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Velehrad:

During their meetings, participants of the Czech Bishops Conference will be informed about current events in the Church as well as some partial property settlement. The Rector Petr P. Šikula will report on the functioning and future activities of the Pontifical College in Rome Nepomucenum (Seminary in Rome for theologians of the Czech Republic). Among the points on the agenda is the topic of the family, for example, they will receive the first present detailed information on the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia (September 25 to 27, 2015), and the question of working with young people in light of the forthcoming 37th European Meeting in Prague of young people, organized by the community of Taizé.

Guests at the plenary session will be Patrick Zurek (Bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo, who has Czech roots) and Declan Murphy, representative of the U.S. Conference of Bishops. In the early evening Thursday, July 3, the bishops will travel to Štípa in Zlín, where they will be in the Church of the Nativity of Mary to celebrate Mass together with parishes and pilgrims. It will begin at 6:00 pm, the main celebrant being the Apostolic Exarch Ladislav Hucko, and Bishop Vaclav Maly will preach. The plenary session ends with the Concert for people of good will on July 4 at 7.30 pm, which the bishops also attend. July 5, on the feast of St. Cyril and Methodius, the bishops will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass together before the castle basilica in Velehrad. At this Mass the presider will be by Archbishop Jan Graubner, with Cardinal Dominik Duka preaching. At the end of festivities the Bishops conference will present awards to several persons from different spheres of public life.

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA

Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



It is always difficult to choose a topic to write about.. This time I could not decide what would be interesting for all of you. Finally, I chose what I studied this summer during my stay at my sister's in my hometown, Dolni Bojanovice in South Moravia, where I grew up. There I actually spent the first twenty years of my life. That's where I was born, where I went to school, was an altar boy, learned to play the violin. There I went to OREL, played junior league soccer, and went away to study in Brno in the Bishop's Gymnasium. Two years later, the Communists closed the high school and the priest-professors and other Jesuits were taken and imprisoned without us students knowing where. I went back to Bojanovice, from where I had to go to an *internat* in Hodonin to learn how to work with pressed wood. Then it was almost a miracle that, in the middle of the school year, while I was working in that factory, that I was admitted to the Hodonin gymnasium. After two and a half years I graduated, and a few months later, I and two friends managed to flee to freedom in Austria through electrified barbed wire fences.

Even before my escape across the border I had experienced a scandalous political plot, the execution of several people in South Moravia, in the Jihlava Babič district.. The ruling Communists took advantage of the situation and enflamed the case to accuse some Catholic priests and laity. In the past I was not able to get the whole story about this scandal. Only this summer I found several different accounts of the case, written after the fall of the communist regime, when the authors had the materials essential to reveal the whole truth about it. It became abundantly clear how the communist regime abused their power , falsified documents, and lied directly to people to keep them terrified. How could they condemn innocent men to death and execute them, knowing they were innocent?

And it was not only the lives of opponents of the communist regime that were stolen. Often it meant the loss of property, the family home and violent relocation of the family to another place in the country, where, isolated from family and friends, they were forbidden to return home to their relatives

The cruelty of the Communists in the 40s and 50s was inconceivable.

You are invited



TO OUR CZECH LITURGY!

In SAN Diego our Holy Mass will begin on Saturday, August 16, at 4:00 pm in the Hall of St. John's Parish, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln. There will be refreshments after Mass.

In LOS ANGELES Holy Mass will be held on Sunday, August 17, at 1:30 pm in the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda CA 92886. After Mass a meal of roast pork, knedliky and sauerkraut will be served. Suggested donation \$10.00; parky \$5.00.

In SAN FRANCISCO our next Czech Mass will be on Sunday, August 24, at 11:00 am in the auditorium of STAR OF THE SEA Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA. Refreshments will follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: September Masses: SD Come to LA anniversary celebration at Polish Center 9/14/2014, SF 9/21.



OTTO NOTZL NAMED PRESIDENT OF L.A. MISSION

Shown here encouraging the singing at the celebration of Bishop Esterka's 75th birthday, Otto Notzl has long been one of the most faithful and helpful members of the Czech Mission. At the Fathers Day picnic this year he accepted the invitation from the bishop to take on the role of LA Mission president for the next year. His duties will be to facilitate the liturgical and social celebrations of the community, as well as assist the bishop with whatever issues arise. Even in one year he will put his own stamp on the office since each president fashions the job to his own skills and preferences. He will become an *ex officio* member of the board of the **Velehrad California Czech Catholic Mission, Inc.**, which has fiduciary responsibility for the house.

In Loving Memory

VLASTA GROSSL

8/26/1928 - 6/23/2014

Vlasta Grossl, nee Neumanová, was born in Mostě. She had two older sisters, Emily and Jiřina. In 1947 she went to Domařlice for a vacation, where she met her future husband Jan Grossl. They were deeply in love and married on the 22nd of November in 1947. In Domařlice their two daughters, Jana and Vlasta were born. In 1955 the Grossl family moved to Karlový Vary and in 1967 emigrated to Santa Monica, USA.

First they bought a coffee shop in 1970, and then the restaurant Bona Sera in Glendale. In 1997 after Jan suffered a stroke, Vlasta took care of him. Jan died thirteen years later, on November 24.



Dear Vlasta, may the angels lead you into paradise!

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Admittance by reservation only!

I/We will attend the Golden Anniversary celebration of the California Czech Mission at Pope St John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda 92886, Mass at **1:00 pm** Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Choice of entree: Please indicate number of entrees you want:
() *Gulash;* () *Svickova* () *pork roast*

Enclosed is a check (Payable to RC Czech Mission) for \$10.00 for each of my selections. (Children 12 and under are free.)

() *I would be willing to share a 5-minute story of some aspect of my life in the Czech Mission during the past 50 years. (Someone will contact you).*

Mail to Bishop Peter Esterka 344 Koch Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870, or send in the enclosed envelop **by August 31.**

Total amount _____

Name _____

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ÚČASTNÍCI PIKNIKU letos na Den otců, 15.června, na našem Velehradě.

From bottom, left to right: Peter Kral, Liz Oberreiter, David Rajec, Edith Marik; Marie Dvorsky, Anna Hrobar, Vera Rychucky, Agnes Brozek, Lidia Ondrka, Caroline Jelinek, Maria Kletecka, Dana Matulař Jaro Rajec, Joan Timmerman, Olga Rajec, Tanya David, Peter David, Romana Silhanova with family, Dana Leimberger, Kuba Oberreiter, Dolores Oberreiter, Jirina Cymbal, Liuse Safarik, Vlasta Simpson, Bishop Peter Esterka, Frank Onderka, Kelly Kral. Several people are not shown since they were behind the cameras. Photo by Yana Bridl.

Czech bishops will also discuss religious restitution at Velehrad

Velehrad (Uherskohradištsko) July 2 (ČTK) -

Czech and Moravian bishops on Thursday and Friday, on the eve festivities for Sts. Cyril and Methodius, meet at Velehrad at their 98th plenary session. They will address issues connected with property settlement of church and state among others, said František Jemelka from the press center of the Czech Bishops Conference (CBC).

On the agenda will be information on the functioning and future activities of the Pontifical College in Rome, Nepomucenum, which provides facilities for the theologians from the Czech Republic. "Also among the items on the agenda is the theme of family - they will receive the first detailed information about the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia September 25 to 27, 2015 - and the issue of youth work, in light of the forthcoming Prague 37th European meeting of young people," Jemelka said.

The bishops will pay attention to events held in the Year of the Consecrated Life. "Acting can learn more comprehensive information on this initiative scheduled for the period from November 2014 to February 2016," Jemelka added. Guests at the plenary session will be Patrick Zurek, Bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo, who has Czech roots, and Declan Murphy. Both are representatives of the U.S. Conference of Bishops.

In addition to talks on Thursday the bishops also will make the pilgrimage to Štípa in Zlin, where they will be in the Church of the Nativity of Mary to celebrate Mass. The plenary session ends with Friday's *concert for people of good will* at Velehrad, which will be attended by the bishops. On Saturday at 10:30 am they will celebrate Mass together in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. "Presider will be Archbishop Jan Graubner, and Cardinal Dominik Duka will preach," said Jemelka.

At the end of festivities the CBK will present awards to several personalities from different spheres of public life. At 3:00 in the afternoon Eastern liturgy is scheduled to start in the basilica. At 4:30 there will also be a Mass in Mikulcice. The main celebrant and preacher of this church service will be Cardinal Miloslav Vlk.

*František Jemelka
Czech Bishops' Conference
Press Centre*

INTERVIEW



In an interview in the newspaper *Il Messaggero* June 29, 2014, Pope Francis answered questions.

Italy is now playing a football match Italy-Uruguay (6.24 18-20h). Are you a fan, Holy Father?
"I really can't be partial to anyone. I promised the Brazilian president (Dilma Roussef) that I will be neutral. "

Can we start with Rome?

"But you know that I did not know Rome? Take the Sistine Chapel, I saw it for the first time when I took part in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI (2005). I was never even in the museums. The fact is that as a Cardinal I did not come often. I know Santa Maria Maggiore because I always went there. And then St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, where I was confirmed when don Giacomo Tantardini served there. Of course, I know Piazza Navona, because I've always lived on Via della stave behind it. "

Is Rome something like Argentina?

"Little or nothing. I am rather Piemontian. My family comes from that region. However, I'm starting to feel like a Roman. I visit the city, its parishes. I am gradually discovering it. It's a beautiful, unique metropolis with big city problems. The small town has an almost unique structure, but this city has seven or eight towns embedded in different levels. Part of it is cultural. This is so in all cities. In November we will be in Barcelona to organize a symposium devoted to the pastoral ministry in cities. In Argentina we had an exchange with Mexico. There are many cross-cultural differences, but it is not so much due to migration. It is a multi-cultural territory, formed by each having its own jurisdiction. Cities made up of towns. The Church must also be able to respond to this phenomenon."

Why have you right from the start so emphasized being the Bishop of Rome?

"The primary ministry of Pope Francis is to be the Bishop of Rome. All titles: Pope, Universal shepherd, Vicar of Christ, etc. belong to the Pope by his office as the Bishop of Rome. It is a primary choice. The consequence of Peter's primacy. If tomorrow the Pope wanted to be the Bishop of Tivoli, it is clear that they would kick me out."

MASS INTENTIONS

SRPEN • AUGUST

- 3. za Bernice Mordhorst (100th birthday) - Berta Srnka
- 4.+Helenu a Franka Vykydalovy - Helena Misíková
- 5.+Ing. Josefa Růžičku - MuDr.+ Mrs. Petr Růžička
- 6.+Nina Ingris (+6.6.2014) - přátelé
- 7.+Alberta Misika - Helena Misíková
- 8.+Dr. Luďka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
- 9.+Karla Nováka - manželka Inka a dcera Irenka
- 10.+Petra Vranu - manželka Jarka

- 11.+Miloslava Maříka - manželka Edith
- 12.+Anna a Josef Necas - přátelé
- 13. za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
- 14.+ Miroslava Vykydala - Helena Misíková
- 15.+Anthony Wagner, Alfred a Fred Srnkovi – Bertha Srnka

- 16.+Zdenka Sotorníka (+14.4.2014) - syn Peter, nevěsta Růžena, vnuk Anthony
- 17.+maželku a dceru - Mike Horník
- 18.+Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
- 19.+Josefa Charváta - syn Jan
- 20.+ Bernarda Hrušku (B-day)- Paulette Hruška

- 21.+Slávka Uhlíře - manželka Jesse
- 22.+Dr. Drahoslava Líma - manželka Jana s rodinou
- 23.+Vlasta Grossl (23.6.2014) - dcera Vlasta Simpson + family
- 24.+Marii a Josefa Šimkovy - přátelé
- 25.+J.V. Reicherta - manželka Jane

- 27.+Ing. Karla a Marii Škrobovy - dcera Eva a Ivo Plachý
- 28.+Robertta Maříka - manželka Anna
- 29.+Dr.Milouše Pelce - přátelé
- 30.+James Frolík - Ashka Frolík s rodinu
- 31.+ Ignáce Puhalu - Evelyn, manželka

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\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; \$80.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$215.00 +264.00 (postage).

May God reward you for your generosity.

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