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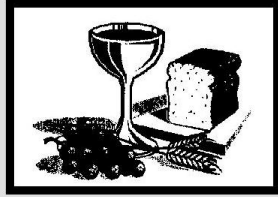
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Our Lady of the Rosary October 7

CALIFORNIA / OCTOBER 2015

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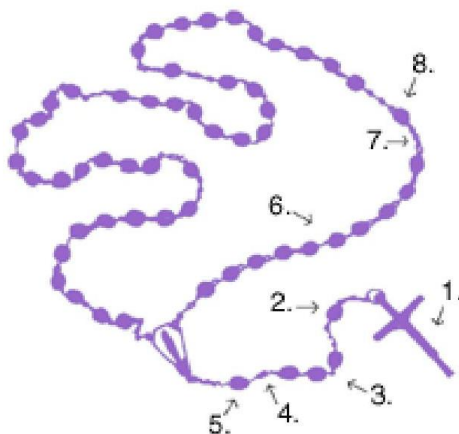
In San Diego our Czech Mass is **canceled** because Bishop Esterka is in Rome.

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In San Francisco, the next Czech Mass will be on **OCTOBER 25**. A *beseda* will be held after the Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: November 2015 Masses: SD 14, LA 15, SF 22.

How to Pray the Rosary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray three Hail Marys.
4. Pray Glory Be to the Father.
5. Announce the mystery for reflection and pray the Our Father.
6. Pray the 10 Hail Marys.
7. Finish the decade with the Glory Be to the Father.

If anyone does not have a rosary, please call Bishop Esterka at 714 524 0092 and he will see that one is sent to you!

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



I just returned from a week's stay in Houston, Texas, where I attended the 52nd annual Festival of Saints Cyril and Methodius. This time the celebrations were attended by Croats, Poles, Czechs, and as they say in Texas, "Moravians" and Ukrainians. The program was very varied. Many of those present were in national costumes of their nation. Also, during the program, the individual numbers were presented in the traditions and costumes of each nation.

I myself arrived in Houston during the week. I was staying with Father Paul Chovanec and part of the time with Judith and Marvin Marek. We met several times at parties and we traveled to Shiner, where our countrymen and their descendants lived and still live quite well. This was my first assignment after my ordination as a priest in 1963. When I got there and even when I left there it was still quite Czech. Today it is no longer true. The old generation, which was Czech, or as previously suggested Moravian, has already died. Because our immigrants who came to Texas were mostly from Moravia, the people identify with that region.

In Shiner our main purpose was to visit Father Joseph Hybner, who came from there and who now lives in retirement. First we went to lunch and then we visited the local brewery which has been rebuilt. It was the center of local beers since the beginning of that community. Now a group of businessmen bought it and they want it to be a big conglomerate. Apparently they did not yet manage. However, they seem to thrive on the rebuilding of the old brewery, in spite of the unimaginable investment of capital and labor. With our day trip successful, we came home altogether refreshed. It was partly the fact that the day was not the usual notorious Texas heat, and partly the samples...

The second day, Saturday, was a day of rest. It seemed like a preparation for something outstanding. On Saturday evening, we started with the evening Mass at the Church of St Justin Martyr.. There was a little confusion because it was the eve of the feast of St. Wenceslas, the Czech patron saint, but the organizers of the whole weekend had already decided that the celebrations should be for Cyril and Methodius. So I had to combine the two feasts in my sermon, which I managed by emphasizing that St. Ludmila taught her grandson Wenceslas, not only doctrine, but also how the teachings of the Church help to live everyday life, that is, to promote the love of God and neighbor, to forgive wrongdoing, to sacrifice oneself for others, etc

Congratulations to the Texas Czechs and other European immigrant communities for an outstanding Festival!



IT IS GOOD TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD. . . .

On November 2nd, we celebrate the feast of All Souls, when it is customary to say special prayers and offer Masses for our beloved friends and relatives who have preceded us in death. Throughout the month of No-

vember, Bishop Esterka will remember the loved ones for whom you are requesting prayers. *This traditional practice acknowledges the connections that are still alive between the living and the dead members of the Communion of Saints.*

Please use the form provided below to list your names and enclose it with the donation (payable to the RC Czech Mission) in the envelop provided here (344 Koch Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870). The list of intentions will be published in our November Věstník. Thank you!

+ Petr Esterka

Please remember the following loved ones who have gone before us:

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Above, from left: Taken during the Slavic Festival September 27-28 in Houston Texas, this photo shows Fr. Paul Chovanec welcoming Brian Vaniček, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for the State of Texas, and Bishop Peter Esterka, Bishop Emeritus for Czech Catholics in Diaspora. The Festival is co-sponsored by Moravian, Polish, Croatian, and Ukranian communities in Texas.

Below, from left: Judith and Marvin Marek, of Katy, Texas, sit with Bishop Esterka.



Moments in the life of the Mission



*Monika
Stachurová,*

*shown here
with husband
Ferdinand, will
be celebrating
her birthday on
October 15.
Both, members
of the San
Francisco Mis-
sion,
are active in
their nineties.*



Above: Taken at our Fathers Day picnic, this photo shows a large banner featuring the young Duke Vaclav, which was donated to our Mission by Jiřina Fuchsova, before her return to the Czech Republic.



A July wedding for Karolinka Peterka and Steven Lambert was a joyous occasion for the family of Peter Peterka. Shown above with bride and wife Maria.



Left: The bride and groom in the church.



Left: the entire Peterka family left to right: Terezka, Kristinka, Petr, Karolinka, Steven, Maria, and Verunka.

THE QUESTION EVERY CATHOLIC NEEDS TO ANSWER

Brandon Vogt

New research shows that 7% of Catholics contribute 80% of all donations and volunteer hours. It's easy to tater everything to this group. We know they'll sign-up, they'll show up, they' II subscribe, they'll buy books, they'll give. But every Catholic needs to ask this question: what am I doing to reach the other 93%?

In the press conference announcing Fr. Robert Barron as a new auxiliary bishop in Los Angeles, he said, "The most significant challenge facing the Catholic Church today is the attrition of our own people."

So what am I doing to reach the large majority of inactive Catho-lics who aren't frequenting our institutions, who don't know or care much about Catholicism, and who who have drifted away from the sacraments? What about those even beyond the 93% who have never identified as Catholic—perhaps they identity as "atheist" or "none"—for whom Catholicism is not even on the radar?

Am I truly engaging them or am I just catering to the already-engaged 7%? The latter is certainly easier. You'll receive more praise. You'll get more pageviews and purchases. It's undoubtably more comfortable. This is why there are tons of resources for the 7%. The typical parish has scores of ministries, almost all of which exist for the 7%. The large majority of Catholic books and newspapers are written for the 7%. Almost all Catholics websites are run by and for the 7%.

But the New Evangelization is not fundamentally about the 7%. It's about the 93%, about drawing them home.

We can't ignore the 7%—they need evangelizing, too. But the mission of the Church is essentially outward. Evangelistically, it's centrifugal, not centripetal. It's about the 93% more than the 7%.

Every Catholic parish, ministry, blogger, and newspaper needs to constantly ask this question: what am I doing for the 93%? Am I just giving lip service to them or am I structuring my entire work around their conversion? Am I looking even beyond the 93%, to those on the far end of the religious bell curve?

www.hrandonvogt.com Thanks to Fr. Tony Kocurek for sharing this article.





Pope Francis Visited Three US Cities in September

"I think that when I spend time with somebody like the Pontiff ... then it makes me want to be better, makes me want to do better," President Barack Obama said.

"That's part of the wonderful thing about Pope Francis, is the humility that he brings to do this."

Obama also addressed the Pontiff's message as it relates to a larger audience, saying that his holiness has the ability to "make us uncomfortable in his gentle way," while he inspires

kindness no matter what political camp you sit in.

"He's constantly prodding people's consciences and asking everybody all across the political spectrum what more you can do to be kind and to be helpful, and to love, and to sacrifice, and to serve," the president said.

"I think he is speaking to all of our consciences, and we all have to then search ourselves to see if there are ways that we can do better."

During his visit to the U.S., the pope spent his time meeting with victims of sexual abuse, discussing immigration with congress, canonizing Junipero Serra, and even participating in a prayer service at New York's Ground Zero with leaders of America's many religions.

As he boarded the plane last week to return to Rome, he left Americans with one final message.

"My days with you have been brief," Pope Francis said. "But they have been days of great grace for me and, I pray, for you too. Please know that as I prepare to leave, I do so with a heart of full gratitude and hope.

"This land has been blessed with tremendous gifts and opportunities. I pray that you may all be good and generous stewards of the human and material resources entrusted to you."

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- 29.+bratra Josefa a Martu Vadúrovy – sestra Anna Hrobařová
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\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; \$250 rent for churches; \$180.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$231.00 +\$245.00 (postage).

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