your heart.
Amen.*

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA
Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



Last month we were preparing for a visit from Bishop Vaclav Maly, which took place in our mission without any serious problems. I think I learned a lot and realized how different are the conditions for our work. Bishop Vaclav Maly was invited among other things to a meeting with compatriots at the Czech Consulate. I had the honor to accompany him there. We left while it was still light, but by the time we arrived at the consulate it was after dark. Not only that but despite the fact that I drove as fast as possible, using GPS guidance, we reached the consulate half an hour late. Fortunately the people were still there eagerly awaiting our arrival. Bishop Václav was just amazed at we could live with such demanding and dangerous driving. He said that Prague was just a small town by comparison. His lecture had to be shortened because time flew by, and we had to end the lecture.

Here in California, in addition to our Masses, he did some sightseeing in San Diego, where we also visited one of the oldest Franciscan missions founded by Father Junipero Serra.

Already in the last Vestnik I mentioned that Bishop Maly was charged by the CBK with the supervision of our missions outside the Czech Republic. As you know I resigned at the time of my 75th birthday as required by canon law.

Ad limina Apostolorum means „On the threshold of the apostles.“ Once every 5-7 years the bishops are required to visit the Vatican to report the Pope and his staff on the status of their dioceses. I was once again invited to take part in this visit, which is expected in Rome in February of next year. I am busy now preparing the report on the state of our missions „in the West“ for the past 6 years.

I was recently asked by our mission board to introduce a second collection for the maintenance of Velehrad. San Francisco has established a regular second collection for the upkeep of the house and property and to decrease out debt. Although some of you give a special check for this purpose, we do not have at present a special collection in San Diego and Yorba Linda. What do you think? Should we have a second collection in all three missions? Lets discuss it after our next Mass.



Bishop Malý (top left) answers questions at our picnic at our Velehrad in Placentia.



A large group turned out to greet Bishop Malý (bottom left) in San Diego. Petr Peterka, president, is standing.



Top: The two bishops with Maria Peterka at Mission Junipero Serra in San Diego. *Right:* Kiss of peace at Mass on Sunday at our Velehrad. *Below:* On the 30th anniversary of the Polish Center, our bishops Vaclav Maly and Peter Esterka are at the left and right of Orange Dioces Bishop Kevin Vann and members of the Knights of Columbus.

You are invited to attend



OUR CZECH LITURGY

In SAN DIEGO our Mass will be on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 in the afternoon at St. John's Church on the corner of Normal and Lincoln. Refreshments follow.

In LOS ANGELES our Mass will be on Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Polish Center, Yorba Linda. After the Mass a meal will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

In SAN FRANCISCO our Mass will be on Sunday November 24. A beseda with refreshments will follow.

Mark your Calendars for December/Christmas Masses: SD 24, LA 25, SF Jan. 5.



The San Diego community will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation for five of its young men on November 16 at 4 pm. Please support these dedicated, newly mature Christians with your prayers and best wishes. Our strength as a Christian community depends on these for its continual renewal in faith, hope, and love.

INTERVIEW WITH POPE FRANCIS

- the founder of the newspaper La Repubblica
- shortened version of the Czech translation in radiovaticana.cz

Pope Francis produced another surprise. Italian newspaper La Repubblica October 1, 2013 published an extensive interview. the founder of the newspaper, which Italian intellectual Eugenio Scalfari had with the Holy *Father*. Peter's successor in mid-September first responded in writing to questions from Scalfari. Then on his own initiative he invited Scalfari to talk face-to face.

"Until the end of life I will never forget that phone call," says almost ninetyyear old journalist. " I was in shock ." The Pope at the other end of the line , however, responded by saying : "Well, you wrote me a letter and said you wanted to get to know me. Then ther settled on a date. "I told him that I read his interview for the magazine *Civiltá Cattolica* , further explained Scalfari . "And you stayed awake ? " Was the Pope's question ...

So, a declared atheist and the Vicar of Christ were talking on the 24th of September in the afternoon at St. Marthas House in the Vatican. They agreed on the fact that each would not try to convert the other to his way of thinking (known as proselytism).

" Proselytism is solemn nonsense; it makes no sense," he explains in the printed version of the interview. Francis adds: "It is important to know, listen to one another and improve our knowledge of the world around us. This world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good ... Each of us has a vision of good and evil. We have to encourage people to move toward what they think is Good. Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to meake the world a greater place. The love of neighbor preached by our Lord is not proselytism, it is love. It is the yeast that serve the common good." The Holy Father then names the greatest evil, which in recent years has ravaged the world: "It is youth unemployment and the solitude in which we keep the elderly. Old people need care and the company of others, the young need jobs and hope. However, they have one or the other and the problem is that they give up. They are encased in the present. But tell me, is it possible to live without desires and plans for the future, without intent to build something, start a family ? In my opinion, it is precisely this

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which is the most urgent problem facing the church. This situation does not hurt only the *...* but also the soul. A Church must feel responsible both for the soul and for the body. To some extent the Church is aware of this problem, but not enough. I would like the Church to pay more attention to this most pressing problem which we are facing as a Church."

"The Son of God became incarnate in order that he would instill in souls a sense of brotherhood," the Holy Father points out further . Only through agape love for each of us to all other people - from those closest to the farthest away, we find the way of salvation and blessedness that Jesus showed us. Unfortunately this is not happening. Egoism thrives and love for others is diminishing."

And this tendency is not unknown in the Church, says the Pope lavish with self-criticism."The heads of the Church were often narcissistic, flattered and thrilled by their courtiers. The court was a leprosy on the papacy."

The Holy Father, however, emphasized that by this court he does not mean the Roman Curia."No, although courtiers are sometimes also in the curia. As a whole, however, the Curia is something else. By the Papal Court, I mean what the army called the quartermaster's office, servicing the needs of the Holy See. But it has one important defect- it is Vatican-centric, it sees and looks after the interests of the Vatican, which are still, for the most part, temporal interests. This self-centered view neglects the rest of the world. I do not share this view and I'll do everything I can to change it. The Church must return to being a community of the people of God, and priests, pastors and bishops who have the care of souls, are at the service of the people of God. This is the church - a word not surprisingly different from the Holy See, which has its own function, important but in the service of the Church. I would not have been able to have complete faith in God and in his Son if I had not been formed in the church. I was lucky that I was in Argentina, in such a community, without which I could never have realized myself and my faith. "

Read the full interview on http://www.repubblica.it/cultura/2013/10/01/news/pope-s_conversation_with_scalfari_eng...

In November we remember our deceased
relatives and friends:

*I am the resurrection and the life; who trusts in me will live even if he
dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.*

— Jn 11,25-26

Frank Blazek: Blazek, Klauz, a Stooksbury families, Roger S Moran, R Lipcik, a Joyce Elkins. **Anežka Brožková:** Stanislava Brožka, za zemřelé členy rodinu Brožkovu a Havlíčkovu. **Irena Halouzková a dcery:** Miloše Halouzku, Jiřího a Lidušku. **Evelyn Holický-Puhala:** rodiny Hrusecky, Holický, Pochily, Puhala, Charsky a Rasla. **Anna Hrobařová:** Josefa Hrobaře, manžela, děti Marii a Jaromíra, rodiče Annu a Jana Vadurovy, Marii a Jana Hrobařovy a za sourozence Marii a Josefa Vadorovy. **Lubos Jedno-rozec:** Milada a Václava Vilímkovi, rodinu Jedno-rozcovi, Jana a Marii Rákomíkovi, rodinu Hořejsích, Peškovu, Petronku a Josefa Vilímkovi, Milslavu a Jindřicha Vilímkovi. **Marta Jonec:** Dr. Viliam Jonec, Jolana B Srsen, Otto Bartosik Jr, Otto Bartosek Sr, Františka Jonec. **Jerry a Marie Kletečka:** rodinu Kletečkovu a Veletovu. **Brigitte Kozlík:** Dr. L A Kozlík. **John Krato:** Mike a Anna Krato, Maria Makovičková, Jose Linares, Maria Munoz. **Eva kryška:** Pavel A Kryška, Martin J Kryška, Marie Janků, Jan Janků. **John Kurz:** Vlasta Kurzová. **Petr Máčaj:** Antonia a Lucaš Máčaj, Marie a Trantišek Šaurna, Růženka a Bohumil Koláček, Pavel Máčaj, Helena Máčajová, Oldřich Balán. **Frank Miksa:** Mirka Miksová. **Karen Chemlir Miller:** Marie Louise a Aton Warnuska, Charles J a Antoinette M Chemlir. **Anna Parezova:** Anna a Jaroslav Kratochvíl, Jaroslav, Miroslav, a Michael Kratochvíl, Rudolf Pařez. **Alena a František Pícha:** rodiče skvy a Františka Píchových. **Jarka Rainesh:** Benny Rainesh. **Olga Rajec:** Cyril Rajec, Margita Rajcová, Cesarz Tadeus. **Jane Reichert:** J.V.Reichert. **Dagmar Rus:** Tomika Sachu, Rudolfa Rusa. **Helga a František Skovajsa:** rodiče Skovajsovy a Mrkvovy, Aloise a Miroslava Skovajsovy. **Bertha Srnka:** Alfred Srnka, Marie a Anthony Wagner, Fred a Hedy Srnka. **Georgina Teyrovsky:** Edmund Teyrovsky. **Milada Vegvary:** Ludmila Hudečková, Bedrich a Radomir Hudeček. **Zdenek Vernak:** Helena a Zdenka Vernakových, rodiče. **Marie Wimmer:** Families Wimmer, Ulrich a Simanek.

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1. +Dr. Lud'ka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
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3. +Václav Příkazský - manželka Jana s rodinou
4. +Viliama Jonce - manželka Marta
5. +Don Youngblood - Bertha Srnka
6. + Dr. Milous Pelc - přátelé
7. +Villiam Jonec - manželka Marta
8. +Antoinette a Charles Chemlíř - přátelé
9. +Marii Jordánovou - syn Pavel
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12. +The Hrusecky Family - Evelyn Holicky-Puhala
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28. +Edmunda Teyrovského - manželka Jiřina Georgina
29. +Edward Onderka - přátelé
30. +Stanislava Brožka (10th anniv +) - manželka Anežka s rodinou

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SD collection \$331.00, LA collection \$746.00, meal \$625.00, for Velehrad \$220.00; SF collection: \$1,473.00; for Velehrad \$377.00 .

Mission Expenses: \$1,956.00

\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; 175.00 (rent for Polish Center 200; SF 125 and the hall in San Diego 50; 300.00 (travel to SF, gas, car maintenance); LA meal 279; Věstník publication : \$217.00 +264.00 (postage).

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