

# Parish Bulletin

## Župni Vjesnik

October 20, 2013 - 20. listopada 2013.



St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Parish  
Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

2823 S. Princeton Ave.  
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Chicago, IL 60616

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Croatian Franciscan Friars

Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM - Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

YEAR OF FAITH <sup>2012</sup>/<sub>2013</sub>



GODINA VJERE <sup>2012</sup>/<sub>2013</sub>

### Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

**Posjeta bolesnicima** – uvijek

**Sick calls** – at any time

**Krštenja** – po dogovoru

**Baptisms** – by appointment

**Ispovijedi** – pola sata prije mise

**Confessions** – before Masses

**Vjenčanja** – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

**Weddings** – arrange 6 months in advance

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### Hrvatski Katolički Radio

Glas župe sv. Jeronima

Subotom od 10 do 11 sati (750 AM)

### Croatian Catholic Radio

Voice of St. Jerome's

Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. on 750 AM

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 Monday, October 21 - *Ponedjeljak, 21. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

† John Murphy ..... *Perisin family*  
 Na čast sv. Ante ..... *Marko i Ivka Zeba*

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 Tuesday, October 22 - *Utorak, 22. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

† Hugo Leopold ..... *George Rozman*  
 † Shirley Bills ..... *Perisin family*

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 Wednesday, October 23 - *Srijeda, 23. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

† Lottie Mazur ..... *Kate Drozdz*  
 Za duše u čistilištu ..... *Nela*

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 Thursday, October 24 - *Četvrtak, 24. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

† John Pavela ..... *family*  
 † Neda Roscich ..... *Anthony and Diana Roscich*  
 8:05 a.m. PRO POPULO - For all Parishioners – *Za župljane*  
 7 – 9 p.m.  
 Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

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 Friday, October 25 - *Petak, 25. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

† Virginia Cantanvespi ..... *Perisin family*  
 †† iz obitelji Zelić ..... *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*

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 Saturday, October 26 - *Subota, 26. listopada*


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7:30 a.m.

†† Joe Čubelić and Dominic Bruno ..... *Chris and Matt Pesce*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Vinko i Ljilja Matić*

5:30 p.m.

† Mary Somen ..... *Rick and Marilyn*  
 † Sara Phillips ..... *Joe and Lisa Amoruso*  
 † Robert Phillips ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † Josip Strmečki ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *Mary Fratto*  
 † Lucille Bekavac ..... *Peter and Sandy Schurla*  
 † Marie Balestri ..... *family*  
 † Barry Babich ..... *mom, dad, Lisa and Chris*  
 †† iz obitelji Blažević ..... *Bože Blažević i obitelj*  
 Na čast sv. Ante ..... *obitelj Tomić*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Josip i Iva Prša*

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 Sunday, October 27 - *Nedjelja, 27. listopada*


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30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

7:30 a.m.

† Margaret Marcello ..... *Pace family*  
 † Marty Kraslen ..... *John and Elaine Aranza*  
 † Carmen Balestri ..... *Cathy LoCoco*  
 † Mary Somen ..... *Vonnie*  
 †† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić ..... *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† Christ Balich ..... *Juliana Perisin and Charlie DiCaro*  
 † JoAnn Passarelli ..... *Ciaccio and Halloran families*  
 † Marty Kraslen ..... *Joan Sipich*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *Louis and Mary Scalise*  
 † Robert Phillips ..... *Cathy Amato*  
 † Mary Somen ..... *Giggie*

11 a.m.

† Rozalija Galić ..... *Ivan i Iva Mišetić i obitelj*  
 † Josip Armić ..... *Zdravko i Luca Šego*  
 † Samantha Penavić ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Ilija Pavljašević ..... *Mr. i Mrs. Martin Milković*  
 † Jure Dugandžić ..... *obitelj Žolo*  
 † Ivan Lerotić ..... *obitelj Žolo*  
 † Karmila Knezović ..... *Branko i Janja Vučić*  
 † Ivan Cvitanović ..... *Vinko i Ana Bebek*  
 † Milan Žolo ..... *obitelj Žolo*  
 † Ivica Vaniš ..... *obitelj Vaniš*  
 † Zvonko Čabo ..... *Peter Polaček*  
 † Zvone Gović ..... *obitelj Penavić*  
 † Ivan Grdić ..... *Nediljko Šimunić i obitelj*  
 † Pavica Šimunić ..... *Josip i Albina Pauletić*  
 † Monika Žaper (30. godišnjica) ..... *roditelji Petar i Ankica*  
 † Marija Dukić ..... *Anđelka Jukić i obitelj*  
 †† Nick i Anica Špehar ..... *Janko Špehar i obitelj*  
 †† Marin i Ružica Cokarić ..... *unuka Nela*  
 †† iz obitelji Zelić ..... *Ilija Zelić i obitelj*  
 †† iz obitelji Čondić ..... *Duško*  
 Na nakanu ..... *Bože Guvo*

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 LECTORS - ČITAČI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Eva Mossman

7:30 a.m. – Emmett Turney

9:30 a.m. – Jan Zekich

11 a.m. – Dario Paraga, Deni Grgić, Marko Mamić

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 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI
 

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5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro

7:30 a.m. – Rosemary Brcich

9:30 a.m. – Mary Beth Insalaco

11 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga

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 ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI
 

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5:30 p.m. - Francesca Bertucci, Lucas Mizera,  
Michael Passarelli

7:30 a.m. – Zach Sandoval, John Zekich

9:30 a.m. – Manuel and Jasmine Esparza, Monica Matual

11 a.m. – Luka, Emilijan i Kristijan Kosić,  
Darko Jr. i Dominik Grgić

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have witnessed plenty of tragic events in our country's history. Very recent events, like the attacks on 9/11; Hurricane Katrina; the tornado through Joplin, Missouri; Super Storm Sandy; and plenty of other tragedies have affected wide swaths of the public. These events are so far-reaching, that almost everyone feels the impact. But these shattering events are no more devastating in their effects on the lives of individuals than the adversities that befall people each day: a diagnosis of cancer, a violent death in the family, a horrible accident, the loss of a job. Life's traumas can break into our own lives, or the lives of people we know, at any moment.

Jesus uses a curious example in the Gospel today. An unjust judge renders a helpful decision because of the incessant pestering of a widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were without recourse. They had no man to stand for them, so they were left to their own devices. The widow wears down the judge, who becomes fearful for his own well-being, unless he provides a just outcome.



We have seen it over and over again in our lives: when tragic events happen, people respond out of the goodness of their hearts. Whether it is a large-scale response as in the case of hurricanes or storms, or the compassionate outreach of a small group of neighbors and friends, in a time of need, it seems as though there is always someone who steps up to help. God is there too. We may not always be aware of God's presence, but he is with us in the darkest moments of life. Our prayer to God is not so much pestering an unjust judge (for God can never be unjust) as it is reminding ourselves that God is near to us. In the dark and difficult moments of our existence, God is there, and our prayer keeps us close to him.

## 29. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

Mnogi doživljavaju krizu molitve: molim, pa ništa. Bolje ide onima koji ne mole. U dnu svega je pomanjkanje ispravnog poimanja molitve. Molitva nam je potrebna kao i kisik za život. Crkva je molitvena zajednica. Današnja liturgijska čitanja pomažu nam da shvatimo smisao i važnost molitve.

Amalečani, narod koji nastanjuje Negeb, žele zaustaviti Izrael na putu u slobodu. Mojsije daje nalog Jošui da povede rat protiv Amalečana, dok on uzlazi na brdo s Aronom i Hur, i s Božjim štapom u ruci uzdignutih ruku moli Božju pomoć. Dok je Mojsije držao ruke uzdignute, Jošua je pobjeđivao. Mojsije klonu, te Aron i Hur držahu njegove ruke, dok Jošua ne svlada Amaleka i njegov narod. Mojsije nije predstavljen kao neki ratnik, vojni zapovjednik, već kao posrednik između naroda i Boga, kao čudotvorac. Dok moli, u ruci drži Božji štap, sredstvo spasenja. To nije neki magijski štap, niti je Mojsije neki vrač. Pobjeda nije pripisana ni Mojsiju ni Jošui, već Bogu. Nije to vojna pobjeda, već

spasenjska. To je svjedočanstvo vjere u Boga i svijest da je Izrael izabrani narod. Uspjeh se isključivo pridaje Bogu po posredničkoj molitvi Mojsija. Mojsije na gori postaje pralik Krista, raširenih ruku na križu. Značajka molitve: ustrajna, podržana živom vjerom i sigurnošću u uslišanje.

Evandjelje nam donosi pobjedu ustrajne molitve. Prispodoba o krutom i neumoljivom sudcu i udovici koja traži pravdu, u srži je jasna. Sudac se ne boji ni Boga, niti za ljude mari – to se dvaput ponavlja. Ne želi uzeti udovičin slučaj da se ne bi zamjerio bogatijem i utjecajnijem udovičinom suparniku. Nepravdani sudac traži svoje interese. No sudac ipak popusti i odluči udovicu obraniti da "vječno ne dolazi mučiti me". Moramo li i mi tako Bogu dodijavati? Zar ne osuđuje takvu molitvu sam Isus, dok kaže da ne umnažamo riječi kao pogani? Ne! Isus želi naglasiti kako je neopravdana bojazan da nas Bog neće uslišati. Bog nas sigurno želi uslišati. Sam Isus nas potiče: "Ištite i dat će vam se! Tražite i naći ćete! Kucajte i otvorit će vam se!" I to iskati, tražiti, kucati uporno, ustrajno, dok ne dobijemo. Što nam nedostaje? Vjera. Zato i završava prispodobu: "Kad Sin Čovječji dođe, hoće li naći vjere na zemlji?"



### CROATIAN WOMAN FALL FASHION SHOW

The 23rd Annual Croatian Woman Fashion Show will be today at 1 p.m. at the Croatian Cultural Center (2845 W Devon Ave.) in Chicago. Have fun and at the same time raise funds to help families in need in Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina as well as in the USA.

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH - BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

October is Respect Life Month. We started the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. They directly assist mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the 3 locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers.

Please, take home a baby bottle and use it to collect any change you may have. When the bottle is full simply return it to the us. Your contribution will help women in our area who are experiencing crisis pregnancies.



### OCTOBER MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

For the 4 Sundays in October, every Catholic parish is required to take a count of the number of people attending each Mass. This is an important source of information when the Archdiocese plans and makes decisions about the future.

### OCTOBER - MONTH OF MARY

The month of October is dedicated to Mary. During this month we, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. We pray rosary before Sunday Masses. Join us!

You are welcome to join the prayer group at our Friary chapel on Drexel Blvd. every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

Masses for All Saints' Day (holy day of obligation) will be on Friday, November 1, at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Marian Society will lead us in a prayer of rosary at 6:30 p.m. and assist with special prayers and meditation for our beloved deceased parishioners.

Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be on Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 a.m.

### LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Antoinette "Toni" Alfirevic, 80. Wife of the +George "Bud". Mother of Jay (Susan), Mark (Celia), Chris (Ann) and Rob. Grandmother of Melissa (David) Dracoules, Michael, Celia Jane, Karly Rose, Ashley and Connor. Sister of Joseph Jr. (+Rose) Poces and Dorothy (+Larry) Looze. She was buried on Thursday, October 17, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

### VISIT TO THE CEMETERIES ON ALL SOULS' DAY

We will be visiting and praying at the graves of our parishioners on All Souls' Day (Saturday, November 2). One priest will come at 10 a.m. to the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and start prayer at the Croatian Franciscan graves. At 11:30 a.m. we will meet at the Resurrection Cemetery at the Chapel. Another priest will come to the St. Mary's Cemetery at 10 a.m. and meet parishioners at the Office. Please, let us know if you would like us to stop at the grave of your loved one and pray with you.

### MEDJUGORJE, LOURDES AND FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Go as a pilgrim to the Marian shrines of Europe (Medjugorje, Lourdes, Fatima) with Fr. Stipe Renić. Trip dates: June 16-27, 2014. Cost: \$3,999.00 (Airfare and All Inclusive). For more information: proximotravel.com.

### JOIN US IN OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

**WEIGHTWATCHERS** - If you want to get in shape than join Weightwatchers. They come together on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Lower Small Hall.

**ZUMBA** - If you want to get in shape and have fun - join Zumba every Tuesday and Thursday in the Big Hall from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**CROATIAN SCHOOL FOR ADULTS** - If you want to learn Croatian - join Croatian School for Adults every Tuesday and Friday in the Upper Small Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Beginners are welcome! For more informations ask majabandalo@gmail.com or call 312-504-8099.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a beautiful time to pray and reflect with the Lord.

**AA** - Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Small Hall. This is a wonderful group of people who are following the 12 Step program.

### SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, October 27  
Sts. Cyril and Methodius Croatian Parish  
(New York) 100 Anniversary
- Thursday, October 31  
Halloween party (School Hall - from 5:30-8 p.m.)
- Friday, November 1  
All Saints' Day
- Saturday, November 2  
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)
- Sunday, November 3  
Croatian Mass in Rockford, IL

## MODNA REVIJA HRVATSKE ŽENE

Društvo Hrvatska žena - grana broj 1 Chicago danas priređuje 23. po redu Modnu reviju s početkom u 12:30 poslije podne. Revija s ručkom će se održati u Hrvatskom kulturnom centru (2845 W. Devon Ave.). Prihod ide za obitelji u potrebi iz SAD-a, Hrvatske i BiH.

## BOČICE ZA BEBE

Nastavljamo s projektom "Bočice za bebe". Uzmite dječje bočice, napunite ih novcem te ih vratite u crkvu. Na taj način ćemo pomoći The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Listopad je mjesec posvećen dostojanstvu života. Pomozimo majke koje su u nevolji da mogu roditi svoju djecu te dobiti potrebnu pomoć.

## POHODANJE SV. MISE U MJESECU LISTOPADU

U mesecu listopadu katoličke župa trebaju prebrojiti koliko ljudi dolazi na sv. misu. To je vrlo bitan pokazatelj vitalnosti pojedine župe. U isto vrijeme, ovo je prigoda da porazmislimo o svome sudjelovanju u sakramentima, osobito u sv. misi, te u životu naše hrvatske župe.



## LISTOPAD – MJESEC POSVEĆEN MARIJI

Mjesec listopad je posvećen Blaženoj Djevici Mariji i molitvi krunice. U krunici od Marije učimo kako slušati Evanđelje, odnosno Isusa, te želimo da nas ona vodi na putu kroz otajstva Isusova života. Krunicu molimo u 10:30 sati prije podne tj. prije hrvatske sv. mise.

## SVI SVETI I DUŠNI DAN

Svetkovinu Svih svetih slavimo u petak 1. studenoga a Spomen svih vjernih pokojnih (Dušni dan) u subotu 2. studenoga. Svetkovinom Svih svetih slavimo one koje je Crkva proglasila svetima (da su u nebu), ali i one koji nam nisu poznati a nalaze se u nebu - u zajedništvu s Bogom. Spomendanom svih vjernih pokojnih molimo za one koji su preminuli ali još nisu u nebu nego prolaze kroz čistilište. Svete mise će biti u petak (Svi sveti) u 7:30 i 9 sati ujutro te u 7 sati navečer. Marijino društvo će predvoditi molitvu krunice u 6:30 sati navečer (prije mise). U subotu (Dušni dan) sv. misu slavimo u 7:30 sati ujutro. Sjetimo se svojih pokojnih. Ako ove godine niste dali slaviti sv. misu za njih, učinite to ovih dana.

## POHOD GROBLJIMA NA DUŠNI DAN

U subotu 2. studenoga (Dušni dan) pohodit ćemo groblja i moliti za naše pokojne župljane. Jedan od svećenika će u 10 sati prije podne pohoditi groblje Holy Sepulchre i početi molitvu kod grobnice hrvatskih franjevaca. U 11:30 sati okupit ćemo se na groblju Resurrection te započeti molitvu kod kapelice. Drugi svećenik će doći na groblje St. Mary u 10 sati prije podne. Možemo se okupiti kod ureda groblja te početi s molitvom. Javite nam ako želite da pohodimo grob i vaših pokojnih te se zajedno pomolimo za njih.

## PROSLAVA MARTINJA

KUD Hrvatska baština priređuje proslavu Martinja u subotu 16. studenoga u našoj Školskoj dvorani s početkom u 7 sati navečer. Spomendan sv. Martina (11. studenoga) je vrijeme kada se u Hrvatskoj okupljaju prijatelji da bi kušali novo vino. Tako ćemo i mi imati kušanje novih vina proizvedenih u Chicagu od hrvatskih vinara. Ako i vi pravite vino, donesite par boca za kušanje i ocjenjivanje. Najbolji vinar će dobiti i nagradu. Svi ste dobro došli.

## PROSLAVA 40. GODIŠNJICE HRVATSKE ŠKOLE KARDINAL STEPINAC

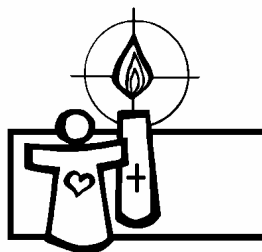
Hrvatska škola Kardinal Stepinac u subotu 30. studenoga slavi 40. godišnjicu postojanja i uspješnog rada. Proslava će započeti u 6:30 sati navečer. Pozivamo sve učenike i roditelje koji su u zadnjih 40 godina doprinjeli da se hrvatski jezik, kultura, pjesma i plesovi prenose na nove generacije Hrvata grada Chicaga i okolice.

## HRVATSKA ŠKOLA I VJERONAUKE

Hrvatska škola Kardinal Stepinac je započela svoju novu školsku godinu. Nastava se održava subotom od 8:30 sati ujutro do 12:30 sati poslije podne. Poštovani roditelji, molimo upišite svoju djecu, ako još niste stigli, te ih dovedite redovito i na vrijeme.

Hrvatska škola za odrasle je počeka s radom. Ako ste zainteresirani učiti hrvatski jezik a stariji ste od 18 godina pridružite se već osnovanoj grupi svakog utorka i petka u gornjoj maloj dvorani s početkom u 7:30 sati navečer. Za više detalja pošaljite upit na majabandalo@gmail.com ili zovite 312-504-8099.

Započeli smo i s novom vjeronaučnom godinom. Dragi roditelji, molimo, upišite svoju djecu i redovito ih dovedite na sv. misu i vjeronauk.



## MINISTRANTI - POSLUŽITELJI KOD OLTARA

Dragi roditelji, želite li da vaše dijete poslužuje kod oltara? Javite se u naš župni ured. Sva djeca koja su već primila prvu sv. pričest mogu posluživati kod oltara. Posluživati kod oltara je čast i milost.

## EUHARISTIJSKO KLANJANJE ČETVRTKOM

Euharistijsko klanjanje imamo svakog četvrtka od 7 do 9 sati navečer. Dođite pokloniti se Isusu i prinijeti mu svoje molitve i zahvale. *Dođite k meni, svi koji ste umorni i opterećeni i ja ću vas okrijepiti*, govori nam Isus.

## OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. In 2013, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 20.

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope bl. John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (Redemptoris Missio 81).

Pope bl. John Paul II has also spoken of the Propagation of the Faith's General Fund of support, calling this a "central fund of solidarity." In a message on a World Mission Sunday, the Pope said: "The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Mission dioceses - about 1,100 at this time - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. In addition, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples for assistance, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year. The world's national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.



## 20. LISTOPADA - MISIJSKA NEDJELJA

Misijska nedjelja dan je molitve i promicanja misija. Slavi se uvijek predzadnju nedjelju listopada, istog dana u svim biskupijama, župama i ustanovama katoličkog svijeta. U crkveni kalendar uveo ju je papa Pio XI. 1926. godine. Osim molitve za misije i upoznavanja misijskog rada vjernici su pozvani da u korist misija daju i dobrovoljne novčane priloge. Misije pomažu ljudima u najsiromašnijim zemljama svijeta: prehranom, medicinskom skrbi, obrazovanjem i Božjom Riječi. Odlazak u misije daje misionarima iznimno unutrašnje obogaćenje. Mnogi misionari u svojim su svjedočanstvima priznali kako su se vrlo brzo nakon odlaska priviknuli na život bez televizije, računala, ponekad i struje, kreveta ili čvrstog krova nad glavom. No istodobno su priznali kako su postali mnogo sretniji jer su im ljudi koje su susreli i s kojima žive u misijama pokazali kako je život ipak nešto više. Život s ljudima koji nikada nisu doživjeli "zapadnjački napredak", no zadržali su ono što mnogima nedostaje – iskrenost, jednostavnost i ljubav prema životu, ma kakav on bio – uistinu je, posvjedočili su mnogi, nešto posebno. Misionara i misionarki Crkve u Hrvata ima ukupno 93 i djeluju u 32 zemlje u Africi, Latinskoj Americi, Aziji, Oceaniji i misijskim područjima Europe.

Najveći broj misionara djeluje u Africi. Upravo tamo, s obzirom na teške i gotovo dramatične situacije ponekad su upravo misionari jedini koji donose pomoć kojom spašavaju život. Na Drugom vatikanskom saboru (1962.-1965.) donesen je Dekret o misijskoj djelatnosti Crkve "*Ad gentes*" koji traži da misionari navješćuju evanđelje vodeći računa o kulturi pojedinih naroda te da evanđelje nakalamljuju na klice dobra i istine koje je Bog posijao u dotični narod i prije dolaska kršćanstva među njegove pripadnike.

Sjetite se u svojoj molitvi svih misionara diljem svijeta koji svojim životom i nesebičnom zauzetošću svjedoče za Krista.