

VELIKA GOSPA NEWSLETTER

WELCOME!

We sincerely welcome all of you who join us this Velika Gospa — those who return year after year, who take time off of work to attend our grand, solemn procession and Mass — as well as those who are in attendance for the first time.

We especially welcome Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Father Ilija Mijatovic, our main celebrant who comes to us from Osijek, Croatia; Father Paul Maslach, Custos of the Croatian Franciscans; our Franciscan brothers: Fra Ivan Maric and Fra Marin Karacic from Zagreb; and Miss Renee Pea, Acting Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in Chicago.



DOBRO DOŠLI!

Dobro došli svi! Dobrodošli Vi koji ste nazočni svake godine, kako bi sudjelovali u našoj svečanoj procesiji i svetoj Misi, kao i Vi koji ste s nama prvi put.

Izražavamo srdačnu dobrodošlicu našem biskupu Gustavo Garcia-Siller, fra Iliji Mijatoviću, koji nam dolazi iz Osijeka i koji predvodi današnju misu; fra Pavi Maslaču, kustosu hrvatskih franjevaca; Fra Ivanu Mariću i fra Marinu Karačiću, franjevačkim bogoslovima iz Zagreba; te Renee Pea, generalnoj konzulici u zamjeni Republike Hrvatske u Chicagu.

GRAND MARSHALL DUŠKO SIMON ČONDIĆ

Čast Grand Marshalla Procesije za Veliku Gospu ove godine dana je Dušku Čondiću. On je prihvatio tu čast kao doprinos svoje obitelji za župu Svetog Jeronima, kao što je i njegova obitelj činila za župu od njenog osnutka. Duško je rođen 18. veljače 1931. godine od Tone i Marka Čondića i fra Anselmo Slišković ga je nedugo zatim krstio. Najmlađi je sin u osmeročlanjoj obitelji- od kojih je pet sinova i tri kćeri. Nažalost, otac mu je preminuo 8. prosinca 1935. Njegova majka Tona željela je da sva njezina djeca budu obrazovana u dobrim Katoličkim školama, jer je htjela biti sigurna da će biti čvrsti u svojoj vjeri. U duhu istinske kršćanke, Tona je doživjela ulazak svoje kćeri u redovnički život kao sestra Klanjateljica Krvi Kristove. (Sestra Bernardina služila je Bogu i svom Redu više od sedamdeset godina prije svoje smrti.) Tonin i Markov sin Jozo radio je mnogo godina kao profesor Michigan Sveučilišta prije svoje smrti. Duško i njegova braća i sestre zajedno su kao župljani doprinosili župi svetog Jeronima: St. Jeroma Post 595; Kreditnoj zadruzi

svetog Jeronima; Hrvatskom zboru svetog Jeronima; Hrvatskoj školi kardinala Stepinca, itd.

Duško je završio našu župnu školu 1945. godine. Nakon toga je pohađao srednju školu Sv. Augustina gdje je maturirao. Nakon rada za Hrvatske oce franjevce u njihovoj novoootvorenoj tiskari, odlučio je da je to vrijeme za odabir svog životnog puta. Završio je studij pedagogije za tri godine i potražio je posao u Odboru za obrazovanje u Chicagu. Uspješno je položio pismene i govorne ispite koje je Odbor zahtijevao, te je dobio dvije diplome pomoću kojih je mogao predavati u osnovnoj i srednjoj školi. Nakon kratkog vremena provedenog u Osnovnoj školi Douglas i Healy otišao je dvadesetak godina u srednju školu Kelly predavati engleski i sociologiju. Vječni student, Duško, završio je poslijediplomski studij iz engleskog kao i iz bibliotekarstva.

Jedan od posebnih darova koje je Bog darovao Dušku je dobro poznavanje hrvatskog jezika. Preveo je mnoga djela za života, uključujući mnoge filozofske radnje fra Kvirina Vasilja. Mnogo godina se tiho borio za hrvatsku slobodu. Mnogi hrvatski raseljenici koji su stigli u Ameriku nakon II. svjetskog rata mogu biti zahvalni Dušku i njegovoj mladoj sestri Olivi (Evelyn). Pod vodstvom fra Berte Dragičevića njih dvoje ispunili su stotine i stotine Imigracijskih aplikacija koje su bile popunjavane na inicijativu biskupa za raseljene osobe.

Nakon umirovljenja Duško se počeo baviti jednom od svojih životnih strasti, kuhanjem. (Želi nam reći kako Crkva

Nastavak na zadnjoj stranici...



Duško Simon Čondić

NADOLAZEĆI

DOGAĐAJI....

- Hodočašće na Holy Hill — subota, 21. kolovoza
- Velika Gospa Golf Turnir — nedjelja 22. kolovoza
- Hrvatska škola — početak Godišnji piknik, 28. kolovoza
- Hrvatska škola — početak — 11. rujna 312 842 1871
- S v . M i s a z a obljetnice braka — nedjelja, 19. rujna
- Godišnji banket— HKD Napredak, nedjelja, 26. rujna 773 363 6077
- Godišnji banket— Marijino društvo Sv. Jeronima, nedjelja 3. listopada 773 667 2377
- Godišnja duhovna obnova, subota, 9. listopada
- Hrvatska žena Modna revija 17. listopada 773 525 8571
- Škola Sv. Jeronima, godišnji benefit, subota, 20. studenog

Naš gost, fra Ilija Mijatović



Rođen je 27. listopada 1966. godine u Kraljevoj Sutjesci od oca Ante i majke Ane rođ. Čokara. U obitelji ima još jednog brata i tri sestre. Nakon završene osnovne škole u Viskom, srednju školu je završio u Rijeci nakon koje je stupio u samostan. Stupio je u Franjevački red na Trsatu u Rijeci 1985. godine, a prve zavjete je imao godinu dana kasnije. Prve četiri godine studija teologije uspješno je završio na Katoličkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, a zadnje dvije godine u Beču. Za svećenika je zaređen 27.

lipnja 1993. godine u zagrebačkoj katedrali, a mladu misu je slavio na sam blagdan Velike Gospe, 15. kolovoza 1993. godine na zagrebačkom Sigetu. Četiri godine (1993.-1997.) bio je dušobrižnik za Hrvate u Beču pri Hrvatskoj katoličkoj misiji. U periodu od sedam godina (1997. - 2005.) bio je na službi u Čakovcu, kao gvardijan franjevačkog samostana Sv. Nikole. Nakon toga, 2005. imenovan je župnikom župe Sv. Obitelji u Osijeku.

GRAND MARSHALL DUŠKO SIMON ČONDIĆ

The honor of Grand Marshall of the Velika Gospa Procession this year has been given to Duško Čondić. He accepted the honor on behalf of the contributions his family made to St. Jerome from its founding. His father, Marko, was among the hundreds of Croats that organized the Parish in 1912.

Duško was born on Feb. 18, 1931, to Tona and Marko Čondić and was baptized

shortly thereafter by Fr. Anselmo Slisković. He is the youngest boy in a family of eight—five boys and three girls. Sadly, his father died on December 8th, 1935. His mother Tona saw to it that all her children were educated in good Catholic schools because she wanted to be sure they would be firm in their Faith. In the spirit of a true Christian woman, Tona saw her daughter Dorothy →



The Čondić family, left to right: son Marko, father Marko, John, Duško (seated), Joe, Peter (seated), Rosanda, mother Tona, Dorothy (later Sr. Bernardine), and Evelyn.

OUR HONORED GUEST, FR. ILIJA MIJATOVIC

The celebrant and homilist at our Velika Gospa Mass after the Procession is Fr. Ilija Mijatovic, who was born Oct. 27, 1966 in the town of Kraljeva Sutjeska. After completing school in Visko and Rijeka, he joined the Franciscan Order in 1985 at Trsat, a major Croatian holy place near Rijeka. He finished four years of priestly study at the University of Zagreb, and his final two years in Vienna, Austria. Ordained a priest on Oct. 27, 1993 in the Cathedral of Zagreb, he celebrated his First Mass 17 years ago today, on Velika Gospa 1993, in Siget, near Zagreb. For four years (1993-1997), he was a spiritual leader for Croatians in Vienna at the Croatian Catholic Mission. For seven years (1997-2005), Fr. Ilija served in Cakovec, in northern Croatia, as the Guardian, the leader of the Franciscan Friary of St. Nicholas. In 2005, he was named Pastor of Holy Family Parish in the city of Osijek, which is in Slavonia, the eastern region of Croatia.

OUR GRAND MARSHALL: DUŠKO ČONDIĆ

enter religious life as a Sister Adorer of the Blood of Christ. (Sister Bernardine served God and her order for more than 70 years prior to her death.) Tona and Marko's son Jozo served as Professor at the University of Michigan for many years prior to his death. Duško, along with his brothers and sisters contributed their share as parishioners of St. Jerome: St. Jerome Post 595; St. Jerome Credit Union; St. Jerome Croatian Choir, Cardinal Stepinac Croatian School, etc.

Duško graduated from our parish school in 1945. Thereafter, he attended and graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1949. After working for the Croatian Franciscan Fathers in their newly-opened print shop, he decided it was time to choose a firm path in life. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Education degree in three years and sought work with the Chicago Board of Education. Having successfully passed the written and oral exams given by the Board of Education, he received two Certificates allowing him to teach grammar school and high school. After a brief stint at the Douglas and Healy Elementary Schools, he went on to spend twenty some years at Kelly High School teaching English and Humanities. Ever the student, Duško went on to earn a master's degree in English as well as a master's degree in Library Science.

One of the special gifts that God gave to Duško is a better than average knowledge of Croatian.

He has done countless translations throughout his adult life including many of the philosophical works of Fr. Kvirin Vasilj. In his

quiet way, he gave much service to the Croatian freedom cause over many years. Many of our Croatian displaced persons who arrived in America after the Second World War can be grateful to Duško and his late sister, Oliva (Evelyn). Under the leadership of fra Berto Dragičević, the two of them filled out and typed hundreds and hundreds of Immigration Applications that were filed through the Bishops' initiative for displaced persons. Upon his retirement, Duško went on to pursue one of his life's passions, namely, cooking. (He goes on to tell us that the Church has seven sacraments, but that those of us who have a Mediterranean background can't help adding an eighth: Good Food!) As a hobby, he enrolled in the Washburne Trade School located at 31st and Kedzie. At the time, the school was owned and operated by the Chicago Board of Education, and is the oldest formal Chef Training School in America. At his graduation from the two-year program, Duško was honored as "Craftsman of the Year" as a reward for outstanding work. (His strudels are a testament to that craft.)

Duško's contributions to the welfare of St. Jerome Parish are extensive and lifelong. He lives by the philosophy that the "Church Bell of Praise" does not have to toll every time a parishioner does something for the glory of God, his parish, or his people: he sees it as simply doing our duty as parishioners and as Christians.

With him now in his 80th year of life, we exclaim: *"Duško — Thank you — Hvala Ti! Mnogo ljeta živio!"*

UPCOMING EVENTS....

- **Midwest Pilgrimage to Holy Hill, August 21**
- **Velika Gospa Golf Outing, August 22**
- **St. Jerome School begins August 23 312 842 7668**
- **Marriage Anniversaries Sept. 19**
- **Marian Society's annual banquet, Oct. 3**
- **Marian Society's annual retreat, Oct. 9**
- **Croatian Women's Fashion Show Oct. 17**
- **St. Jerome School Annual Benefit November 20**



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VELIKA GOPSA PARKING

Please call and tell your friends and relatives that we have plentiful parking available for our feast. Thanks to our neighbors, we have the following:

**** **Old Neighborhood
Italian American Club
parking** (30th & Shields)

**** **State of Illinois park-
ing under the highway** (27th
& Wells, entrance on 27th)

**Croatian Catholic Radio -
Saturdays**

10 a.m. - 750 AM

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VELIKA GOPSA — CHICAGO — SJEĆANJA

Nakon sedam godina braka s mojim ocem, nakon mnogih devetnica i bezbroj molitvi Gospi, moja majka Julia Paljetak, konačno je pomislila da bi mogla biti trudna.

Nakon hodanja u procesiji na Veliku Gospu 1970. godine dok je, kao i uvijek, molila kronicu za dar djeteta, ušašvši u crkvu, osjetila je tegobe i onesvjestila se vjerujući da je to od velike vrućine toga dana.

Njena sestra Mary odmah ju je odvela u svoj stan, koji nije daleko od crkve, i pozvala liječnika pitajući ga za rezultate testova koje je moja majka imala dan prije. I danas čuvamo fotografiju moje majke gdje priča na telefon nakon vesele vijesti da je konačno trudna.

Ona je uvijek bila sigurna da je njena vjera u Gospu Sinjsku učinila da njene molitve budu uslišane i nikada nije propustila slavlje Velike Gospe od tada do danas (kao ni prije). Uvijek je ponosno hodala u procesiji sa mnom pokraj sebe sve do danas. I ja sam zahvalna za taj veliki dar, dar života, dar molitve i vjere moje majke Julie.

—Debbie Trnka



A VELIKA GOPSA MEMORY....

After 7 years of marriage to my father, many Novenas and countless prayers to Our Lady, my mother, Julia Paljetak (nee Balich), thought she may finally be pregnant. After walking in the Procession on Velika Gospa in 1970, the whole time praying the Rosary for a baby, my mother entered the church for high noon Mass. She felt very faint, and passed out in church — possibly from the heat. Her sister Mary took her immediately to her apartment to

lie down, and call the doctor for results of the test that she took the day before. We have a photo of my mother coming out of the bedroom with the phone, and the great news from the doctor that she was finally pregnant! She has always attributed her faith in Gospa Sinjska to having her prayers come true, and has never missed a Velika Gospa since (nor before, for that matter) ... and she has walked proudly with me by her side ever since that day!
—Debbie Trnka

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Nastavak s prve stranice...

ima sedam sakramenata, ali oni koji su s Mediterana dodaju i osmi: dobra hrana.) Kao hobi je upisao Washburne Trade School koja je smještena na 31. i Kedzie. S vremenom škola je postala vlasništvo Chicago Odbora za Obrazovanje, i to je formalno najstarija Škola kuhanja u Americi. Nakon dvogodišnjeg programa Duško je počasnno imenovan zanatlijom godine, kao nagradu za izvanredan rad.

(Njegove savijače su dokaz toga). Duškovi doprinosi za blagostanje za župu Sv. Jeronima su veliki i dugovječni. Živio je po filozofiji da „Crkveno zvono slave“ ne mora zazvoniti svaki put kada župljanin učini nešto na slavu Božju, za dobro župe ili njezinih ljudi: on to vidi kao jednostavno vršenje dužnosti kao župljana i kršćana.

Sad mu je osamdeseta godina života, i kličemo mu: „*Duško – Hvala ti! Mnogo ljeta živio!*“