

3. NEDELJA MED LETOM

21. januar 2024 Leto B Št. 4

Nedelja, 21. jan: 3. NEDELJA MED LETOM

BARAGOVA NEDELJA

ODPEV: »Svoje poti, Gospod, mi daj spoznati.«

Lord, make me know your ways.

ŽUPN. BREZMADEŽNE S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO:

8.30 am + Janez Levstik, *Jože in Ana Bartol*

+ Štefan – 50 obl. in Milan – 34 obl. Lango, *druž. Lango*

+ Vinci Horvat, *žena Helena*

+ Frank Levec, *družina Baša*

+ John Tratnik, *Jaka in Ana Opresnik*

+ Frančiška Opresnik, *Jaka in Ana Opresnik*

+ Jože Grenc, *Jaka in Ana Opresnik*

+ Jože Žagar, *družina Benko*

+ Stanko in Ljudmila Kravos, *Zorka z družino*

Po namenu Anna Klanfar, *družina Klanfar*

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Marija Jamnišek – 1 anniv., *family*

+ Jože Čemas, *family*

+ Roman Pangos – anniv., *wife and family*

+ Frank Strlič, *wife Ida and family*

+ Frank and Slavka Jereb, *Bernadette Muc*

+ Joe and Maria Trinkaus, *Bernadette Muc*

+ Hedwig Noehammer, *family Noehammer*

Ponedeljek, 22. jan: VINCENCIJ, diakon-mučenec

8.00 am + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *I.F.P*

Za zdravje družine Lesar, Ciril in Anica Lesar

Torek, 23. jan: SEVERIJAN IN AKVILA, mučenca

8.00 am + Kristina Bergoč – obl., *družina*

+ Iz družine Prša in Litrop, *Olga Litrop*

Sreda, 24. jan: FRANČIŠEK SALEŠKI, škof-cerkveni učitelj

8.00 am + Ančka Stezinar – 10 obl., *družina*

+ Jožica Pric – 10 obl., *Victor Pirc in družina Rosati*

8.30 – 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

Četrtek, 25. jan: SPREOBRNITEV AP. PAVLA

Ustanovni dan Misijonske Družbe Lazaristov

8.00 am + Tončka Leben, *družina Žurbi*

+ Iz družine Martin Koželj, *družina Koželj*

Petek, 26. jan: TIMOTEJ IN TIT, škof

8.00 am + Peter Stark, *otroci*

V zahvalo za 2023, Ciril in Anica Lesar

Sobota, 27. jan: ANGELA MERICI, ustanoviteljica uršulink

8.00 am + John in Cecilia Bain, *J.C.B.*

5.00 pm + Darina Grašič, *družina Tone Grašič*

+ Ivanka Bančič, *hčerka*

+ Danica Ančimer, *D.A.*

+ Iz družine Frankovič, *Ivanka in Ivan Papa*

+ Terry Chipping, *Irena Chipping*

+ Valentin in Marija Lipičar, *S.A. Humar*

+ Iz družine Humar in Premrl, *S.A. Humar*

+ Rose, Eddie in Frank Jarkovič, *Marian Jarkovič*

+ Susan in David Jelen, *družina Jelen*

Nedelja, 28. jan: 4. NEDELJA MED LETOM

8.30 am + Ivan in Alojz Bartol, *Jože in Ana Bartol*

+ Alojzija in Rudi Koren, *Nežka Grenc*

+ Frank Nagode – 3 obl., *žena Francka z družino*

+ Jožica Pirc, *Victor Pirc in družina Rosati*

+ Nello in Gesualsa Rosati, *družina Rosati*

+ Jože Klanfar – obl., *družina Klanfar*

+ Frank Zabukovec, *John Kuri*

Po namenu Anna Klanfar, *družina Klanfar*

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Ana Novak – anniv., *Novak-Leger family*

+ Andy Pahulje, *Frank Hočevnar*

+ G. Tone Zrnec, CM, *Dekliški zbor MP*

+ Silvi Ovčjak-Kolarič, *Dekliški zbor MP*

+ Helen Kraljič-Hočevnar, *Dekliški zbor MP*

+ G. Jakob Kolarič, CM, *Dekliški zbor MP*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

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10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Iz družine Vinčec, *Agata Žoldoš*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Matija Ambrožič – obl., *družina*

+ Jože Por, *Marija Por*

+ Frančiška Žejn, *Marjan Žejn*

+ Franc in Mica Demšar, *otroci*

+ Janez in Terezija Gornik, *družina*

Petek, 26. jan: TIMOTEJ IN TIT, škof

10.00 am + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

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10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Iz družine Žoldoš, *Agata Žoldoš*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Marija Jan, *Vlado in Ann Štaudohar*

+ Joseph Kar, *družina Markoja*

+ Stane Grm, *družina*

+ Antonija Zalar, *Margaret Zalar*

Po namenu, *Marija Por*

SV. KRST / BAPTISM - V soboto 13. januarja sta zakrament svetega krsta prejela **Landon William James Buxton** in **Logan Douglas Kastelic Stewart**. Naj družini spremlja božji blagoslov in varstvo nebeške Matere Marije.

BARAGOVA NEDELJA je danes **21. januarja**. Mólimo da bo Cerkev škofu Frideriku Baragi dodelila čast oltarja in nam bo močnejše zasvetil njegov zgled. Za vaš dar za 'Baragovo zvezo' uporabite rumeno kuverto iz paketa nedeljskih kuvert. Z njim poravnate članarino. Na ovojnico napišite ime in točen naslov ter jo oddajte v našo pisarno. Kdor daruje več kot \$25, bo dobil 'Baraga Bulletin' po pošti.

BARAGA SUNDAY is today **Sunday January 21st**. Collection envelopes are in your weekly donation boxes. Donations of \$25. or more will receive 3 Baraga Bulletins throughout the year.

SPREOBRNITEV APOSTOLA PAVLA

Apostol Pavel je bil najprej poznan po tem, da je preganjal prve kristjane, po videnju pred Damaskom pa je iz preganjalca Kristusa postal apostol. Po spreobrnjenju in daljši notranji in zunanji pripravi na osebno poslanstvo je evangelij ponesel poganskim ljudstvom po skorajda vsem tedaj znanem svetu.

»Tudi za nas krščanstvo ni nobena nova filozofija ali nova morala. Kristjani smo samo tedaj, če srečamo Kristusa. Seveda se nam ne kaže tako neustavljivo in žareče, kakor je storil s Pavlom, da bi iz njega napravil apostola narodov. A tudi mi moremo srečati Kristusa v branju Svetega pisma, v molitvi, v bogoslužnem življenju Cerkve. Moremo se dotakniti Kristusovega srca in čutiti, da se on dotika našega srca. Šele v tem osebnem odnosu do Kristusa, šele v tem srečanju z Vstalim resnično postajamo kristjani. In tako se odpira naš razum, odstira se nam vsa Kristusova modrost in vse bogastvo resnice« (*papež Benedikt XVI*).

MISIJONSKA DRUŽBA (CM)

25. januarja 1617, je sv. Vincencij Paveslki v Folevillski cerkvi pridigal o nujnosti življenjske spovedi. Na osnovi omenjene pridige so verniki začeli množično pristopati k spovedi. Vincencij je dogodek določil za ustanovni dan Misijonske družbe. Molimo za Misijonsko Družbo, in za nove duhovniške poklice.

CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION (CM)

Lazarists, is a vowed Roman Catholic society of apostolic life of priests and brothers founded by Vincent de Paul. It is associated with the Vincentian Family, a loose federation of organizations who claim Vincent de Paul as their founder or Patron, like St. Vincent de Paul Society which is well known and appreciated in Canada.

MOHORJEVE KNJIGE za leto 2024. Dobite jih v župnijski pisarni. Cena \$87.

VERSKI TISK 2024. Priporočamo vam slovenski verski tisk. Naročnina preko župnije: tednik DRUŽINA \$565., mesečnik Ognjišče \$100., dvomesečnik Misijonska Obzorja \$30., dvomesečnik Prijatelj \$42. Naročnino poravnajte v župnijski pisarni pred **22. januarjem**. Zamudniki bodo morali naročnino

poravnati sami direktno elektronsko ali preko banke. Ne sprejemajo več čekov.

ADORATION If anyone can devote one hour every Wednesday to the adoration to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, contact the parish office 416-255-2721. *Also from 10 – 4 pm light refreshments will be available in hall.*

DRUŠTVO VEČERNI ZVON vabi na koline **27.**

januarja na 739 Browns Line. Vstopnice dobite pri Joe 647-394-2799 ali Sandra 416-894-2587 . Igra ansambel Šibaj. Vsi ljubno vabljeni!

MISSION TOMBOLA will be on **Sunday, March 17th** at 2pm. You can bring new donations and prizes suitable for tombola to the parish office. Any gift bags you are not using can be brought to the parish office as well.

MISIJONSKA TOMBOLA bo **17. marec**. Prosimo vas za tombolske dobitke.

MIDLAND PILGRIMAGE is **Saturday, September 7th**.

BARAGA DAY – Saturday, September 14th, 2024 in the Diocese of Gaylord, MI, U.S.A.

15TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE - **Saturday March 23, 2024** 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins Speakers:

Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare
Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God
Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer
Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson
Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group
To register visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada. The theme of this year's rally is **"TAKE HEART: by his wounds we are healed"**.

Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.

✓ Inspired talks by Fr. Mathias Thelen, Peter and Debbie Herbeck, Fr. Alex Colautti, CC and Peter Burak

✓ The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Francis Leo

✓ There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits.

✓ The youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig, CC.

For Tickets: \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. For additional information, please see our website <https://www.ljhr.ca/>, your church bulletin board or tel 647-873-1753.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES in your envelope boxes will be used for our building fund collections. We will announce in the bulletin when these collections are and what they are going towards. Thank you for all your support!

ŽAREK- THE RAY

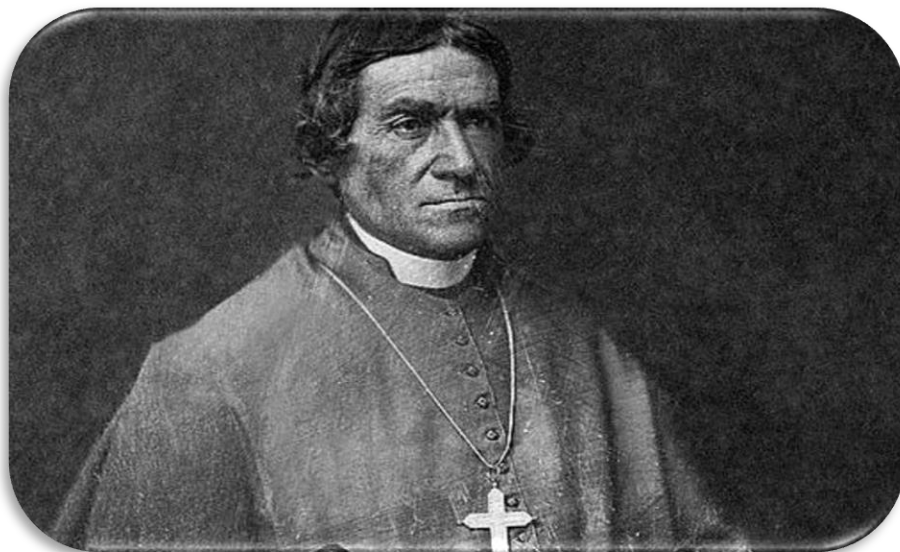
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ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ



BARAGOVA NEDELJA

156. LETNICA SMRTI

Friderik Baraga je bil velik človek pred Bogom in ljudmi. Sposobnosti, ki jih je imel, je daroval za oznanjevanje in posvečevanje ljudi. Izbral si je pot duhovnika in misijonarja. Naredil je tisto, kar naj bi vsak kristjan, še posebej pa duhovnik delal – imel rad Boga in ljudi, kakršnekoli. Z ljubeznijo je ob Michiganskih jezerih oskrboval najprej vse priseljence iz Evrope, potem pa tudi domorodne indijance iz plemen Očipva in Otava. Oskrboval jih je kot dušni pastir z veroukom, molitvenikom,

zakramenti, zavzemal se je za njihovo izobrazbo v pisanju, računanju, obrtništvu, odvrčal jih je od alkohola, napisal slovnico,... Krplje so bile njegova obvezna oprema, saj je peš obiskoval misijske postojanke po redko naseljeni pokrajini tudi pozimi. Umrl je v sluhu svetosti 19. januarja 1868 v Marquetteu v škofijski hiši v hudem mrazu in velikem snegu. Zaradi obilice snega na pogrebu ni bilo veliko ljudi.

(Jože Pibernik župnik iz Trebnja)

Dragi bratje in sestre,
Vabim Vas, da bi molili za
uspešen zaključek postopka za
svetništvo. Naj bo ozdravljenje
na Baragovo priprošnjo v
Vatikanu kmalu razglašeno za
čudež.

MOLITEV ZA BEATIFIKACIJO ČASTITLJIVEGA BOŽJEGA SLUŽABNIKA FRIDERIKA BARAGA

Vsemogočni Bog, Oče luči, ki od tebe pride vsak dober dar in ki si nam po svojem častljivem služabniku škofu Frideriku Ireneju Baragu poslal tako velikega misijonarja, učitelja in pastirja, usliši naše pobožne molitve in poveljaj ga, da bo pred vesoljno Cerkvijo prištet k zveličanim. To prosimo po Kristusu, našem Gospodu. Amen.

*Oče naš... Zdrava Marija...
 Slava Očetu...*



VENERABLE BISHOP FREDERIC BARAGA

"Apostle of the Lakelands" and the "Snowshoe Priest"

June 29, 1797 - January 19, 1868



"Venerable Bishop Baraga was a true and zealous evangelizer. Daily he arose at 4 a.m. in winter and 3 a.m. in summer to spend three hours in prayer and received permission to offer Mass four to five times a day in different languages he learned in order to minister to the native [First Nations] peoples and immigrants of North America."

St. John de Brebeuf, who was martyred near Huronia (site of today's Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON) over a century earlier in 1649, also offered Mass in the

languages of the Huron and Algonquin First Nations peoples.

"We now know that when explorer Christopher Columbus first arrived in North America he mistakenly thought he was in India and erroneously called the First Nations/native people who lived here 'Indians'. Now, the term 'Indigenous' is used in Canada and includes First Nations, Inuit and Metis."



"Born in Slovenia on June 29, 1797. Orphaned at 14, Bishop Baraga became a devout student, graduate in law, and artist. In 1823, he was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 26. He applied to serve the missions in the United States. In 1830, he was sent as a missionary and ministered tirelessly for 37 years to the Ottawa and Ojibway (First Nations) native people and the immigrants of the region of the Upper Great Lakes. The only priest in Upper Michigan for many years, Baraga left a mark still visible today - many churches were built by him. Seventeen Slovenian missionaries followed him and three became bishops."

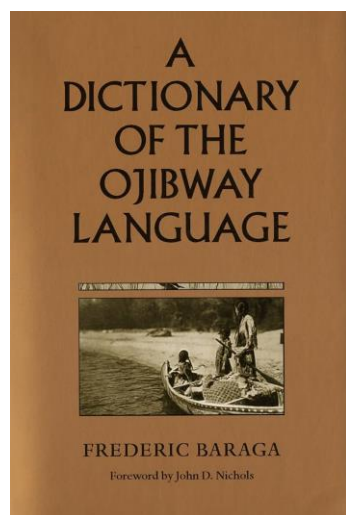
"As the first bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, MI, he wrote his first pastoral letter in two languages - English and Ojibwa. He wrote long and frequent accounts of his missionary activities."

"He built homes for the native [First Nations] peoples and raised funds so that they could have warm homes and not have to travel south during the winter to survive. He helped the natives to live off the land. Within his 16,000 square mile area, since no roads existed, in the summer he travelled on foot and by

canoe and in the harsh winters by snowshoe to bring Baptism, the Eucharist and the Sacraments and to teach not only the Native American people, but also the many white settlers and iron/copper miners who spoke German, French and English."

"The native people could see how much he loved them and loved him. They invited him into their homes where he slept on the floor in front of the wood stove. On showshoes, he once travelled 400 miles and it was not uncommon for him to travel 100 miles."

"Bishop Baraga had a gift for and became fluent in eight languages including Indigenous tongues (i.e. Ojibway, Chippewa), Slovenian, English, German, Latin and Italian."



"He wanted to bring the faith to others and is an example for our times. He is here for the Indigenous people. He confirmed over 1000 persons into the Catholic faith."

"He undertook nerve wracking work of making a Grammar book and the Dictionary of the Ojibwe

(Ojibwe) Language which is still in use today. He translated catechisms and prayer books into Indigenous tongues such as Chippewa to facilitate communication with the native peoples. In 1853, he almost drowned when he broke through the ice on a 15-day trek to Detroit on foot to get the dictionary printed."

"He showed relentless perseverance through challenges and gave every last bit of his life to serve and bring the faith to people, including the native people of the Upper Peninsula. He suffered from a chronic ear ailment."

"Bishop Baraga loved the Indigenous peoples and made his life an offering for them. He became friends with and like a father to them."

"In 1853, he became Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada to minister to the Chippewa and Ojibway peoples. In 1865, he was moved to the cathedral in Marquette MI and died after 37 years ministering to the people of the Great Lakes. Across the state of Michigan, a city, state park and schools are named after him and there is a shrine with a 35-foot bronze statue of him. He wrote 20

native American books and several Slovenian prayer books. Some of his sermons were published in the Cree language symbols."

"Bishop Baraga achieved a great impact. One can be proud to be Catholic because of what he did."



"He had a reputation for holiness. Reported miracles through Bishop Baraga include cures from cancer, blindness, financial difficulties, diseases, and medical miracles. (For canonization, the Church only considers miracles where there has been no medical intervention and which are scientifically inexplicable.)"

"His cause for sainthood continues. The Bishop Baraga Association was established in 1930. On May 10, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared him Venerable. The remains of this great missionary rest in the Bishop Baraga Chapel at St. Peter's Cathedral, Marquette, MI." "Father Frederic Baraga wrote Heavenly Roses in 1846 in the Slovenian language. The Bishop Baraga Association recently had the chapter 'The Mass and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament' translated into English and published it as a small booklet."

"As Fr. Baraga wrote in the introduction of Heavenly Roses; **'My beloved Christian, when you attend Mass or when you come to visit the Blessed Sacrament, you really come before Jesus, one's Lord and God. If you listen to Him faithfully and let Him speak to your heart, you will clearly hear the words that give eternal life.'**"



STARA IMENA MESECEV

PROSINEC JANUARY

V preteklosti so se pri nas uporabljala tako imenovana stara imena za mesece, ki so povezana z dogajanjem na poljih, travnikih, v sadovnjakih, vinogradih in gozdovih. Tako za stara kot za tako imenovana nova poimenovanja pa velja, da marsikdo ne pozna več pomenov, ki se skrivajo v posameznih imenih.

V tem letu bomo skupaj odkrili pomen teh imen!

JANUAR

Ime je dobil po rimskem bogu začetka in konca Janusu, ki je imel dva obraza – z enim je gledal naprej v prihodnost, z drugim pa nazaj v preteklost.

PROSINEC

Ime je dobil po prosu, saj je bil to mesec, zaznamovan z lakoto. Proso je bilo nekoč simbol blaginje.



JANUARY - JANUAR

Old Slovenian name: PROSINEC

It was named after millet, as it was a month marked by famine. Millet was once a symbol of prosperity.



JUBILEE 2025 Year of Prayer – 2024

Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses and parishes are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer.

I invite you to join us every Wednesday of the month for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. Come and go as you please. The prayer is silent.

Join in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal church the Saint Anne prayer group every second Tuesday of the month between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Come before masses to pray the rosary together or in silence.

Participate in prayers on the first Friday of each month in both our parishes.

Learn to pray the breviary every Friday after mass!

More initiatives to come!



Priprava na jubilejno leto 2025

Z velikim jubilejem leta 2000 je Cerkev vstopila v tretje tisočletje svoje zgodovine. Sveti Janez Pavel II. ga je pričakoval in želel v upanju, da bodo vsi kristjani, potem ko bodo premagali zgodovinske delitve, lahko skupaj praznovali dva tisoč let rojstva Jezusa Kristusa, Odrešenika človeštva. Zdaj se približuje mejnik prvih petindvajsetih let 21. stoletja in poklicani smo v pripravo, ki bo krščanskemu ljudstvu omogočila doživeti sveto leto v vsem njegovem pastoralnem pomenu. Pomemben mejnik v tem smislu je bil izredni jubilej usmiljenja, ki nam je omogočil, da smo ponovno odkrili vso moč in nežnost Očetove usmiljene ljubezni ter bili tudi sami njene priče.

Ohraniti moramo plamen upanja, ki nam je bil podarjen, in storiti vse, da bi vsi ponovno pridobili moč in gotovost, ter zrli v prihodnost z odprtim umom, zaupljivim srcem in daljnovidnim razumom. Prihajajoči jubilej bo zelo koristen pri ustvarjanju ozračja upanja in zaupanja kot znamenje ponovnega preporoda, katerega nujnost čutimo vsi. Zato sem zanj izbral vodilo, ki se glasi Romarji upanja. Vse to pa bo mogoče, če bomo sposobni obnoviti občutek vesoljnega bratstva, če si ne bomo zatiskali oči pred dramo divje revščine, ki milijonom moških, žensk, mladih in otrok preprečuje, da bi živeli na način, vreden človeka...

Zato je treba duhovno razsežnost jubileja, ki vabi k spreobrnjenju, združiti s temi temeljnimi vidiki

družbenega življenja, da bi tvorili skladno celoto. Ker čutimo, da smo vsi romarji na zemlji, na katero nas je Gospod postavil, da bi jo obdelovali in zanjo skrbeli (prim. 1 Mz 2,15), ne pozabimo na poti premišljevanja o lepotah stvarstva in skrbeti za naš skupni dom. Upam, da bomo tudi prihajajoče jubilejno leto praznovali in živeli s tem namenom. Vse več ljudi, tudi veliko mladih in zelo mladih, se namreč zaveda, da je skrb za stvarstvo bistveni izraz vere v Boga in poslušnosti njegovi volji.

Potrebno bo poiskati načine, da bomo sveto leto pripravili in praznovali z močno vero, živim upanjem in dejavno ljubeznijo. Treba bo ugotoviti, kako iz tega milostnega trenutka narediti pomembno prizorišče za pastoralno oskrbo posameznih Cerkev, latinskih in vzhodnih, ki so v tem obdobju poklicane, da okrepijo svojo sinodalno zavzetost. S tega vidika bo romanje naproti Jubileju lahko okrepilo in izrazilo skupno pot, na katero je poklicana Cerkev, da bi bila vedno bolj znamenje in orodje edinosti v harmoniji različnosti.

Potrebna in pomembna bo pomoč pri ponovnem odkrivanju zahtev splošne poklicanosti k odgovornemu sodelovanju kakor tudi pri vrednotenju karizem in služb, ki jih Sveti Duh nikoli ne preneha podeljevati za izgradnjo ene Cerkve.

V skladu z običajem bo bula o razglasitvi jubileja, ki bo izdana v doglednem času, vsebovala potrebne navedbe za praznovanje jubilejnega leta 2025. V tem času priprav me že veseli misel, da lahko leto pred tem, 2024, posvetimo veliki »simfoniji« molitve. Predvsem temu, da si povrnemo željo biti v Gospodovi navzočnosti, mu prisluhniti in se mu pokloniti. Poleg tega pa moliti in se Bogu zahvaliti za mnoge darove njegove ljubezni do nas in da bi hvalili njegovo delo v stvarstvu, ki vse zavezuje k spoštovanju ter h konkretnemu in odgovornemu delovanju za njegovo zaščito. Molitev kot glas »enega srca in ene duše« (prim. Apd 4,32), ki se kaže v solidarnosti in delitvi vsakdanjega kruha. Molitev, ki vsakemu moškemu in ženski na tem svetu omogoča, da se obrne k edinemu Bogu in mu izrazi, kar je skrito v skrivnosti srca. Molitev kot pot k svetosti, ki človeka vodi v kontemplacijo tudi sredi delovanja. Skratka, intenzivno leto molitve, v katerem se srca odprejo za sprejem obilja milosti, tako da »Oče naš«, molitev, ki nas jo je naučil Jezus, postane življenjski program vsakega njegovega učenca.

(Iz pisma papeža Frančiška o Jubileju 2025, ki ga je naslovil na nj. eksc. Rina Fisichella, predsedniku Papeškega sveta za novo evangelizacijo)

JANUARY 25TH : THE FOUNDATION OF A CHARISM

J. L. Cañavate Martínez, CM *Province of Zaragoza*



Like all believers, Vincent de Paul reflected on his life from the perspective of Divine Providence. One of the situations that bears witness to that reality is recounted on five different occasions ... the account of the beginning of the Congregation of the Mission in which, through the description of different details, we are told that God was the true author and inspiration of said humble institute.

The theological-spiritual reflection (from the perspective of life's events) that Vincent de Paul engaged in provided him with a framework for pastoral ministry ... a ministry dedicated to the integral empowerment of the poor country people of France. In time, that ministry would be perpetuated by four large "secular" institutions that would adopt as their leitmotiv: the following of Christ, the evangelizer of the poor. From there, Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac placed their trust in the members of the Confraternities of Charity, the Congregation of the Mission, the Ladies of Charity and the Company of the Daughters of Charity to attend to the needs of the poorest of the poor: the peasants, the galley slaves, the foundlings, the elderly, the soldiers, and the war refugees.

The collaboration, that was present at the time of their foundation, became diminished with the passing of time. Soon, the Vincentian Family became known as the "Double Family", that is, the members of the Congregation of the Mission and the Company of the Daughters of Charity.

Now, thanks to the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and an ecclesiology of communion and

responsibility among all the members of the Church, the members of the Vincentian Family are all those men and women (members of Societies of Apostolic Life, of Institutes of Consecrated Life, of movements, associations, organizations and groups) who directly or indirectly, extend through time the Vincentian charism. The branches of this network were either founded directly by Saint Vincent de Paul or regard him as their source of inspiration and dedication to the service of the poor.

Thus, the feast of the conversation of Saint Paul, traditionally dedicated to the foundation of the Congregation of the Mission, is an opportunity for encounter, reflection and prayer with the other members of the Vincentian Family, an opportunity to give thanks to God for our missionary vocation, an opportunity to ask forgiveness for the times we have not lived in accord with the demands of our missionary vocation and an opportunity to ask God for the grace to correct ourselves and to carry out better and better the ministries in which we are engaged (CCD:XI:164)...

In all of this, we note how a person's experience is extended to a whole community of believers ... to countless men and women who decided to dedicate their lives to solving the social problems of seventeenth-century France. Undoubtedly, that was, and continues to be, the fruit of the Holy Spirit who encourages us to live together as one and to work together from the Trinitarian perspective that makes us a "family" and brings us together as a humble but true ecclesial family that emerges from the missionary-charitable experience of two giants of charity.

Therefore, on January 25 we celebrate, not only the foundation of a congregation, but, above all, the beginning of a charism embodied today in the "Vincentian Family".

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."



Marc 1,14-20

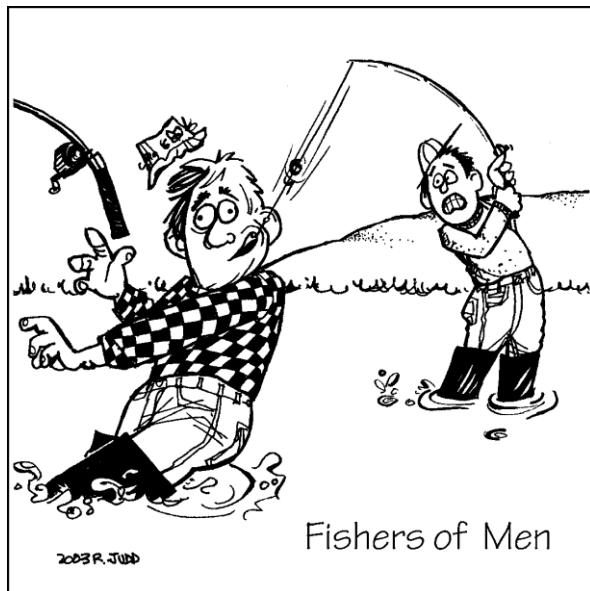
After John's arrest, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching God's imminent kingdom and urging repentance and belief in His message. By the Sea of Galilee, He called Simon and Andrew, fishermen, to follow Him and become 'fishers of men.' They promptly did. Next, Jesus summoned James and John, who also instantly left their father and work to follow Him, illustrating the compelling nature of Jesus' call and message.

JEZUS NAS KLIČE

Jezus ni iskal učencev v domači okolici, ampak bolj vstran, ob Genezareškem jezeru. Tam je začel z oznanjevanjem, da prihaja Božje kraljestvo, in vabilom k spreobrnjenju, ki je pogoj za vstop v Božje kraljestvo. Jezus je poklical nekaj moških in jih povabil, naj mu sledijo in postanejo njegovi učenci. Ti možje so se takoj odločili, pustili vse in šli za njim. Ni jih čakalo lagodno življenje, ampak učenje in delo za Božje kraljestvo. Dlje so hodili z njim, bolj so čutili, da je on tista prava izbira, ki osvobaja in odrešuje. Njegov nauk je privlačil množice, še posebej, ko je besede podkrepil s konkretnimi dejanji in čudeži. Vendar učence ni čakala slava in razne časti, ampak so bili mnogokrat deležni težkih trenutkov, posebej ko jim je primanjkovalo vere. Kristus je luč, ki je uničil staro temo, ki je predstavljala greh in smrt. Tako se je začel čas novega stvarstva, ki naj vse ljudi napolni z veseljem. Tudi danes Jezus na podoben način vabi in kliče vsakogar izmed nas, da bi mu pomagali pri delu za Božje kraljestvo. Škoda, da pogosto ne zaznamo njegovega glasu, saj smo vse preveč polni sebe in stvari, ki so okoli nas. Včasih se kar ne moremo odločiti, da bi hodili za njim, ali pa bi mu radi postavili svoje pogoje. Ljubezen ne pozna pogojev in če iskreno ljubimo Boga, nas nobena stvar ne more zadržati, da mu ne bi sledili. Pogosto nam manjka poguma, zato prosimo Jezusa, naj nam da dovolj poguma, da mu bomo brez zadržka sledili, mu izročili vse svoje življenje ter mu bili vedno na voljo, ko nas bo potreboval kot orodje, ki bo odpiralo srca ljudi.



"We're going out to meditate ...
in our fellow ship."



Fishers of Men



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Through the programme, we try to capture the wisdom of life that arises in a sick and suffering person when he or she is facing trials and trying to find the answer to many questions. Such a person comes to important life lessons that it would be a shame to keep to oneself and not share with others who are in a similar situation and need help.

This programme is broadcast by the Slovenian Catholic television channel "Exodus TV", which is also available online so that you can watch it in Canada. We need a cameraman and an editor for this show, which costs about 250 euros a month, which we do not have the financial means to cover and is a considerable burden for the creators of this programme.

In order to continue the programme in the future, we are asking you to help us to make these programmes possible by sponsoring individual programmes, in part or in full, and we will list all donors in writing in the programme itself.

If you would be willing to help in any way with the production of this programme, please email us at **borut.pohar@gmail.com** or let your parish priest, Leopold Valant, know.

Thank you for your generosity and we wish you happiness and blessings this year!

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