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PREZ SEZ . . .

July 1st or thereabouts the main office is sending out an appeal for donations to a Czech Republic Youth Fund which is under the sponsorship of our good friend Abbot Valentine Skluzacek, O.S.B., our fellow fraternalists the Catholic Workmen (Katolicky Delnik) of New Prague, MN, and the National Alliance of Czech Catholics. This is a most worthy cause, the evangelization of Youth in the Czech Republic. Sad to say most youth there have little or no moral training after years of communist inculcation. Western secularism and materialism are certainly doing no good for the moral atmosphere there either.

We've asked you to support various charities or causes in the past and all of you have been most responsive. We ask our younger marrieds especially to donate as a gesture of thanks for their own good moral training. As fraternalists we should and must look after our brothers in need.

Any questions feel free to call the main office (1-216-341-0444) or any of the telephone numbers on the brochure you will receive.

S Panem Bohem!
Joseph A. Kocab

You Are Invited by Abbot Valentine Skluzacek, O.S.B.

Some of the most moving words in Scriptures Promise that if we bring back to God someone who has strayed we can expect to rejoice in our own salvation. In the Second Vatican Council the bishops laid great stress on the idea that all of us are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to make Him known through all the earth

This seems to follow our very nature and purpose in this life. We were created to serve God, to praise Him, to promote His glory. To do this we first have to make Him known, to proclaim Him!


In one of the Psalms we pray: "I am your servant, the son of a pious mother; you have loosed my bonds". God has set us free! He is our rescuer; He paid the price for us, for our freedom.

Our relatives (perhaps not close relatives but still relatives) in the Czech Republic were enslaved by the Commies and lost freedom of "the Sons of God". A few years ago they regained their political freedom, but they still need to be freed. They don't know the true God and many of them let themselves be dominated by false gods - the gods of wealth and "survival". To realize these they give in to selfishness, disloyalty, insincerity and distrust. They call to us for help!

Can we give them a hand?

A YOUTH PROJECT initiated by the Catholic Workman Katolický Delník fraternal life insurance society and promoted by the National Alliance of Czech Catholics (SVAZ) is an effort to raise funds which will be used to promote re-evangelization of Czech young people who are beginning their families and need help to teach their children about God, about Christ, and about the values which had once set us free! We invite you to join us in the effort. There are many Czech people in this country. If we put our shoulder to the task, there is no doubt that we can make a difference. Send your donation to our Czech Catholic Union Home Office at 5349 Dolloff Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44127. We will in turn forward your gifts to the National Alliance of Czech Catholics.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL CONGRESS OF AMERICA



JOINING HANDS TO TOUCH LIVES

May 5, 1997

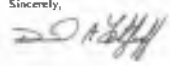
Mr. Joseph A. Kocáb
President
Czech Catholic Union
5349 Dolloff Road
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Dear Mr. Kocáb:

We have received your 1997 Membership Standards Part II Questionnaire, disreets and have reviewed the results. We are recommending that the Membership Committee assign your society the status of a member in "Good Standing" based on the information submitted. You will be officially notified of the approval of this status after the Committee's meeting on June 22, 1997.

In the interim, if you have any questions or comments about the Membership Standards program, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



David A. Tetzlaff
Executive Vice President

DA/Tdm

cc: Mary Ann Mahoney, Secretary-Treasurer

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September 24-27, 1997
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Canada

Famí úřad U SVATÉHO ANTONÍNA v Praze 7

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Prezident české Katolické jednoty
Josef A. Kocáb
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Praha, 6. května 1997

Vážený pane presidente,


Před několika dny u příležitosti návštěvy Svatého otce v naší vlasti jsme přijali v naší holešovické farnosti poutníky - krajanů ze Spojených států a jejich duchovním vůdcem arcibiskupem Danielem V. Kučerou. Po slavení mše svaté a setkání s farníky od svatého Antonína otec biskup Kučera nám předal \$ 1000 v hotovosti jako pomoc na stavbu našeho pastoračního centra.

Za návštěvu našich rodáků, za vaši finanční pomoc a za společenství vám jeřnem celé farnosti ze srdce děkují.

Přejí vám i sobě, abychom naše vzájemné vztahy nejenom udržovali, ale též prohlubovali a tím více přispívali ke spojení vaší staré i nové vlasti.

Posílám srdečný pozdrav, poděkování a wdlitby.

Peter Stanislav Poreba
správce farnosti



Editor's Note: Thank you letter from St. Anthony's Parish in Prague and Bishop Vaclav Maly for the recent donation of \$1,000.00 more for their proposed pastoral and youth center. We have thus far sent \$6,500.00. Donations are still being accepted. Our tour group visited St. Anthony's twice in April.

Cleveland, Ohio

St. Joseph Society #156 extends their best wishes to Charles and Ann Busta on their GOLDEN Anniversary of marriage. They were married May 24, 1947. Their mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on May 25, 1997 at St. Charles Church in Parma, Ohio. Best wishes also from their children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends. May God bless you for many more happy years!

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Joseph and Mary Kovac, also members of St. Joseph Society #156, of Garfield Heights, Ohio celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 19, 1997. An honorably discharged veteran, Joseph worked as a tile setter for the Interior Marble and Tile Company in Cleveland for over a quarter of a century. He is very active in a variety of Senior Citizen activities, including the Meals on Wheels program, Golden Agers at St. Monica, the local AARP group and volunteering at Garfield Heights Senior Center.

He calls his wife Mary, a terrific cook and the world's best baker. They celebrated their anniversary with a mass of Thanksgiving at St. Monica Church. Congratulations to you both on this joyous occasion.



Ruth McNerney and her husband Austin McNerney are celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary in September 1997. They were married by Father Korab at St. Adalbert Church. They have a very large family and are very proud of them. There are five children Ralph, Richard, Kathy and Robert; 16 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. This happy family will be celebrating along with Ruth and Austin.

Ruth McNerney was enrolled in St. Elizabeth Society #10 by her mother at the age of 20. She is grateful to her mother for keeping this enrollment active for her and the Czech Catholic Union wishes Ruth and her husband many more happy and healthy years.



This is the year of another 50th Wedding Anniversary. Czech Catholic Union Members of St. Joseph Society #156, Frank and Evelyn Filous of Parma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday June 21.

The couple was married at Our Lady of Lourdes in Cleveland.

Their family includes Frank and his wife Kathy, Diane and her husband Bruce and the late Tom Filous and wife Audrey.

They have been blessed with six grandchildren, Jennifer, Jackie, Stephanie, Tori, Brett and Brian.

Frank is retired from Scott and Fetzer Co. and enjoys being a chaplain of the Parma Heights American Legion Post 703, and chaplain of the VFW Post 5563 Valley City. He is also Vice President of the CSA Lodge, and a member of The Holy Name Society at Holy Family Church.

Evelyn enjoys crocheting afghans for many of her relatives and friends and has also donated many crocheted items for charity. She is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 703. Evelyn is also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society at Holy Family Church. Evelyn Filous has donated a few of her handmade afghans to the card parties held each month at the Czech Catholic Union Hall as raffle prizes.

A Mass and Reception in their honor was held on Saturday June 21, 1997. The grandchildren are members of the Czech Catholic Union enrolled by their grandparents through the years. We congratulate Frank and Evelyn on this memorable occasion. May God continue to bless them with good health and much happiness. Evelyn is the sister of our former, much loved, Secretary-Treasurer Elsie Filous.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

St. Mary Society #119 celebrated their annual May Breakfast Sunday May 4, 1997 in the Church Hall. The 9:00 A.M. breakfast was served by Annamae Vlasek and Darlene Barton. Everyone enjoyed the kolacky, coffee, chocolate and treats. After a short meeting, all marched in a body to attend Mass. The beautiful Marian hymns were accompanied on the organ by our member Patricia Beer.

Eleanor Peacock is residing temporarily at Heritage Nursing and Therapy Center. We hope for continued improvement.

Marcella Krauel, President of Society 119 informed us of classes offered at the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Egg decorating, cornhusk chicken and straw heart, a symbol of a thankful heart were among some of the crafts offered at this time. For more information call the museum.

An award was presented to Lillian Kopecky for 3000 hours of volunteer work at Mercy Medical Center. Congratulations!

Lillian Kopecky, Janet Melichar, and other St. Mary's members are serving as guides and at the information desk at the "Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Riches from the National Museum in Prague" now showing at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. Thousands of visitors are expected to attend this exhibit.

May 31 we bid "Farewell" to our 101-year-old member, Emma Novak, who went to be with the Lord. Our sincere sympathy to our members Margaret Lensch, and her daughter Sherryl, daughter and granddaughter, also to her son, Charles, and other family members. Services were from St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

We also extend sympathy to our member Rita Ann Anderson on the passing away of her mother, Anna M. Havlik, and to other members of the family. Services were May 31 from All Saints Catholic Church. May God grant them both eternal peace and rest.

CZECH NOTE

Skoda Auto grossed \$6.0 million in 1996, on sales on \$2.2 billion, making it the biggest Czech Company. Its foreign sales exceeded \$1 billion. It will enter seven new markets in 1997, including Uruguay and Thailand.

Need a Vacation Idea? Why Not Visit National Museum?



The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library was founded in 1974 to preserve Czech, Moravian, and Slovak heritage and culture. This institution was formally recognized as the "national" museum in the Congressional Record on July 2, 1992. The museum is located in Cedar Rapids' Czech Village. This new museum building was dedicated on October 21, 1995.

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

30 16th Avenue
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404
(319) 362-8500

Hours: Tues. - Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday, Noon - 4 p.m.



Eileen Nemecek was honored at an 80th birthday celebration Sunday May 4, 1997. Many came to wish her well and bid her "Farewell". She is leaving Iowa for Sheridan, Wyoming, to be near her daughter. Her new address is: Eileen Nemecek, Sugarland Ridge Assisted Living, 1551 Sugarland Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Members of the Board,

This letter of thanks and appreciation may be the very last as my daughter Anne Minnello enters her last year of high school at Padua High.

Along with this application we extend our sincerest thanks for your consideration and generosity the past three years.

The grant you have provided for Anne (the great granddaughter of Marie Kerka and granddaughter of Helen Bartkiewicz) has fulfilled a dream/goal Anne has hoped for for many years.

Anne is aware of the expenses involved for high school education. Your help has allowed her to attend the school of her choice, something that not every child can achieve these days.

While a student at Padua Franciscan High School, she has worked very hard to maintain honor roll status. In her spare time over the past nine years she has found great satisfaction and interest in the equestrian sport. For several years Anne helped challenged adults and children in the riding program. Many volunteered hours were put to good use helping others help themselves.

Her future goal is to obtain a degree in Business, specifically accounting at John Carroll or Baldwin Wallace College.

I have been a member of the St. Ann Society #11 since 1950 when my grandmother, Marie Kerka purchased my first policy. Tradition is very important in a child's life, and so we carried on this tradition by enrolling Anne into the Czech Catholic Union by her grandmother (Helen Bartkiewicz).

We are proud of Anne and of the accomplishments and achievements she received in school, outside in equestrian competition, and the Czech Catholic Union, is part of all this, providing her with the best education possible.

Thank you once again for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Minnello

Editor's Note: Thanks for the kind words. This is part of what the Czech Catholic Union and fraternalism is all about.

Notes of Appreciation...

from Nora O'Donnell, St. Joseph Society #156, Cleveland, OH... "I'd like to thank you for the scholarship grant you gave me for my first year at Magnificat. My current grade point average is 3.834. I played junior varsity soccer and also freshman basketball and hope to play Junior varsity soccer and Junior varsity basketball next year. I am very grateful for your assistance."

from Colleen O'Donnell, St. Joseph Society #156, Cleveland, OH... "In the fall 1997, I will be a Junior at Magnificat High School where the tuition will \$5,000.00. While at Magnificat, I have earned a grade point average of 4.0. Also I have played soccer and ran track for the Blue Streaks. My family and I would be very grateful for your consideration for a grant again this year."

from Molly Moravecek, St. Ann Society #18, Cicero, IL... "Thank you very much for the high school grant. As you know Catholic High schools are expensive and I appreciate the money you gave me. It means a lot to me to continue my education at Mercy School and you help make that possible."

from Terrence O'Donnell, St. Joseph Society #156, Cleveland, OH... A postcard was received from him in April and Terrence informed us about the following. "Have been studying in Europe all semester and wanted to send you a note from one of the most beautiful cities I've seen — Prague. I visited the castle and the Charles Bridge, as well as the many cathedrals, walking the streets and eating the Czech gulash! (of course, no one can come here without sampling the famous Czech beer either). Take care and God bless."

from Mary M. Schlueter, St. Ludmila Society #7, St. Louis, MO... "Thanks so much for your financial assistance with sending our daughters to a Catholic High School. Our second daughter graduated from Cor Jesu Academy this past May."

Just a Reminder

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK! HURRY — SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRANTS!! LAST CALL!



Dear Directors,

Last Winter, I noticed an article in the "Posel" about Father Vaclav Maly. There was also an appeal for his church building fund: "Bricks for Father Maly". The enclosed check is for that fund, and my personal thanks to you at the Czech Catholic Union for assisting him in his work! My great-grandfather was Karel Albert Maly. He was born in the old country. My grandfather was Charles A. Maly, who raised his family (my father & 3 brothers) in Chicago. May Our Lord bless the work of Father Maly!

Sincerely,
Mary Maly Burdett
St. Ann Society #18
Cicero, Illinois

Editor's Note: A big thanks to Sister Burdett and all of our members & friends who donated over \$6,500.00 so far to the Father (now Bishop) Maly Fund.

REMINDER...



Annual Meeting Schedule

The annual meeting of the Czech Catholic Union officers and executive committee will be held on Saturday, September 6, 1997, at the Home Office beginning at 2:00 P.M. All officers, directors and our chaplain are reminded to be present and to have their reports ready. Any paid up member is welcome to attend this meeting and bring forth any constructive ideas for the betterment of the Czech Catholic Union. Any out of town members and lodges are invited to submit letters to the executive committee also containing any ideas or suggestions they might have. Please put this date on your calendar.

Chicago, Illinois



Happy Birthday is wished to Marie P. Janda, member of St. Ann Society #117. Marie was raised in the old Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. She attended St. Agnes School, St. Mary's High School and Loyola University. Marie will reach her 96th birthday on June 27, 1997. She now will have a paid up certificate and will no longer be required to pay assessments to the Czech Catholic Union. We congratulate Marie on her devotion and faithfulness to this fraternal. She has been a member of her society for 80 years, being enrolled by her mother when she was a young girl. Marie was married to Joseph Janda in 1964 and has 2 step children: Joseph Janda, Jr. and Donna Lorenzini. Donna's four children have given Marie Janda nine great grandchildren. Marie lives alone and maintains her own home.

The Czech Catholic Union and its members wish Marie Janda many more years of health and happiness.

Fraternal News

Congratulations to President Thomas M. Hricik of the First Catholic Slovak Men's Union (Jednota) who was awarded the 1997 Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his efforts for the Slovak Community in particular and the ethnic community in general. Daniel Tanzone editor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol recently passed another milestone. He was also recently honored with the Papal Decoration "Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice" by Pope John Paul II.

There were over 109 million foreign visits to the Czech Republic in 1996, an 11.6% increase. Czechs took almost 49 million trips abroad, an annual increase of 8.3%. Many foreign visitors, however, are one-day shoppers.

Jandacek on Multicultural Board



Governor Jim Edgar appointed Tony Jandacek to the newly formed Multicultural Board. Bro. Jandacek is the National President of the Czech-Alliance Group, president of the Czech & Slovak National Council of America, works closely with SVU, is a member of CSA Fraternal Life, and the Czech Catholic Union, Our Lady of the Mount Society #143 and the National Alliance of Czech Catholics. He is a certified language instructor with 33 years of High school and college teaching experience in both Czech and English as a second language. He is also an avid mushroom hunter and popular lecturer on mushrooms.

MISS CZECH & SLOVAK PAGEANT — WILBER, NEBRASKA

Two of our Czech Catholic Union members Barbara Koeser of Society #10 and Vlad Nemecek of Society #156 have been active in promoting this pageant in the Cleveland area. Barb herself was a candidate a few years ago in the Mrs. Ohio pageant. Selected to represent Ohio is Lucie Beranek of Brunswick, Ohio who came to the U.S.A. in 1969 as a child. (Hopefully she too will become a member of the Czech Catholic Union.) Vlad and his L-N Travel Agency at 5923 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio paid for her sash and crown to represent Ohio.

The pageant will take place August 2nd and 3rd in Wilber, Nebraska at their annual Czech Days. Thanks to all who are trying to keep up on our ethnic traditions.

Cleveland, Ohio

Sacred Heart of Mary #101 member and past president Mildred Zelenskias had a slight setback and was hospitalized for a few days. We hear that she is on the road to recovery and enjoying the beautiful weather we have been experiencing. Mildred is also the past president of the Cleveland Federated Societies. She and her husband Bernie are wished good health and much happiness from the members of the Czech Catholic Union. May God bless them always!



The Pokorny Family has had a very eventful Spring. Aaron Peter Pokorny arrived at the Cleveland Clinic February 20, 1997 to join Abby, Albert, Andrew and Anne, children of Martin and Dawn Pokorny of Garfield Hts., Ohio. On April 19, 1997 Albert IV made his first Holy Communion and Aaron was baptized at the same liturgy held at St. Monica Church. This event followed two years after Abby made her First Eucharist and Anne was baptized. On May 31, 1997 Alexa Pokorny, daughter of Matthew and Anita Pokorny made her First Holy Communion at Holy Family Church, Stow, Ohio. Again the family gathered to celebrate this joyous occasion. Alexa's sister Jillian graduated from Pre-K.

As the end of the school year approached, many of Theresa and Albert Pokorny's grandchildren (15 in number) received honors and awards for their athletic achievements and scholastic grades. Jason Pokorny graduated from eighth grade at Holy Family School in Parma, Ohio and he is anticipating his Freshman year at St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio. Jason tested out to a very high average in his entrance exam and has been awarded a grant for his first year. Jason has worked very hard to achieve his goal. He is the son of Michael and Christine Pokorny, who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary this June. They are the proud parents of Alison, Jason and Michael.

Daniel Pokorny graduated from the sixth grade at Green Valley Elementary School at an assembly where he was recognized for his good attendance and good grades. He and his brother Jonathan are involved in Summer baseball in Seven Hills, Ohio. Both are the sons of Mark and Mary Ann Pokorny.

Kirsten, Martin and Samuel Kilmer, children of Marcie Pokorny Kilmer, have completed a very successful school year at St. Barnabas Elementary School in Northfield, Ohio. Congrats to Kirsten on making cheerleader for the school's football and basketball teams.

The entire family is excited about the arrival of Barbara (Houdek) and Jerry Kusa from Sunnyvale, California. The events in the lives of this large family are never ending. There is always something to do and places to go. They interact with each other while celebrating all these special occasions. This Czech Catholic Union family is carrying on the tradition of their parents and grandparents, Barbara and Frank Houdek. The entire family wishes all the celebrators God's continued blessing for a very happy and prosperous year. Congratulations to one and all!

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Patricia Gajda, daughter of Barbara & Gerald Gajda of Garfield Hts., Ohio was married to Nathaniel Johnson at St. Martin of Tours Church on June 28, 1997. The Newlyweds are wished many happy years and God's blessings as they enter in their new life together.

The Gajda family are all members of St. Joseph Society #156. Grandma & Grandpa Blaha would be very proud of them.

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Richard Smich, son of Sharon Smich has received his Culinary Arts degree from the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He resides in Florida and has taken a full time position at a Disney World restaurant. Congratulations to Richard and may this be the beginning of a fulfilling career.

Sharon Smich and her family belong to St. Joseph Society #156.

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Congratulations to young Sara Hrabik of St. Joseph Society #156 who recently made her First Holy Communion. Proud dad is St. Joseph member Martin Hrabik, Jr.

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Bernie Mack, St. Joseph Society #156, was honored by Marymount Hospital with a pin for volunteering 1,000 hours to the hospital. Congratulations are sent your way for your dedication and faithfulness to this good service.

Spolek čís. 32 oslaví zlaté jubileum.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Society #32 celebrating its 50th Birthday with a Mass of Thanksgiving and Banquet at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on April 12, 1942.

Officers: First row — Otilie Kotek, Mae Kotek, Josephine DeBates. Standing — Marie Rezabek, Marie Moravek, Julie Hanket, Marie Kouba.

Point of Information

Our Lady of Good Counsel Society #32, Chicago, Illinois has merged with St. Ann society #18 Chicago, Illinois. The members of Society #32 have all been transferred to St. Ann Society #18 and will receive the same benefits as before. Please send your lodge dues and payments of assessments to Mrs. Ida Moravecek, 5318 West 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois 60804. If you have any questions in this matter call the main office and we will be glad to answer any of your inquiries.

Stamp Corner



1952 — Airmail
Charles Bridge
24 Crown stamp
changed to 15 Crowns.
Does any collector know
why?



1952 — Airmail
20 Hallers and \$1.6
Crowns
(100 Hallers = 1
Crown)



Czech Republic
7 Crowns
St. Adalbert 997-
1997
Second Bishop of
Prague and mission-
ary to Hungary and
Poland — martyred by
Prussians in 997. Home
town is Libice near
Podebrady in the Czech
Republic.



Vatican
Caritas
40 years the Vati-
can's Relief and Aid
Agency.



Den nezávislosti 4. července — největší svátek Spojených států — nám, jako každoročně, připomíná, abychom všichni zvláště v nynějších vážných dobách věrně zachovávali a neochvějně hájili zásady, na nichž zakladatelé Spojených států budovali tuto dnes největší demokratickou republiku v celém světě! Libor Brom

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands,
One nation under God indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.



Sunscreen Is Very Important

In 1981, skin cancer experts at New York University School of Medicine created the computer model of melanoma risk. It predicted that rates would rise to 1 in 150 by the year 2000. In fact, that level was reached 15 years earlier in 1985. The current risk stands at 1 in 87. If trends continue, the risk in the year 2000 will be 1 in 75. Further, increases in skin cancer may be underestimated since the disease does not have to be reported in most states.

Protect yourself. Apply sunscreen each morning as part of your morning bathing routine. Be sure to stay out of the sun during the middle of the day.



Protect Your Child

Safe Biking Rules for Kids

- Never let a child ride without a bike helmet. Don't do it yourself.
- Discourage riding at night and on wet or icy roads. If allowed, be sure bikes are lighted and kids wear reflective clothing.
- Teach the rules of the road, including hand signals.
- Make busy streets off limits for less-experienced riders.

Sizing and Proper Fit Guide

Helmet must be worn on the brow to protect the forehead area.

Toddler Size: Under 4 years of age.

Child Size: Approximately 4 - 8 years
Head Size: 20½ - 21¾ inches

Youth Size: Approximately 8 - 12 years
Head Size: 21¾ - 22½ inches

Teen Size: Approximately age 12
Head Size: 22¼ - 24 inches

Cleveland, Ohio



The Kahoun family is proud of daughter Holly O'Connor. As a member of the Nordonia "Lancer" Band, she was awarded the distinguished plaque for the "Most Improved Player" for the 1996-97 school year. This honor was bestowed at the annual Awards Banquet held at Nordonia High School. Holly has been studying Clarinet for 5 years. As a member of the Marching and Concert Band, she recently went to Disney World where the entire Lancer Band was invited to participate in the 25th Anniversary Parade in Disney World, Florida. This was a trip of a lifetime, to be able to march in front of 70,000 people!

Holly is an Honor student and will be a Sophomore next year. She has studied dance for 12 years and has been chosen as a member of "Show Choir". She was recently in the School production of "Hello Dolly".

Holly, along with her brother Patrick and parents Chuck and Marge Kahoun are members of St. Joseph Society #156. Congratulations!!!!

HOPE

I am not an optimist, because I am not sure that everything ends well. Nor am I a pessimist, because I am not sure that everything ends badly. I just carry hope in my heart. Hope is a feeling that life and work have a meaning. You either have it or you don't, regardless of the state of the world that surrounds you.

Life without hope is an empty, boring and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me. I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big a gift as life itself.

by Vaclav Havel



St. Joseph Society #156 welcomes its new member Mark Bischof. He is the son of Steve and Patricia Bischof and brother to Matthew. Mark's Maternal grandfather Bill Hronek has enrolled him as a member of St. Joe's. This is a 100% Czech Catholic Union Family. Congratulations to the Bischof family for choosing the Czech Catholic Union as their fraternal insurance.

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The Cleveland District Alliance of Czech Catholics sponsored the 81st Annual Czech Catholic Day in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday June 29, 1997. Czech Style Pork or Chicken and Dumplings Dinners were served at Czech Karlin Hall, 5304 Fleet Avenue. The Hronek Bohemian Heritage Brass Band played for dancing and listening, most belong to the Czech Catholic Union. A folk dance presentation was presented. The District Alliance of Czech Catholics is the coordinating body of Czech Catholic activity in the Northeastern Ohio area. President is Brother Vaclav Hyvnar. Chaplain is Brother Rev. James Masek of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Chairmen were Sister Mary Ann Mahoney and Sister Margaret Voracek. All in all a good time was had by the 270 people present. The Hronek Band has a new cassette of Czech music released June 27th. Any interested member may call the Czech Catholic Union Office for more information.



Cleveland, Ohio



Amanda Malec, member of St. Joseph Society #156, graduated from Waterford High School, Waterford, Ohio near Marietta, Ohio, this past May. She found her Senior year to be very exciting and memorable. She will never forget any of the special memories. Amanda was a reporter for Waterford's newspaper and she edited and designed a memory book for her Senior class. She also worked on the school yearbook, *Teens who Listen and Care* and was involved in the senior class play. As *Gryphon* from *Alice in Wonderland*, she fulfilled her desire to be a thespian.

This very busy girl also found time to include sports in her schedule. She ran track and cross country and was awarded a plaque for her 4 year involvement in these sports. Because of her great performance during her high school career, Amanda received a Trustee Scholarship for one year at Washington College where she plans to major in the Liberal Arts transfer degree program and hopefully will continue her education at Marietta College.

Amanda Malec is the daughter of Dan and Debbie Malec, granddaughter of Elsie and Fred Malec. Her entire family, all members of St. Joseph Society #156, along with the members of the Czech Catholic Union wish Amanda all the success and happiness in the coming years. May she continue to excel in all she undertakes.

Prayer to the Infant of Prague

O Divine Child of Prague, and still the great omnipotent God, I implore through your most Holy Mother's most powerful intercession and through the boundless mercy of your omnipotence of God, for a favorable answer to the intention I so earnestly ask for in this Novena.

Oh Divine Child of Prague, hear my prayer and grant my petition. (Say three times)

(Our Father and Hail Mary — Once)



"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... But the world may be different because I was important in the life of child." This quote is the goal of Molly Lipstreu as she graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio on May 11, 1997. She earned a BS in Business/Minor in Early Childhood Education. Molly was a Summer part-time office worker at the Czech Catholic Union. The officers and staff of the Czech Catholic Union congratulate Molly on a job well done. We wish her much success in her goals and ideals and hope that she will be able to spend her life in her own way — teaching young children. Molly plans to be a director/owner of a state-of-the-art child facility in the near future.

Molly Allison Lipstreu is the daughter of Audrey Lipstreu and the granddaughter of Fred and Elsie Malec and is a proud participant of St. Joseph Society #156.

LET US PRAY...

For all teachers that they may help and inspire youth by word and example.

ST. FRANCIS,
Patron of Life,
pray for us.



Cleveland, Ohio

Ken and Jean Mack's dedication to the Maple Heights, Ohio Boys' League earned them recognition as Citizens of the Year. Ken and Jean Mack are members of St. Joseph Society #156. They have contributed countless hours of their time and effort to the Maple Heights Boys' League and have inspired countless boys and girls to excel in numerous areas of endeavor. The league is an ideal setting for children and families to spend time together in a positive and constructive environment.

The Macks being recognized for their service was somewhat of a shock. They first became involved in the boys' league in 1971 when Ken agreed to coach his sons, Roger and Keith. Now some twenty-six years later all the hard work paid off when they see the children take the field. "If we can help a couple of kids stay straight, it's all worth it," Ken says. "I've met a lot of wonderful people and I have a lot of memories and that's all that counts."

Editor's Note: Congratulations to this very active and busy couple. We hope they continue to devote their time in this constructive manner. The members of the Czech Catholic Union wish you continued support to this boys' league.

Famous Czech Americans

Frank Korbel (1830-1919) was from Bechyne, S. Bohemia, who started as a struggling cigar maker in New York and then moved to California where he manufactured cigar boxes. He acquired large redwood timber interests in Humboldt County and subsequently established vineyards in Sonoma. Very few Czech Americans realize that Korbel champagne was the product of his vineyards. In his time he had the reputation as the richest Czech in the country. The Korbel name is still used, but is no longer family owned.

Frank J. Vlcek (1871-1947) of Budin, Bohemia started in the U.S. as a blacksmith in Cleveland, Ohio, soon after he arrived there in 1889. In 1894 he opened his own shop which was the beginning of the future Vlcek Tool Company. The company specialized in making and assembling automobile tools and kits for cars, trucks and tractors. The business prospered to the point that it became to the automobile tool industry what Ford meant to the automobile trade industry. He and his family were very generous to the Catholic Church. One of his dresses adorns the original Statue of the Infant of Prague in Prague, C.R.

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Parents' Prayer for a Family Vocation



O MERCIFUL GOD fulfill our desire that our home become the nursery of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, that our home be a seminary or novitiate filled with the Holy Spirit and productive of Christian virtue, and that we may be God-fearing and pious parents to whom our children can after You trace their vocations. Grant that we may never fail to utter the encouraging words influencing our children toward consecrated lives, thus cooperating in Your divine plan. You have promised to reward a hundredfold and with everlasting life those who leave father and mother, brothers and sisters for Your sake and shall also remember us who have given one of ours to You.

Pour forth Your Spirit abundantly upon our family, that at least one child from it, beholding this path that leads to perfection, will set foot upon it unafraid. Holy Spirit, descend upon this chosen one. Lord Jesus, dwell in that dedicated heart that it may comprehend the height, the length, the breadth, and the depth of Your all consuming love. Amen.

Czech It Out

August 8

Obzinky: Fall Harvest Festival at D.T.J. Farm; Czech food and music, parade at 2 p.m. For further info, call 216-543-8494. Auburn, Ohio.

August 23

Old Fashioned Czech Picnic at Mayor Art Westfall's Grounds, 6736 Hathaway Road. Valley View, Ohio. Music by Jerry Kurka 1 p.m., by Joe Wendel 3 p.m. Food available, games, dancing. If it rains, picnic is at Karlin Hall For information, call 216-883-4760.

Memories Indicate Educational Experiences Have Changed Over the Years

THE WAY IT WAS By John Straka

I graduated from St. Wenceslaus grade school in 1931.

I've been asked, "What was your education like compared to what students get today?" Since I am not a student, I don't know what happens in schools today from any kind of personal experience. I can, however, recall what grade school was like between 1925 and 1931.

St. Wenceslaus had only four classrooms with two grades in each room. I remember Sr. Celestine, Sr. Agnes and the principal who also taught seventh and eighth grades, Sr. Benedicta. The parish was operated by Father Joe Koudelka.

Students had desks that were fastened to wooden rails so an entire row of desks could be moved at one time. There was no way to rearrange the seating except perhaps to put two rows of desks together. Coats and hats and boots were in a separate cloak room with its own door to the main hallway.

Sr. Benedicta timed the school day with a spring-wound alarm clock and checked its accuracy with her own watch concealed in her habit. Classes were called to order and dismissed by the school bell. It was about 6 inches tall, had a black wood handle and was made of shiny brass. It was rung by hand and if the kids managed to fiddle with the alarm clock when Sister wasn't looking, they might get a few minutes of extra recess time.

In the corner of the classroom Sister had a Victrola and we marched out of class two by two in time to the march music from a scratchy 78 rpm recording by John Philip Sousa.

I don't know all of what students have in schools now, but I can tell you some of the things we did not have. We had no computers, no pocket calculators, no television, no videos, no ball point pens, no physical education classes, no school sports, no band, and I don't remember any school library.

So, what did we learn? Here are a few of the things that have been most useful to me in my lifetime. We memorized the multiplication tables from 1x1 to 12x12. We learned to add, subtract, multiply and divide. I especially liked long division. We learned how to write and were graded on penmanship. We learned to spell. Some teachers had short, 10 word spelling tests every day. All papers were graded on spelling. We studied geography, history and had a daily lesson in religion. We learned how to diagram a sentence and how to write a composition.

I remember a few art projects and a stage production for graduation. A fire drill was a very serious matter. Everyone left the building, quietly and in

orderly fashion, with no running, while being timed to see how long it took. The first ones out were to go far from the building so as to be out of danger and also to clear the exit for those following.

I remember the creaky wood floors and the huge windows that pivoted in the middle and allowed the top to swing in and the bottom to swing out. They could be left open in the rain and I know there were no storm windows or screens.

I remember playing baseball in the schoolyard and walking to and from school and coming home for lunch. I recall strict discipline in the classroom. No talking, no answering unless called upon and all answers were given standing up. A mechanical lead pencil that did not require frequent visits to the pencil sharpener was a modern invention.

There were no field trips, no class trips to Washington, D.C., no federal lunch program and no special teachers for art or music or guidance counseling.

No one had even heard of drugs. About the most trouble a kid could get into was for pushing or shoving in line or throwing snowballs in winter and monkeyballs in summer. More serious, but rare, were such "crimes" as smoking, loitering, skinny dipping and crawling through smelly and dangerous culvert pipes. Most kids would rather accept punishment in school than have their parents be notified of their misbehavior.

St. Wenceslaus school operated with no tuition charges, but participants were expected to contribute to the Sunday collection at the rate of \$1 a month. Students bought their own textbooks, most often used, for 10, 25 or 50 cents. If properly cared for, they could be resold for about the same price.

Part of our education was the presence of the Sisters. They lived near the school and were visible in the neighborhood. Sometimes in summer, they would go for walks, two by two and pause to talk to the students and parents along the way.

Sixty-six years after 28 of us graduated from St. Wenceslaus in 1931, four are living in Maple Heights today.

I wonder what it would be like to be a student again? Would I get to learn new words and phrases such as "log on?" Maybe I ought to check my e-mail to see if my Air Jordans have separated my floppy disc from the dot com.

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Important Chapter in European History

In his general audience of April 30th, the Holy Father departed from his series on the Blessed Virgin Mary, speaking instead on his April 25-27th pastoral visit to the Czech Republic. The Pope stressed that the life of St. Adalbert, the bishop and martyr venerated as the patron of Bohemia and Poland, continues to have meaning for Catholics today.

"St. Adalbert, our patron, protector of our land, pray for us!" These words and the melody to which they are sung have accompanied me during my visit to the Czech Republic to mark the millennium of St. Adalbert's death.

St. Adalbert, a descendant of the princely family of the Slavniks, was born in 956 in Libice, today part of the Diocese of Hradec Kralove. He became a bishop at an early age and was the first Czech to occupy the episcopal See of Prague. His pastoral ministry proved so difficult, however, that after a short time he was obliged to leave the city.

He came to Rome and became a Benedictine here on the Aventine. The bishop-monk, obedient to the Apostolic See, declared that he was always ready to return to Prague should the Pope ask him.

When the situation in Prague had somewhat improved, the Successor of Peter asked him to return to his homeland. He obeyed. But it was a temporary improvement. Bishop Adalbert was once again expelled. He then left as a missionary to proclaim Christ to peoples who did not yet know Him.

He first spent a time on the plains of Pannonia, today part of Hungary; then, at the invitation of King Boleslaw the Brave, he stayed at his court. Through the Gate of Moravia, he went to Gniezno, not only to take advantage of the king's hospitality, but to undertake further missionary work.

This time, the mission took him to the coasts of the Baltic Sea, with the prospect of proclaiming Christ to pagan Prussia. And it was precisely on the Baltic that he met his death by martyrdom, as John Canaparius emphasizes in the office of his liturgical memorial.

King Boleslaw the Brave ransomed the martyr's body at a high price and brought his relics to Gniezno.

St. Adalbert's Life Has Great Significance for Us

At that time, in the Christian Middle Ages, the relics of martyrs were highly valued by the civil community as well. And so it was

for St. Adalbert. Thanks to his relics, in 1000 the first Polish metropolitan see was established in Gniezno, and the Poland of the Piasts entered the family of nations and European states. St. Adalbert's martyrdom became the foundation of Church and state in the Piast lands.

Today, in addition to Gniezno, the relics of this holy martyr are found in Prague in the Cathedral of Saints Vitus, Wenceslaus and Adalbert.

It was right that, before accepting my invitation from the Polish bishops to go to Gniezno, I went to the Czech Republic. *"St. Adalbert, our patron, protector of our homeland, pray for us!"*

Without doubt, St. Adalbert's first homeland is Bohemia, especially the town of Libice, where he was born and where the family seat of the Slavnik princes still stands. St. Adalbert's first homeland, his native land, and the place where he received Baptism from his parents was, as is logical, the first destination of my pastoral visit to mark the millennium.

It can be said that Poland was his second homeland, the land where he received his second baptism, martyrdom, by which he was born into the heavenly homeland, the destination of his heroic pilgrimage during the 41 years of his earthly life. He became a bishop at a young age, and at a young age he was ready for the Kingdom of Heaven.

After 1,000 years, his personal journey, the way of a martyr, patron of Bohemia and Poland, also has great importance for use believers and for all humanity, who are pilgrims on earth. Through St. Adalbert's earthly *itinerarium*, through his martyrdom, we can reread the spiritual history of the whole European continent and in particular of Central Europe. This is the purpose of the millennium celebrations, which have gathered bishops representing every European nation, all aware of St. Adalbert's significance in Europe's spiritual history.

Once again, I warmly thank the state authorities and the bishops of the Czech Republic for their invitation to take part in the celebrations for St. Adalbert's millennium. I thank President Vaclav Havel for his words, which have clearly interpreted the significance of the great bishop's mission. I thank Miloslav Cardinal Vlk and all the bishops of the Czech Republic for organizing the celebrations for the millennium.

At this point, how can I fail to remember the late Frantisek Cardinal Tomasek, whose tomb I was able to visit in the cathedral of Prague?

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Indeed, he was responsible for the "Decade of Spiritual Renewal" for the millennium of St. Adalbert's death.

I would also like to thank Bishop Karel Otčenasek, dean of the Czech episcopacy, who organized the celebrations in his diocese, Hradec Kralove, where St. Adalbert was born. How appropriate it was that the young people of Bohemia and Moravia and the neighboring countries, in a certain sense representing the youth of all Europe, gathered for Mass precisely in the place associated with the saint's youth.

The meeting with religious, together with the sick, in Prague's historic Benedictine Archabbey of Brevnov, which owes its foundation to St. Adalbert, was equally rich in meaning. After the long, harsh trial of Communist dictatorship, consecrated life is now enjoying a springtime, most eloquently expressed by the presence of young vocations side by side with the elderly men and women religious. Brevnov Abbey, and especially the very well-known Archabbot Anastasius, continue their work in the tradition of the great Benedictine family, rich in merits throughout Europe, not only with regard to liturgical and religious life, but also for national culture.



Our Lady of Czestochowa
Jasna Gora, Poland



Libice nad Cidlinou

V kostele sv. Vojtěcha byly podle tradice pochováni Slavníkovův synové. Nejdříve byl zasvěcen sv. Bonifáci, ve středověku sv. Jiří. Teprve v 18. stol. byl hlavní oltář věnován svatému Vojtěchovi. Stavba je starého původu, presbytář pochází ze 14. stol. Kostel v r. 1832 vyhořel a v r. 1835-6 byl obnoven.

The Church of St. Adalbert in the village Libice Nad Cidlinou where he was born. This present church dates from 1836. On May 7th Archbishop Kucera, O.S.B., his brother Father Ed O.S.B., Father Vojtech Vit, O.S.B. and Father Chas. Skach, who were on our Czech Catholic Union pilgrimage, offered Mass here for the Czech Catholic Union members, for the pilgrims present, and for the Church in the U.S.A. and the Czech Republic. Afterward we toured the archaeological sites and museum of the district. The village is near the present day town of Pödebrady.



CZECH GLASS

What's So Special About It?

Glassmaking in Bohemia began 800 years ago, primarily in monastery workshops. By the late 14th century, there were more than 20 glassworks operating in the Czech lands, and as they multiplied, so did their worldwide reputation for expertise in engraving, innovative colored glass, and elaborate decorative technique. In the early 1900s there were more artisans involved in the production of luxury crystal in Bohemia than anywhere else in the world except France, and by 1936 the Czech lands were making 40 percent of the world's glass.

Neither World War II nor the 40 years of communism that followed managed to devastate the Czech glass industry. Ironically, although the Communists controlled the factories and cut their ties to the outside world, glasswork escaped the government control that transformed other artistic fields into mouthpieces for Communist propaganda. This exemption served to attract still more talented artists to the field, and they took it upon themselves to promote the teaching of glassmaking and provided the inspiration for the modern studio glass movement.

According to Diane Foulds (author of *A Guide to Czech and Slovak Glass, 1993-95*) and to curators of the world's preeminent art glass museums, the Czech glass industry's greatest contribution to the craft has been the inventiveness of its designers. And in fact, in *1979-82 New Glass*, the defining exhibition of contemporary art glass, curated by New York City's Metropolitan Museum and the Corning Glass Museum in Corning, NY, with showings also at the Louvre in Paris, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, and the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., no country was more heavily represented than Czechoslovakia.

Currently, the art glass movement is led by Czech artists whose works are in major museums and prominent private collections worldwide. By way of example, during New York City's spring-summer 1996 art season, there were major shows of Czech art glass at the American Craft Museum, Heller Gallery, and the Kaplan Gallery.

This century is ending with the Czech glass industry in a position that is even more favorable than when it began. Today's consumers may have had little exposure to Czech glass as a result of the country's isolation under the Communists, but the heritage and expertise have endured, and the Czech glass products that are now available to the world are second to none. As the more highly industrialized countries have neglected their glass industry, with high cost structures hampering investment and innovation, the Czech

Republic's tradition, educational infrastructure, and manufacturing capacity combine to make its glass industry a leader.

Now consumers are on the verge of discovering a world of expertise that was hidden from them for the past 50 years. Few people realize the Czech tradition and expertise that lies behind some of Europe's most famous names in glass, names like Waterford, Riedel, Swarovski, and Orrefors.

Rusalka is one of the importers of Czech glass to the United States. For stores that sell Czech glass, call or write **Five Star Crystal**, Rusalka, 17177 North Laurel Park, #203, Livonia, MI 48132.

Prague



On the left is the astronomical clock of Old Town Hall and on the right is Our Lady of Tyn.

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| 51 | \$333.19 | 72 | \$645.36 |
| 52 | \$345.24 | 73 | \$662.39 |
| 53 | \$357.60 | 74 | \$679.26 |
| 54 | \$370.24 | 75 | \$695.87 |
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We ask the membership to kindly check their certificates to note whether they have the proper beneficiary designated.

PARENTS:

If your children are members of the Czech Catholic Union, and are now moving from home due to marriage, college, or for whatever reason, remember that they too are eligible to receive this publication, the Posel.

Please advise us who they are and their new address and we will place them on our mailing list. If possible, try to provide certificate or society members.

CONDOLENCES...

Our Director Stella Webb went to her eternal reward on June 18, 1997. The Officers and members of the Czech Catholic Union express their deepest sympathy to her family, husband Herschel, daughter, Patricia McCollum and son Michael. Stella Webb has been an officer of St. Ludmila Society #46 since 1956 and a director of the Czech Catholic Union for over ten years. Stella Webb promoted all aspects of Czech culture and tradition and was involved in the activities of the South Omaha Czech School. Eternal peace grant unto her O Lord! She will be greatly missed.

PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

| Name | Location | Soc. Name | No. | Amt. Ins. | Add. Pd. Up Ins. | Total Paid |
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| Marie E. Kurasz | Cicero, IL | Our Lady Of the Mount | 143 | 3,857.00 | 745.00 | 4,602.00 |
| Agnes Cutak | St. Louis, MO | St. Ludmilla | 7 | 2,889.00 | 287.00 | 3,176.00 |
| Agnes Cutak | St. Louis, MO | St. Ludmilla | 7 | 1,000.00 | 276.00 | 1,276.00 |
| Stanley F. Hronek | Cleveland, OH | St. Joseph | 156 | 3,205.00 | 823.00 | 4,028.00 |
| George F. Jelinek | Dwight, NE | St. Lucy | 127 | 2,160.00 | 591.00 | 2,751.00 |
| Marie Rajchart | St. Louis, MO | St. Ludmilla | 7 | 600.00 | 1,294.00 | 1,894.00 |
| Jason J. Vondracek | Cedar Rapids, IA | St. Mary | 119 | 1,000.00 | 490.00 | 1,490.00 |

TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID TO DATE IN 1997 \$43,440.00