

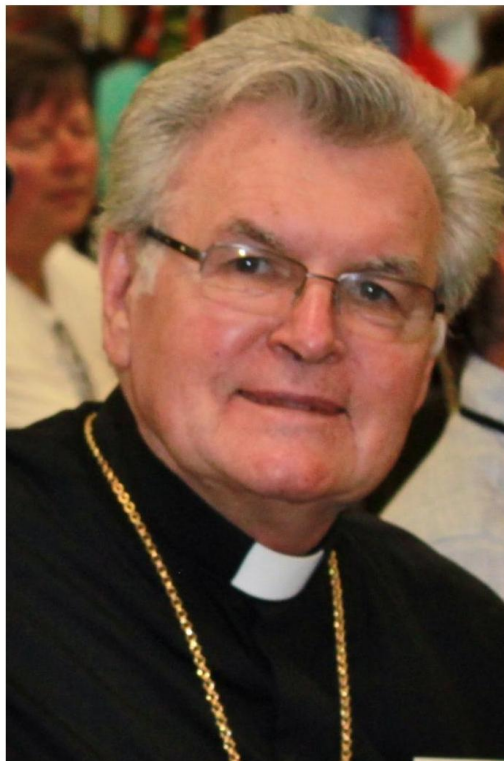
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***Bishop Esterka
turns eighty this month!***

CALIFORNIA / NOVEMBER 2015

You are invited



TO OUR CZECH LITURGY!

In San Diego our Czech Mass will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 4pm in the Auditorium of St John's Church on Normal and Lincoln. After Mass there will be refreshments, music and dancing.

In Los Angeles our Czech Mass will be held on Sunday, November 15, at 1:15 pm in the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. After Mass a meal of roast pork with dumplings and sauerkraut will be offered for \$10.00. Parky are always available for \$5.00.

In San Francisco, the next Czech Mass will be on Sunday, November 22. A *beseda* will be held after the Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December, Christmas, 2015 Masses:
SD 24, LA 25, SF January 3, 2016

Bishop Esterka turns eighty.

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Brno Petr Esterka who lives in the Czech Center in California in recent days visited his birthplace dolni Bojanovice near Hodonin where during thanksgiving Mass, celebrated his eightieth birthday. He emigrated after graduation in 1957 and studied at the Lateran University in Rome, where he was ordained a priest.

Based on his experience of spiritual leadership among expatriates in North America and later in Australia, Pope John Paul II. in 1999 appointed him auxiliary bishop of Brno and tasked him with the pastoral care of Catholics in the Czech diaspora. His adventurous life captured in a book interview with editor Ales Palan, *Take a Risk* (2007). In 2013, Pope Francis accepted the resignation, which Bishop Esterka filed after reaching 75 years of age. Diocesan news 43, page 1

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



I finally am "home" here, here in Orange, CA. There is nice weather, sunny but not too hot. So far I am a little tired after traveling from Europe, but there has not been much time to rest. Immediately after arriving from Europe, I had the Holy Mass in San Francisco and now I am preparing for the Holy Mass in San Diego and here in Los Angeles. I look forward to greeting all of you.

My visit to Europe was fairly successful. I started by visiting Rome. I dwelt in a dorm in Collegio Nepomucenum when I lived there as a student for six long years. It was still in the time of the old, strict regime. Now the college is greatly changed. I noticed that discipline in the college is still excellent, but the atmosphere has changed now that many liturgical functions are in Italian, which was not so in my time there. It was probably because I was feeling like I was in a foreign country rather than at home. But it is understandable, because a large proportion of students in the college today are from various other nationalities, and so it is the Italian that unites and allows happy cohabitation. The age of the superiors has also changed. During my studies they were the classic masters, in addition to the economic, Msgr Tomko; whereas today they are young priests, full of energy and enthusiasm.

A large part of the meeting I went to attend was dedicated to the remodeling of the Velehrad house of pilgrimage, located near the Vatican and serving the pilgrims who come to Rome, mostly from our homeland. The entire repair process is coming to an end. It is already at the last stage. Thank God and the Salesian Fathers who are responsible for the repairs. It seems like a good thing to be successfully completed; pilgrims from our country will soon be able to arrive on pilgrimages ...

From Rome time I flew to Vienna, where my nephew was waiting for me, and drove me to Bojanovice. And there I was well and truly at home. This time my visit centered around my recently widowed sister, visits to relatives, but even more about the celebration of my 80th birthday. Although it is not official until the 14th of November, we had to celebrate a little earlier because I had to come back to California. I was very surprised when they announced that the whole village would celebrate my upcoming jubilee. I was amazed at the number of former classmates, relatives and acquaintances who gathered together to celebrate my big "80". God will reward everything you have done for me!

With my arrival home to California I prepare for the next years of my life. I am surprised to be this old while feeling this young. I am grateful for each moment.

See photos from the party in dolni Bojanovice on page 6.

Czech Church and Internet in 2015

Prepared by Daniel Sputa

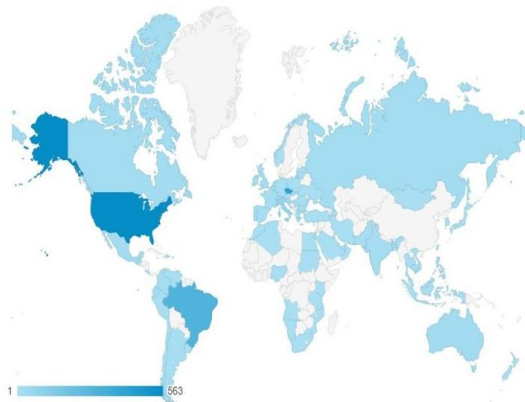
As many of you might know, we have a website and Facebook pages to keep in touch with the world outside. We post Vestnik each month for you to download and read. We also pick interesting articles from Vestnik or from the internet and share them with you as well. This year, we have over 1700 visitors from which 300 are returning people who come to get the Vestnik periodically. We also have over 115 Facebook subscribers who are getting our news and also share them with their friends on their walls.

On our website, besides reading the latest issue of Vestnik, popular articles are Bishop Esterka's biography and recently the Annual National Pilgrimage.

If you are interested where our visitors are from, you can look at the some brief statistics below.

Website Statistics

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2.  Czech Republic
3.  Brazil
4.  Italy
5.  Australia
6.  Russia
7.  Canada
8.  Mexico
9.  Portugal
10.  Slovakia

Of 335 visitors from the United States, most are from California, with the rest in descending order from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, New York, Florida, Arizona, Alaska and Nevada. Besides Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco, our California visitors come from Anaheim, Irvine, Orange, San Jose, Costa Mesa, Oceanside and West Covina.

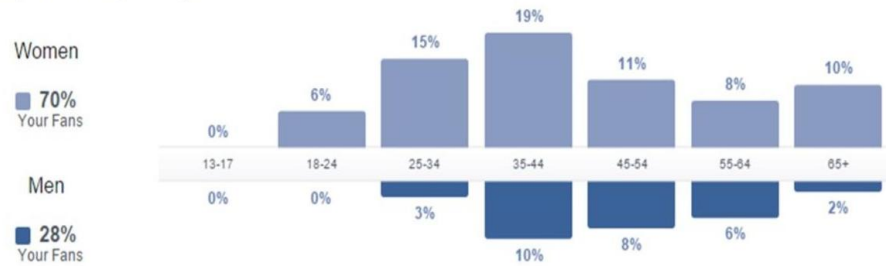
From the Czech Republic our visitors are mostly from the Zlin and South Moravian Regions, followed by Prague, the Olomouc , Moravian-Silesian, and South Bohemian Regions. Fewer come from the Vysocina, Hradec Kralove, Central Bohemian, and Plzen Regions.

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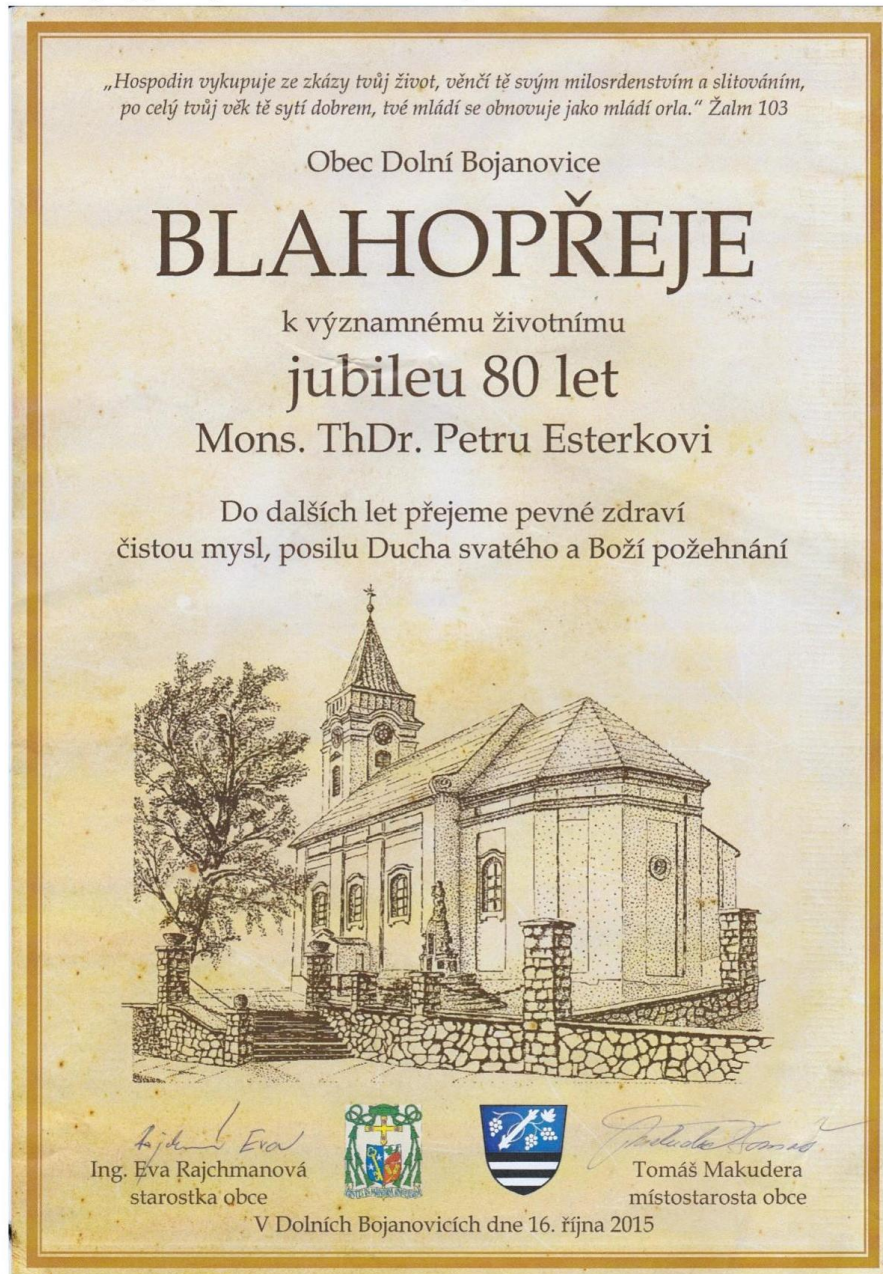
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Above: Photos of the early celebration of Bishop Esterka's 80th birthday. Provided by p. Travníček who is shown top left.

Our prayers are with you, dear bishop, for a healthy and joyful year, and many more to come!



Above, you see the invitation for the hometown party for Bishop Esterka's eightieth birthday. To the left are photos showing some of the 160 people who turned out for the dinner of Svickova. Not to be outdone, we are offering a dinner of roast pork, knedliky and saurkraut on November 15, at our regular Czech Mass at the Polish Center. San Diego, on November 14, plans to serve up goulash and good music, and San Francisco (November 22) always has the best cake.

Please come to help our bishop celebrate this milestone and show our gratitude for his continued service.

Message from the president of the LA Mission
What's going on with me anyway?



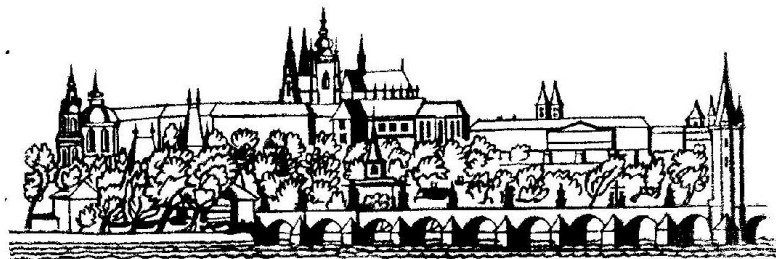
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In November, together with you I will celebrate the birthday of our 80-years-young father bishop, but it's also time for me to say goodbye for a while. I already have a ticket for the 5th of December, when I will leave for Prague. The reason is quite simple and I've already shared it with regular visitors to our monthly Masses. For the rest of you who cannot regularly attend our religious services I will therefore write everything now.

I have one daughter who lives in Prague, and I left when she was 11 years old. We both mourned, and it is incredible that together, we still have a very nice relationship. My daughter has had a family, I think quite nice and admirable. And the little family also has two little girls, a one-year old and a 4 year old. Whenever I'm in Prague to visit I spend most of my time with their family; as I said, it's a nice family. I just came into full retirement age, and so far I have been quite healthy; I'd like to help with the education of the two girls, but of course, just to be in their presence will be nice.

Thank you to all, and especially to our spiritual father, Peter, for daring to trust me as President of our Czech Mission, I would say, for "assigning" me. Sometimes I was surprised at everything I've been able to put together even though I myself could not attend some of the events. At other times it has again surprised me that something failed. At all times, however, I keep my principles and I would like to pass them on to my successor; namely, that when something needs to be done, one must begin to do it alone, let it turn out however it will, and believe that it will go well. In our Mission when we want to make something successful, it is much easier, because we have so many capable people willing to help, and you do it. I have no doubt that our Mission in Los Angeles is the best place where we can meet to enjoy God's presence and show by our behavior to one another the love we have inside our hearts. I wish you and ourselves that our Mission remain in God's love, perhaps small, but beautiful. Looking forward to see you in June 2016, when I will come back for 3 months, and of course hope to meet you. Thank you for the beautiful moments spent in your community.

Vas,
Ota



LÁSKA SMRTÍ NEKONČÍ

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Já jsem vzkříšení a život; kdo věří ve mne, byť i umřel, živ bude, a každý, kdo žije a ve mne věří, neumře na věky.

— sv. Jana 11, 25-26

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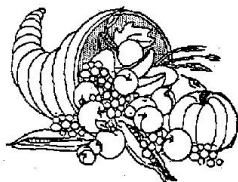


Bishop Esterka, Fr. Joe Hybner, Marvin Marek in Shiner, Texas, September 2015

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19. +Jaroslava Hromka - manželka Anežka s rodinou
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21. +James (Vaclav) Louda - manželka Hana
22. +Dr. Luďka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
23. +Karla Nováka - manželka Inka a dcera Irenka
24. +Jana Grossla - přátelé
25. +J.V. Reicherta - manželka Jane
26. +*In thanksgiving for our benefactors*
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28. +Mirek Janak - manželka Jana
29. +bratra Edwarda Onderku (+5.v.ýr) - Frank Onderka
30. +Stanislava Brožka - manželka Anežka



November is the month of thanksgiving for all the good that we have received during the year. Thank you, God, above all for our life, for our health, and many other gifts, such as children, the opportunity to live in a free world ... I also thank all of you who are helping to keep our mission alive and serving the needy

+ *Pete Estera*

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