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Plans are underway for the 72nd Convention to be held in Atlantic City some time in August.

President Thomas E. Mack and the executive committee are working out the details and we will get them to you just as soon as they are completed.

If you've never attended a convention before, make sure you don't miss this one. The year of 1992 will be a year of celebrations for the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

First and foremost, on September 6, 1992 we will be celebrating the first anniversary of Lithuania's freedom from 50 years of Soviet domination.

Four days before that special day we will celebrate the day President George Bush granted recognition to Lithuania and on that same day, at the closing of the Congressional session in Moscow, legislator Arkadi Murashev said, "today literally was the end of the Soviet Union."

Then on September 3, the three Baltic republics applied for membership in the United Nations and on September 17, 1991, Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis and members of the Lithuanian delegation proudly took their seats along with six other new member nations.

American Lithuanians will proudly remember those dates in a special way this year.

The Lithuanian Catholic Alliance is doing a bit of its own celebrating in 1992. It's a Diamond Jubilee for the Alliance's official publication, Garsas

which will be 75 years old on May 17, 1992.

The Alliance will be celebrating 106 years of service to its members and, in recognition of those 106 years, will be featuring its \$2,000 Single Premium Policy for \$106 to all children under the age of five years.

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Pictured above is Melissa Ann Kozerski, one of our newest \$106 policy members, pictured with sister, Jennifer Lynn, also a member. Jennifer celebrated her third birthday this past November.

Melissa and Jennifer are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kozerski. They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William Kozerski, Plains, PA and the great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John Kozerski, also of Plains.

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Florence Eckert / The Changing Church

It was a beautiful church! The priest solemnly raised the host with both hands for all to see, and the chimes were sounded by the altar boy. The congregation bowed in respect to the "Body of Christ."

This was not a "symbol" of a replica of the Man-God. This was the BODY OF CHRIST!!

Through the words and actions of the priest at the altar, a simple wafer of unleavened bread became the body of Christ!

Nowhere in the world by kings, queens or the greatest of celebrities could a greater miracle than this be performed, and in the presence of simple, everyday people.

There is no admission charged, and saints and repented sinners alike are called to share in receiving this very body of Christ!

As a little girl, I remember how reverently we bowed our heads at this moment during the Mass. You could hear your heart inside you beating when the priest raised the host and the bells rang out, signaling the transformation taking place. I used to close my eyes and picture the choirs of angels that I felt came down from heaven, surrounding the altar and adoring Christ at this moment, and I made an act of contrition in anticipation of receiving my Lord.

Walking up to the altar rail where we used to kneel to receive, my head was bowed and my hands were folded. I was oblivious to all around me while waiting for that special moment when my soul would be nourished by my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With head bowed and hands folded, I walked back to my seat, where I knelt in meditation until the wafer dissolved in my mouth and I felt the presence of Jesus in my soul.

These very special moments of heavenly bliss I experienced were a reward of my upbringing by good and loving parents, who believed that love of God and love of neighbor came before all other responsibilities owed their children.

At an early age, I learned the meaning of love, respect and obedience, and my day ended with evening prayers at my mother's knee before being tucked into bed.

Dad worked hard to provide food, clothes and shelter, and Mom provided home-baked goodies, home-made toys and loads and loads of love and kisses.

She was always there, and that was much more important than a room full of expensive toys. I just can't imagine how frightened I would have been if I called, "Mama!" and she wasn't there! Morning, noon or night, you could reach out for mama's apron strings, whether she was busy cooking, sewing or washing clothes. Hanging onto those apron strings was such a secure feeling.

What has happened in my short lifetime to change all this so drastically? Where is the reverence, the respect and the tremendous awe over what is taking place on the altar at Mass? Why is everything treated so casually, and why are people ignoring the great miracle?

Attending Mass today, there are so many distractions there is little chance you could avoid them.

Two beautiful young couples directly in front of me at Mass were busily engaged in conversation and snickering while the priest was elevating the host and the transformation was taking place. This lack of interest was present in other areas of the church also. People are there in body, obviously fulfilling a duty but totally ignoring what is taking place on that altar!

How often do you see them ignore a rock star at a rock concert? Yet they ignore Jesus present on this altar before them!!

After the host is elevated and just before the congregation is invited to receive, about one third of the congregation rushes out the door. Where are they going? Mass isn't over. What an insult to the King of Kings!!!

The young communicants have no resemblance whatsoever to the children of my day. All the way up the aisle, they're looking all over, and if friends are together, they're kidding around, etc. When they receive, they walk back grinning and chewing as if they had a mouth full of caramel candy. No reverence whatsoever -- no contemplation of what just took place. I even witnessed (more than once) a child take chewing gum out and place it on the back of his hand until he received, and then,

back goes the gum in the mouth.

The sad part of it all is these children are not to be criticized, but rather to be pitied. A check with them would reveal they have little if any idea what is taking place on that altar.

Where would they learn about it all? The family has been all but abolished from the American scene. The Madonna they know is the one who wears undergarments as outergarments and is everything but a model of modesty.

Who has taught them morning or night prayers, love of God and Neighbor, modesty and respect?

They are being raised in a sex-oriented society where anything goes. Condoms are distributed in schools and pregnant little girls are a common sight in today's classrooms.

During this Holy Season of Lent, take a good look at the cross above the altar (if it's still there). Today it's an image, but tomorrow -- one tomorrow -- you will stand before HIM -- the God who gave these children to you, and you will answer to Him for the way you raised them.

Did you teach them about HIM? Did you teach them to love their neighbor? Did you teach them the Ten Commandments?

If you didn't -- you robbed them of knowing, loving and serving God, and not they -- but YOU -- will answer for this!!

If a change is needed, make it now. IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!!!

Garsas Copies Available

We have extra copies of GARSAS available to members who would like to pick them up at the Home Office any day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This was an exciting year for Lithuanians and there are photos and stories that might be of

interest to save or send to relative in Lithuania.

The copies will be available until the 28th of February after which time the remaining issues will be destroyed.

Sorry! We are not able to send any through the mail.

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Retired Berklee Composer to Receive Top Honor at Lithuanian Independence Celebration

For Jerome Kachinskas, composer, conductor and retired Berklee College of Music professor, the road home has been a long one. Forty-seven years after fleeing from the Communist regime that conquered his native Lithuania during World War II, Kachinskas has been invited back to receive his country's 1991 Composition Prize during celebrations commemorating the first anniversary of Lithuanian Independence on February 16.

This October, in his first return to his homeland since 1944, Kachinskas received a long-overdue welcome home. A six-concert festival of his music served to reacquaint the Lithuanian people with one of their most important twentieth-century composers and conductors.

Not forgotten:

Though nearly five decades have passed since his departure, Kachinskas was never forgotten. The new Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Culture (created after the collapse of the Soviet Regime) and an association of Lithuanian composers supported an effort to seek out and present the music of distinguished Lithuanian emigres. Kachinskas was invited back to Lithuania in October, 1991, for an extensive homecoming celebration and festival devoted exclusively to his chamber, choral and orchestral music. The event netted full television coverage and captured the attention of the national press.

The trip home was a deeply moving and emotional one. Kachinskas was reunited with friends and relatives, and he visited places he had not seen since the war years.

Genesis

For Jeronimas Kachinskas, who describes his life as an odyssey, it all began in Vidukle, Lithuania, where he was born in 1907. The son of a church organ-

ist, Kachinskas was exposed to the classics very early in life. Upon reaching his twenties, he entered the conservatory in Klaipeda to study viola, piano and composition. Further studies took him to the Prague Conservatory in Czechoslovakia in 1929 where, after earning his bachelor's degree in composition, he stayed on to pursue further study in quarter-tone composition and conducting, before returning to Lithuania in 1931.

As his compositions began attracting attention at European contemporary music festivals, he became acquainted with Paul Hindemith, Luigi Dallapiccola and Alan Rawsthorne, his peers in the rising generation of composers. In 1938, his *Nonet* was performed at the International Festival of Contemporary Music in London. After the concert, which also featured a work by Oliver Messiaen and Bela Bartok's *Concerto for Two Pianos, Percussion and Orchestra*, Bartok praised the work of the younger Kachinskas.

Simultaneously, Kachinskas held a teaching position at the State Conservatory in Vilnius the Lithuanian capitol city, and a succession of conducting posts for 12 years with the Klaipeda Symphony Orchestra, the Kaunas Radio Orchestra and the State Opera and Philharmonic Orchestras in Vilnius. His career continued uninterrupted, even during Lithuania's German occupation. By 1944, he had directed more than 1000 orchestral and opera concerts and radio broadcasts.

Exodus

Conditions went from bad to worse when the Russians overran the country in 1944. Many of Kachinskas' early scores were destroyed in bombing attacks. Personal clashes with the new conquerors convinced him that he could not live under Russian domination.

"We spent one year under Stalin, and it was very harsh," remembers Kachinskas. "One of my wife's brothers was shot, another was sent off to Siberia. The Russians had forbidden my compositions to be played after the state declared them bourgeois and decadent. I became outspoken and perhaps too provocative towards them because I felt so strongly that they should not interfere with my work as a composer and conductor. Someone informed me that my name was on the second list of people to be taken away to Siberia, so in June of 1944, my wife, Elena, and I escaped."

They left most of their belongings, including his piano, behind in their apartment and made their exodus with a group of people.

"I put a few necessities and what was left of my manuscripts, concert programs and reviews into a horse-drawn farm cart," states Kachinskas, "and we left. We managed to get about 250 miles from Vilnius, avoiding encirclement on three separate occasions. Finally we were caught in the middle of a battle and had to abandon the cart in the road. At that point, my only thought was to save my wife's life. I don't know what happened to my music. I'll probably never know whether it was picked up or thrown away."

Kachinskas and Elena walked another 300 miles to Lednice, Czechoslovakia. Finding it also occupied by the Russians, they continued on to Augsburg, Germany, which was American-held territory. There they were taken to a displaced persons camp, where the Americans fed and housed them. While at Augsburg, the indomitable Kachinskas set about organizing groups for choral concerts in the camp. With help from former contacts, he arranged for appearances as guest conductor in three Lud-



JEROME KACHINSKAS

wigsbouw Hall concerts with the Augsburg City Orchestra (a major German orchestra at the time), as well as appearances with the Prague Radio Symphony, and the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra in Yugoslavia. Eventually, with advice and help from new American friends, Jeronimas and Elena Kachinskas made their way to America, arriving on March 24, 1949.

New Beginnings

Settling in Boston, Kachinskas took a job playing organ and directing the choir for the parish at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in South Boston. He met Berklee College of Music professor John Bavicchi, who became an important advocate, helping him find work and mounting numerous performances of his works.

"I encouraged him to apply for a job as conductor of the Melrose Symphony Orchestra," Bavicchi states. "He was concerned that his English might not be strong enough to communicate his ideas to the orchestra, but he was hired, and language was not a problem. Later when Berklee needed a conducting teacher, I felt it would be of benefit to the

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The Strange Lithuanian Verbal System

Did you know there is not a single compound verb in the Lithuanian language?

Well, according to Antanas Klimas, noted Lithuanian linguist, the possibilities of word-formation of the Lithuanian verbal system are very limited. He notes there are only twelve prefixes and seven suffixes and absolutely no compounded verbs!

Klimas, Associate Professor of German at the University of Rochester, studied at the University of Kaunas and the Baltic University (Hamburg, Germany) and completed his studies at the University of Pennsylvania with a PhD. in Germanic Linguistics in 1956. He taught at the University of Pennsylvania from 1950-1957, and has been teaching at the University of Rochester since 1957, where he is now Professor of German linguistics.

In an article in the quarterly "Lituanas," Klimas writes, "Linguistics noticed a long time ago an interesting and curious fact, a kind of discrepancy be-

tween the word-formation possibilities of the Lithuanian noun and verb systems. The word-formation possibilities of the Lithuanian nominal system are enormous: there are about 600 derivative suffixes, many prefixes and there are at least fourteen ways of forming new compound nouns.

"On the other hand, the possibilities of word-formation of the Lithuanian verbal system are very much more limited, namely there are only twelve prefixes and seven suffixes. There is not a single compound verb in Lithuanian at all!

"Furthermore, only the basic verbs of motion and concrete action can take all the 12 prefixes; some verbs take only one or two. And as to suffixes, only a certain number of nouns and adjectives lend themselves to be the base words from which one or more derivative verbs can be formed.

"We shall now list, alphabetically, the 12 verbal prefixes, illustrating them with derivative verbs, all made with the basic verb *eti* 'to go.'

- (1) ap- : *apeti* 'to go (walk) around sm.; to avoid'
- (2) at- : *ateiti* 'to come, to arrive (on foot)'
- (3) i- : *ieiti* 'to go into/in, to enter, to be part of'
- (4) is- : *iseti* 'to go/walk out, to leave'
- (5) nu- : *nueti* 'to go/walk somewhere, reach'
- (6) pa- : *paeti* 'to walk a little, to be able to walk'
- (7) par- : *pareiti* 'to come home; to return'
- (8) per- : *pereiti* 'to cross (on foot); to walk through sm.'
- (9) pra- : *praeiti* 'to pass; to walk by'
- (10) pri- : *prieti* 'to approach (on foot)'
- (11) su- : *sueti* 'to gather together'
- (12) uz- : *uzeiti* 'to drop in/by; to go up'

NB. If the appropriate verb begins with a labial (p or b), then *ap-* becomes *api-* e.g., *begti* '(to run)'; becomes *apibegti* 'to run around sm.' If the appropriate verb begins with a dental (t or d), then *at-* becomes *ati-*, e.g., *daryti* 'to make'; becomes *atidaryti* 'to open'.

"Furthermore, many prefixed verbs have many meanings; we have given here only the very basic ones.

Some prefixes can be used only with the reflexive verb of the same base; e.g., *melsti* 'to beg' cannot be prefixed with *pa-*: in other words, there is no **pamelsti*, but the reflexive, *pasimelsti* 'to pray for a short while' is frequently used.

"To further illustrate the usage of the prefixes, we shall now list the reflexive forms as well:

Non-reflexive

apimti 'to extend, to contain'
atimti 'to take away, to remove'
imti 'to take in, as a dress'
isimti 'to take out'
nuimti 'to remove'
paimti 'to remove'
parimti: (not used)
perimti 'to take over'
praimti 'to start on sm.'
priimti 'to accept, receive'
suimti 'to arrest, grab firmly'
uzimti 'to occupy'

Reflexive

apsimti 'to take upon one self'
atsimti 'to take back, retake'
isimti 'to get carried away in wrestling'
issimti 'to take out for oneself'
nusimti 'to take down'
pasimti 'to take along'
parsimti (not used)
persimti 'to get enthused about sm.'
prasmimti 'to begin doing sm.'
prisimti 'to hoard'
susimti 'to pull oneself together'
uzsimti 'to be preoccupied with sm.'

"As in so many other cases, quite often the meaning of the derived verb depends on the situation, on the contents of the entire sentence. A native speaker usually will always know which one to use; the learner has to consult some very extensive dictionaries with many practical examples.

Editor's note: To study this more extensively, we suggest the book, *Introduction to Modern Lithuanian*, co-authored by Dambriunas, Klimas and Schmalstieg.

Now to go a bit into the suffixes, Klimas writes,

"The seven suffixes are:

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| (1) - (i)auti: <i>tarnas</i> 'servant' | <i>tarnauti</i> 'to serve' |
| (2) - enti: <i>gyvas</i> '(a)live': | <i>gyventi</i> 'to live' |
| (3) - eti: <i>kalba</i> 'language': | <i>kalbeti</i> 'to speak' |
| (4) - inti: <i>geras</i> 'good': | <i>gerinti</i> 'to make better, to improve' |
| (5) - yti: <i>taupas</i> 'thrifty': | <i>taupyti</i> 'to save (money)' |
| (6) - (i)oti: <i>galva</i> 'head': | <i>galvoti</i> 'to think' |
| (7) - (i)uoti: <i>daina</i> 'song': | <i>dainuoti</i> 'to sing' |

NB: Strictly speaking, since the *-ti* (an old dative) is the normal infinitive ending, then the real suffixes (or suffixal morphemes) are only: *-(i)au-*, *-en-*, *-e-*, *-in-*, *-y-*, *(i)o* and *(i)uo-*, but from the practical point of view, we shall use the suffixes together with the infinitive ending, thus: *-(i)auti*, *-enti*, *-eti*, *-inti*, *-yti*, *-(i)oti* and *-(i)uoti*.

Editor's note: We have given a wee bit of insight into the very difficult Lithuanian language through the linguistic knowledge of Antanas Klimas. For young scholars with an interest into this very complex language, we suggest seeking out some of Klimas' works along with those of other noted linguists.



In ancient Greece the laurel tree was considered sacred to the god Apollo, patron of poets. Hence poets who won distinction were crowned with a wreath of laurels.

Lithuanians Celebrate "Kucios"



This past holiday Christmas season the Knights of Lithuanian Council 143 held a "Kucios" celebration recently at St. Casimir's Parish hall in Pittston. Kucios is observed Christmas eve with the appearance of the first evening star. Dinner consisting of twelve foods is served with family members present. The twelve foods reminds us of the twelve apostles at the Last Supper. Seated from left: Rosalie Kizis, LCA Trustee; Rev. Edward Barrett, spiritual advisor of council 143; Dorothy Banos; Rev. Mark Rossetti;

Nellie Bayoras Romanas, president; Msgr. Gerald Burns, pastor; Rosemary Durling; Frances Shoppel, co-chairman; Annamarie Sewatsky; Ann Walatkas, publicity; Mary Chorba. Standing from left: Steve Soka, Frances Evans, Charles Daynosky, Marcella Bartoli, Anna Davala, Anna Soka, Martha Warnagiris, Jean Malichek, Helen Karpovich, Gen. Dajnowski, Mary Timek, Helen Butsavage, William Daileda.

K of L Council 143 Hosts Amber District Meeting

A meeting of the Amber District of the Knights of Lithuanian was hosted by Council 143 of Pittston, PA at St. Casimir's Church Hall in Pittston.

Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Gerald Burns followed by dinner in the church hall. Nine councils were represented and new officers were elected.

The St. Casimir's Day meeting will be hosted by Council 118, Hazleton, PA., March 8, 1992.

The 79th National Convention will be hosted by Anthracite Council 144 at the Allentown Hilton Hotel, Allentown, PA. July 16-19

Funeral Directors Hold Installations



The Luzerne County Funeral Directors Association held its annual installation of officers and executive board members at the HoJo Inn, Hemingway's complex, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. President Mark V. Yanaitis of Hudson installed the officers and executive board members to their offices. Principals at the dinner were seated from left: Martha Yanaitis, Marilyn Gubbiotti-Jones, vice-president; Mary Sites, Pat Yeosock, Ruth Morris and Dr. Lauren Argenio. Standing: Mark Yanaitis, president; James M. Desiderio, executive board; John J. Peters, immediate past president; Edwin Sites, executive board; Michael J. Yeosock, secretary-treasurer; John V. Morris, executive board, and H. Merritt Hughes, district governor. Mr. and Mrs. Sites are members of Lodge 7 and Mr. Sites serves as Director of the LCA.

Berklee

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college to have someone of his stature teaching the subject, so I recommended him."

Kachinskas joined the Berklee faculty in 1967 and taught conducting and composition there for 19 years. During those years, Bavicchi and other Berklee faculty members presented and participated in numerous performances of Kachinskas' works, including his Mass, saxophone quartets, choral music and songs.

"Teaching at a jazz school did not hurt me," muses Kachinskas. "I remember once Berklee founder and Chancellor Lawrence Berk played me a classical melody and asked if I could help him identify the composer. I jokingly asked if he thought I could still be trusted to do that as I'd been teaching at Berklee for so many years. I enjoyed my time at Berklee very much and met many gifted students."

A Tale to Tell

Retired from teaching now, Kachinskas continues to play the organ on Sunday mornings at St. Peter's in South Boston, and to compose. During his recent homecoming, he received a commission from the Klaipeda Conservatory to compose a four-movement work for chorus and orchestra to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the founding of the city by the Crusaders.

"I'm working like mad to meet the May deadline," states Kachinskas. "My cantata will blend modern themes with those of traditional Lithuanian folk music. The text is historical and describes ancient patriotic tales as well as modern ones. Through the ages, Lithuania has known many invading armies."

As a witness to some of the most dramatic events of Lithuania's 20th-century history, Jeronimas Kachinskas is the right composer to tell the tale.

Marie Yanulus and Anthony Calderoni United in Marriage



MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY A. CALDERONI

Marie Catherine Yanulus, Reading, PA., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Yanulus, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Anthony A. Calderoni, also of Reading, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony A. Calderoni, Kenhorst, were recently united in marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Rev. Thomas Carten, friend of the couple. Readers were Cynthia Szmigala and Jack Calderoni, uncle of the groom.

A reception was held at Genetti's, Wilkes-Barre.

The bride is a graduate of G.A.R. High School; Moravian College, Bethlehem, where she

received a bachelor's degree in English; and Kutztown University, where she received a master's degree in English. She is employed by CNA Insurance, Reading.

The groom, a graduate of Governor Mifflin High School, attended Reading Area Community College. He is employed by Berks and Reading Area Transportation Authority, and is also a part-time photographer.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple are residing in Reading. The bride is a member of Lodge 222.

Special Notice

In the January 9, 1992 issue of Draugus, it was reported that a Lithuanian bank refused to accept \$500 in American dollars (banknotes) because they were "crushed."

The customer then asked an American/Lithuanian to cash them in an American bank

where it was discovered the money was counterfeit.

From this report, it appears there are many counterfeit bills circulating in Lithuania.

Americans should notify their relatives in Lithuania to be wary about accepting dollar bills from strangers.

Kozerski Becomes Certified Appraiser

William J. Kozerski, Realtor, has been notified by the Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, that he has met all the qualifications as required by the Act 1990-98 of July 10, 1990 to become a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser.

Owner/operator of Kozerski Real Estate, Plains, he is a lifelong resident of Plains, graduate of Plains High School and holds an associate degree in Business Administration from King's College as well as the designation KRI from the King's College Real Estate Institute.

Kozerski is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Wilkes-Barre board; National Association of Realtors Appraisal Section and the national Associate of Real Estate Appraisers with the designation of CREA.

A member of the Plains Lions Club, he is a Past District Governor of District 14-W Lions Clubs International, member of the board of Directors of the North-



WILLIAM J. KOZERSKI

eastern Pennsylvanian Lions Eye Bank, Bethlehem; Upper Valley Eye-Bank district 14-W Lions Clubs, and several community and civic organizations.

Married to the former Shirley Logan, of Plains the couple have six children. He is the son of John and Mary Kozerski of Plains. John is secretary of Lodge 212.

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Anthony Snipas Honored at Council 302 K of C Dinner



ANTHONY SNIPAS

The Wilkes-Barre Knights of Columbus Council 302 celebrated its 94th anniversary with a dinner-dance on Saturday, January 25 at the Council Home, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

As part of the evening's program, Council 302 honored Anthony Snipas, who has served in many capacities since he became a member 35 years ago.

He is a member of Council 302 and has served for several years as church activities direc-

tor for Council 302. He also served as chairman of the Council Chapel Committee.

In addition to his involvement in Council 302, Mr. Snipas is very active in his parish of Holy Trinity Church and the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, of which he has been a member for 43 years. He served as president of the Diocesan Retreat League for three terms. He has been very helpful over the years in organizing the Council's annual retreat, along with others throughout the area.

During World War II, Mr. Snipas served with the U.S. Army in Europe. He was involved in the landing at Omaha Beach and other battles, and he received the Bronze Star and several Battle Stars. He was employed at the Tobyhanna Army Depot for many years and was involved in the construction of some of the buildings located at the facility in Tobyhanna, PA. His wife, Frances, died in 1986. He was married for 41 years and has four children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Snipas is a member of Lodge 17 and serves on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Banos Installed as K of L President



DOROTHY BANOS

Dorothy Banos of Pittston, PA, was installed as president of the Knights of Lithuania Council 143 Pittston at ceremonies held recently at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston.

Preceding the Mass, Msgr. Gerald Burns, pastor, gave the oath of office to the new president and all incoming officers.

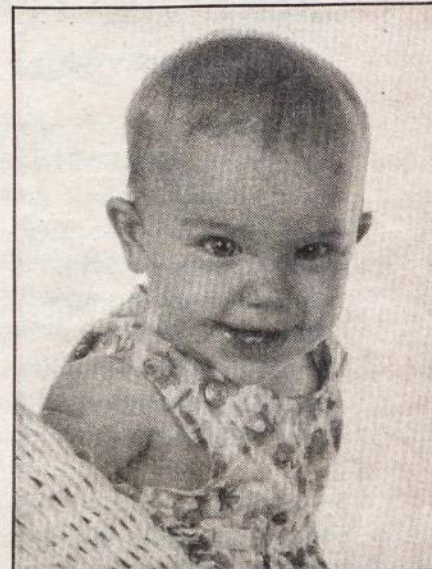
Included was Trustee Rosalie Kizis, who is also Trustee for the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

Birthday Greetings

Birthday greetings go out to Emily Marie Stankaitis, who celebrated her first birthday on February 2, 1992.

Emily Marie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Stankaitis, Honeoye Falls, NY. She is a member of Lodge 36.

Dr. Stankaitis serves as Medical Examiner on the Board of LCA.



EMILY MARIE STANKAITIS



DR. JONAS RACKAUSKAS

It's the big 5-0 for Prof. Dr. Jonas Rackauskas of Oak Lawn, Illinois. Professor Rackauskas first joined the Alliance in 1951 and is a Fully Paid Up member of Lodges 163 and 45.

He resides at 10425 S. Kenton, Oakland, Illinois 60453.

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Vice-President Dan Quayle Visits Baltics

Vice-President Dan Quayle travels to the Baltics this month visiting Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. The trip, which will run from February 5-11, will also take him to Finland, France, Germany, Switzerland and Great Britain.

He will be the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit those countries since they gained their independence from the former Soviet Union.

Vice-President Quayle's schedule includes a speech in Independence Square, Vilnius.

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PERTVARKYTA LIETUVOS BAŽNYTINĖ PROVINCIJA

— Arkivyskupas Audrys Bačkis paskirtas pirmuoju Vilniaus metropolitu —

Vatikano ir Vilniaus radijo stotys 1991 m. gruodžio 24 d., vidurdienį Romos laiku, paskelbė žinią, kad Šv. Tėvas Jonas Paulius II Vilniaus arkivyskupu paskyrė arkivyskupą Audrį Bačkį. Iškilmingas įžengimas į Vilniaus katedrą ir arkivyskupijos valdymo perėmimas įvyks 1992 m. kovo 4 d., šv. Kazimiero šventėje.

Prel. Ladas Tulaba, P.A., iš Romos praneša, kad Popiežius oficialiu apaštalinio raštu, datuotu 1991 m. gruodžio 24 d., paskelbė naują Lietuvos Bažnytinės Provincijos sudarymą.

Popiežius Pijus XI 1926 m. balandžio 4 d. apaštaline konstitucija "Lituanorum Gente" įsteigė pirmąją Lietuvos Bažnytinę Provinciją su metropolija Kaune ir keturiomis sufraganinėmis diecezijomis: Kaišiadorių, Telšių, Paņevėžio ir Vilkaviškio.

Dabar popiežius Jonas Paulius II paskelbė naujai pertvarkytą Lietuvos Bažnytinės Provincijos santvarką su dviem — Vilniaus ir Kauno — metropolijomis ir keturiomis sufraganinėmis die-

cezijomis: dviem prie Vilniaus (Kaišiadorių ir Panevėžio) ir dviem prie Kauno (Telšių ir Vilkaviškio).

Visa tai įvyko, kai atsirado galimybė tai įvykdyti, tai yra, kai Lietuva atgavo politinę nepriklausomybę. Vilniaus arkidiecezija prie Lietuvos Bažnytinės Pro-

vincijos priskirta ne šiaip sau, bet priskirta kaip metropolija su dviem sufraganinėmis diecezijomis, su pirmaujančia role krašte, kaip ir dera sostinei. Naujuoju Vilniaus arkivyskupu ir pirmuoju metropolitu paskirtas arkivyskupas Audrys Bačkis, paskutiniu metu laikęs Vatikano pranciškajaus pareigas Olandijoje.

LIETUVOS AMBASADOS JUNGTINĖMS TAUTOMS VEIKLA IR RŪPESČIAI

Lietuvos Ambasados Jungtinėms Tautoms veikla ir išsilikymui besirūpinantiems pranešama, kad pastaruoju metu, gavus Tautos Fondo — VLIKo kelis stambesnius čekius, gruodžio 9 d. atidaryta speciali sąskaita ambasados Jungtinėms Tautoms aptarnaujamame banke. Ton sąskaiton bus dedamos įvairios lėšos, gautos ambasados išlaidoms ir veiklai. Išmokėjimai bus daromi vien tik su Lietuvos Ambasados veikimu surišktais išlaidomis.

Lietuvos Ambasada pradėjo veikti nuo rugsėjo 17 dienos, t.y.

tos dienos, kai Lietuva tapo pilnateise Jungtinių Tautų nare. Iki šiol Ambasada gyveno, taip saktant, skolon. Tai nebuvo per daug sunku, nes visi penki jos nariai bent laikinai dirba kaip savanoriai, be algų, išskiriant vieną atvejį. Be to, Ambasada yra prisiglaudusi Lietuvos Generalinio Konsulato patalpose be nuomos mokesčio.

Jungtinės Tautos yra konkre-

plačiojo pasaulio arena, kurioje Lietuvos balsas gali būt išgirstas. Džiugu, kad lietuvių visuomenė tą padėtį gerai supranta ir įvertina. Tai didelis paskatinimas ir moralinė parama pirmuosius įsikūrimo žygius atliekantiems, ypatingai, jei pagalba ateina net jos neprašant.

Šia proga ir vienas kitas žodis apie Lietuvos Ambasados Jungtinėms Tautoms pagrindinį darbą. Jis padalintas į septynis komitetus. Normaliai suprantama, kad kiekviena valstybė turės bent po vieną atstovą tuose komitetuose. Iš to aišku, kad ir mažos valstybės ambasada privalo turėti bent penkis ar šešis narius.

Štai, kaip Lietuvos Ambasados žmonės šiuo metu darbais pasiskirstę: Pirmajam — Politiniam ir Saugumo Komitete, ir Specialiajam Politiniam Komitete, kartu su Gurecku, veikia viceministras Gediminas Šerkšnys. Nors kaip svečias jis į oficialų delegacijos sąrašą neįtrauktas, jo veiklai jokių apribojimų nėra. Aktyviai dalyvaudamas komitetų posėdžiuose, jis turi puikią progą susipažinti su Jungtinių Tautų organizacija ir veikimu.

Antrajam (ekonominiam), ketvirtajam (kolonijų) ir šeštajam (teisiniame) komitete pakaitom veikia Algimantas Gureckas. Trečiajam Komitete (socialinių, humanitarinių ir kultūrinių reikalų) — Gintė Damušytė.

Šiuo metu sunkiausias darbas yra Penktajam Komitete (biudžeto), kur vyksta svarstymai ir derinimas dėl nario mokesčio nustatymo dydžio Lietuvai, Latvijai ir Estijai. Pagal senus ir ne visai realius skaičiavimus Lietuvai tektų net iki milijono dolerių metinio nario mokesčio. Šiame komitete darbuojasi Darius Sužiedėlis.

Šalia tų komitetų, veikia daug institucijų specialioms reikálams. Kaip pavyzdžiui, Pasaulinė Sveikatos Organizacija — World Health Organization (WHO) ir UN Development Programme (UNDP). Pastarosios atstovai gruodžio 7-11 dienomis lankėsi Vilniuje ir aptarė ilgalaikio vystymosi programos sustatymą ir vykdymą Lietuvoje. Pirmuoju Lietuvos atstovu

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Arkivyskupo Audrio Bačkio konsekrecijos proga į Vatikaną suvažiavę lietuviai vyskupai 1988 m. spalio 5 d. (sekančią dieną po konsekrecijos) popiežiaus Jono Pauliaus II buvo priimti privačioje audiencijoje ir pakviesti pietų. Nuotraukoje iš k.: vysk. Juozas Preičkas, arkivysk. Julijonas Steponavičius, Šv. Tėvas, arkivysk. Audrys Bačkis, vysk. Antanas Deksnys, vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM. Nuotr. Arturo Mari, Vatikano oficialaus fotografo.

VATIKANO NUNCIJUS TIKI LIETUVA, LATVIJA, ESTIJA

— Arkivyskupas Justo Mullor Garcia kalba apie savo naujas pareigas —

Pereitų metų gruodžio viduryje Popiežiškoje Šv. Kazimiero Lietuvių kolegijoje Romoje lankėsi neseniai nuncijumi Lietuvoje, Latvijoje ir Estijoje paskirtasis arkivyskupas Justo Mullor Garcia.

Naujasis nuncijus maloniai atsakė į Vatikano Radijo lietuvių programos redakatoriaus klausimus:

Ekscelencija, Jūs neseniai buvote paskirtas apaštalinio nuncijumi Pabaltijo kraštuose: Lietuvoje, Latvijoje ir Estijoje. Su kokiais jausmais priėmėte šį Šv. Tėvo paskyrimą?

Sunku keliais žodžiais nusakyti jausmus kuriais priėmiau šį paskyrimą. Nes tų jausmų tikrai daug ir jie įvairūs. Visų pirma, esu labai patenkintas, kad galėsiu atstovauti Šv. Tėvui jūsų tėvynėje ir Latvijoje bei Estijoje.

Po penkiasdešimties metų Popiežius pagaliau turi savo atstovą tarp jūsų. Taip pat jaučiu pasitenkinimą grynai žmogiškąja prasme. Prieš ketverius metus mirusi mano motina, tarytum išpranašaudama, kad ateis diena, kai Popiežius pasiųs savo atstovus į Pabaltijo kraštus, man pasakė: "Tu vyksi į tuos kraštus". Dėl to aš tikrai šiuo paskyrimu džiaugiuosi ir didžiuojuosi.

Džiaugiuosi taip pat kaip diplomatas: nes šių metų vasario mėnesį kalbėdamas Genevoje primygtinai reikalavau Pabaltijo kraštų pripažinimo, o tose pačiose patalpose drauge sėdėjo ir Pabaltijo kraštus okupavusios valstybės atstovai.

Kai kam tada atrodė, kad aš kalbu apie kažkokią utopiją. Tai gi visa tai turint omenyje, aš be galo džiaugiuosi, kaip kunigas ir kaip žmogus, džiaugiuosi, kad man lemta būti diplomatinio atstovu Vilniuje, Rygoje ir Taline. Vykstu pas jus kaip visuotinės Bažnyčios tarnas, vykstu įsiklausyti į jūsų lūkesčius, jūsų jausmus, jūsų problemas ir drauge vykstu jums kalbėti Popiežiaus vardu, taigi vykstu pas jus, kad būčiau Popiežiaus balso skleidėjas ir iš kitos pusės, kad Popiežiaus pavedimu klausyčiau ir stebėčiau jūsų tikrovę.

Gal galėtumėte apie save ką nors papasakoti?

Apie save tikrai nedaug ką galiu pasakyti. Visų pirma esu krikščionis, paskui esu kunigas, vyskupas, esu žmogus besisten-giantis būti jautrus kitų problemoms. Esu ispanas, iš dalies vokiečių kilmės, iš motinos pusės. Didelę savo gyvenimo dalį — 22 metus — praleidau už savo tėvynės ribų. Devynerius metus Romoje dirbau Šv. Sosto tarnyboje, nunciatūrose Belgijoje ir Portugalijoje, įsteigiau Apaštalu Sosto atstovybę prie Europos Tarybos Strasboure, iš ten buvau pasiūstas į tris Afrikos kraštus, ypač Dramblio Kaulo Kranto respublikoje patyriau didžiulį misionieriškojo darbo džiaugsmą.

Pastaruju metu dirbau Genevoje. Domėjausi socialinėmis problemomis, parašiau dvi knygas: Ispanijoje buvo išleista *Naujoji Krikščionybė* ir šiemet Ispanijoje ir Italijoje — knyga *Dievas tiki žmogumi*. Parafrazuodamas šios pastarosios knygos pavadinimą, sakau jums, kad aš tikiu Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija.

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Jūsų misija Pabaltijo kraštuose?

Visų pirma, norėčiau kuo greičiausiai vykti į Vilnių, kai tik bus įrengtos patalpos prie Šventųjų Petro ir Pauliaus bažnyčios. Nuvykęs pirmiausia susitiksiu su broliais vyskupais, užmegsiu ryšius su valdžia, su žmonėmis, su jaunimu, su vienuoliais ir vienuolėmis.

Aš manau, kad nuncijus, norėdamas nustatyti planus, visų pirma turi įsiklausyti į vietos žmonių balsą. Svarbiausia užduotimi man bus likti ištikimu Popiežiaus minties skleidėju ir ištikimai Šv. Tėvui perduoti lietuvių lūkesčius ir problemas.

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UNDP Turkijoje, Ankaroje, vykstančioms svarstyboms gamtos apsaugos klausimais pakviestas I. Kiškis. UNDP apmokėjo

— Zenonas Juknevičius paskirtas Lietuvos teisingumo ministro pirmuoju pavaduotoju.

kelionės išlaidas ir parūpino pilną pragyvenimą

Turint galvoje, kad prie tų visų darbų Lietuvos Ambasada tenka rūpintis tinkamų patalpų įsigijimu ar bent išsinuomavimu, finansinė našta gali tapti sunkiai pakeliama, ypatingai, kai pasibaigus savanorystės laikotarpiui, penkiems tarnautojams reikės mokėti algas.

Kaip ten bebūtų, Lietuvos Ambasada iš gautų ir pažadėtų išteklių, kukliai elgdamasi, tikisi išsilaikyti iki sekančios vasaros vidurio. Tuo metu Lietuva gal jau turės savo valiutą ir bus ekonomiškai tiek sustiprėjusi, kad galės perimti savo Ambasados išlaikymą.

Norintieji prie Ambasados išlaikymo prisidėti, čekius gali rašyti: Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations, 41 West 82 Street, New York, NY 10024.

Tautos Fondui — VLIKui ir visiems Ambasados įsikūrimą ir veiklą parėmusiems nuoširdžiai dėkoju. Taip pat nuoširdus ačiū ir savanoriams talkininkams.

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Vilniuje mitinguoja Laisvės Lyga. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

VILNIAUS SŪNUS ŽENGLIA Į ALTORIŲ GARBĘ

— Lietuvos ir Lenkijos šventuoju kanonizuotas vienuolis Kalinauskas —

Šalia šventojo Kazimiero, Bažnyčios altorių garbėje lietuviams išskyla naujas šventasis — Juozapas Rapolas Kalinauskas, kurį, kaip ir šventąjį Kazimierą, pagrįstai savinasi abi tautos: lietuviai ir lenkai. Tai pabrėžia ir Popiežius.

Kai lapkričio 17 d. Šv. Petro bazilikoje jisai aukojo iškilmingas mišias, kurių metu Bažnyčios šventuoju paskelbė karmelitą vienuolį kunigą Juozapą Rapolą Kalinauską, po Evangelijos Popiežius pasveikino lenkus ir lietuvius.

Į lietuvius jis kreipėsi šiais žodžiais: "Brangūs broliai, atvykę jau iš laisvos Lietuvos. Sveikinu jus visus: Lietuvos vyskopus, kunigus, pasauliečius tikinčiuosius ir nuoširdžiai laiminu visą jūsų brangią tėvynę".

Toliau Jonas Paulius II kalbėjo: "Šiandien Bažnyčios šventuoju skeliamo Juozapo Rapolo Kalinausko lūpas galime įdėti tautų apaštalo šv. Pauliaus žodžius: "...aš veržiuosi pirmyn, į tikslą, siekiu laimikio aukštubėse, kurio Dievas kviečia siekti Jėzuje Kristuje" (Fil. 3.13-14).

Toks siekimas, toks veržimasis pirmyn, reikalauja didelio pasiaukojimo, didelio uolumo ir nuolankumo. Šv. Rapolas Kalinauskas, nė kiek neabejodamas, žengė šiuo apaštalo Pauliaus nurodytu keliu. Paliko viską, ką turėjo, ir veržėsi pirmyn, siekė laimikio aukštubėse.

Tad džiaukis, Vilniau, gimtasis šventojo mieste, su Aušros Vartų šventove, džiūgauk žemiškoji Rapolo tėvynė, nes štai tavo sūnus žengia į altorių garbę. Džiūgauk karmelitų bendrija, dvasinė Rapolo šeima, nes tavo sūnus tapo brandžiu dangaus karalystės vaisiumi".

Kanonizacijos mišias drauge su Šv. Tėvu koncelebravo Vilniaus arkivyskupijos valdytojas vysk. Juozas Tunaitis, Lenkijos primas kard. Glomp, Krokuvos arkivyskupas kard. Macharski, Maskvos apaštalinis administratorius arkivyskupas Tadas Kondrusevičius, karmelitų ordino vadovai. Mišiose, tarp kitų, dalyvavo Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas

Landsbergis, Lietuvos ambasadorius Washingtone ir atstovas prie Apaštalo Sosto Stasys Lozoraitis, Lenkijos prezidentas Lech Wałęsa.

Gimė Vilniuje

Į altorių garbę iškilmingai pakeltasis karmelitas kunigas Kalinauskas gimė 1835 m. Vilniuje, bajorų Kalinauskų (Kalinowski) šeimoje ir buvo pakrikštytas Juozapo vardu. Jo religiniam auklėjimui daug nusipelnė pamotė Zofija Putkameraitė, giliai tikinti ir jautri moteris, garsėjusi to meto Lietuvos visuomenėje savo labdaros darbais ir pamaldumu.

Kalinauskas jaunystėje mažai kuo skyrėsi nuo savo bendraamžių — jo ankstyvoji biografija tipiška 19 a. pirmos pusės Lietuvos bajorui. Jis baigė Vilniaus bajorų institutą ir nuo 1853 m. mokėsi Peterburgo Karo inžinierių akademijoje, kurią baigęs gavo toje pačioje aukštojoje mokykloje dėstytojo vietą. Tarnavo caro armijos inžineriniame dalinyje. Studijų ir tarnybos metais pergyveno gilią pasaulėžiūros krizę, kurios metu jaunas ir geras karjeros perspektyvas turintis karininkas, kiek galima spręsti iš jo užrašų ir dienoraščio, iš pagrindų permastė ir išgyveno Dievo ir žmogaus santykį. Šita krizė paskatino Kalinauską keisti savo gyvenimo būdą ir bandyti gyventi pagal Evangeliją. "Viešpatie, jeigu man suteikė gyvenimą, padaryk, kad gyvenčiau tik Tau, kad kiekvienas mano poelgis būtų Tavo meilės įkvėptas", rašė tais metais Kalinauskas.

Įsitraukia į sukilimo veiklą

Tarnaudamas carinėje armijoje, Kalinauskas rūpinosi neturtingaisiais, lankė ir šelpė kalinius bei ligonius, bandė padėti jiems ne tik materialiai, bet ir dvasiniais. Karinė tarnyba vis labiau jį vargino, nes jaunuolis vis dažniau galvojo apie kunigo ir vienuolio kelią. Tuo pačiu metu patriotiškai nusiteikę tautiečiai bandė Kalinauską įtraukti į konspiracinę veiklą, bet pradžioje jis

atsisakė. Tačiau vėliau, po ilgų svarstymų apie žmogiškas ir pilietines pareigas, Kalinauskas sutiko prisidėti prie pagrindinės veiklos, dalyvavo paskutiniuose 1863 m. sukilimo parengimo darbuose, ir buvo paskirtas Lietuvos karo skyriaus viršininku. Sutiko dalyvauti sukilime su ta sąlyga, kad rūpinsis tik kariniais reikalais, jam nereikės daryti mirties sprendimų. 10 mėnesių veikęs Vilniuje, gen. Muravjovo įsakymu suimtas ir nuteistas pakarti, tačiau liko gyvas jį užtarus buvusiems jo draugams rusams, kurie įtikino Muravjovą, kad Kalinausko nužudymas sudarys jam kankinio aureolę, o tai dar labiau pažadins sukilėlių dvasią. Mirties bausmė pakeista visam gyvenimui ištėmimu į Sibiro sunkiuosius darbus.

Nuo kalinio iki vienuolio

Etaipo keliu drauge su kitais sukilėliais, 1865 m. nuvarytas į Usolą, netoli Irkucko, kur buvo didžiulės druskos kasyklos. Tremtyje jam kilo mintis stoti į karmelitų ordiną, jei tik pavyks atgauti laisvę. Draugai tremtiniai jį laikė šventu vyru ir savo sustatytoje litanijoje buvo įsidėję posmą: Per Kalinausko maldas, gelbėk mus, Viešpatie! Po 10 metų, pasinaudodamas amnestija, Kalinauskas atgavo laisvę ir nuvyko į Krokuvą, o iš ten į Paryžių, tapo kunigaikščio Augusto Čartoryskio ir Grochol-skaitės (Vytauto Čartoryskio žmonos) mokytoju ir auklėtoju. Visi trys netrukus tapo vienuoliais. 1877 m. Kalinauskas įstojo į karmelitus Graze, Austrijoje.

Per įvilktuves Kalinauskas gavo Juozapo Rapolo vardą. Kunigystės šventimus gavo 1882 m. Černos vienuolyne, netoli Krokuvos, ir tais pačiais metais buvo išrinktas vienuolyno vyresniuolu. Kun. Kalinauskas uoliai ėjo visas jam pavestas pareigas, rūpinosi savo bendruomenės dvasiniu gyvenimu, jo bendraamžiai gerbė ir vertino jį kaip giliai dvasingą ir labai reiklų sau, bet atlaidų kitiems ganytoją. Dar jam gyvam esant, Krokuvos apylinkių žmonės laikė jį šventu.

Mirė jis Vadovicuose 1907 m. lapkričio 15 d.

Jo beatifikacijos byla pradėta 1934 m., 1980 m. dekretu buvo patvirtintas jo dorybių heroiškas. 1983 m. Bažnyčia pripažino stebuklingą pagyjamą kun. Vladislovo Misiaus, sirgusio kaulų džiova ir prašiusio kun. Rapolo užtarimo. Tais pačiais metais, antrosios savo ganytojiškos kelionės į Lenkiją metu, birželio 22 d. Krokuvoje popiežius Jonas Paulius II kunigą vienuolį Rapolą Kalinauską paskelbė palaimintuoju.

Pavyzdys nūdienos krikščionims

Bažnyčia dabar iškilmingai pripažino jo šventumą. Tokiu būdu Bažnyčia pristato tikintiesiems Kalinauską kaip Kristaus mokinį, kaip nuoseklų Jėzaus sekėją. Juozapas Rapolas Kalinauskas — inžinierius, patriotas, tremtinys, mokytojas, kunigas ir vienuolis visą savo gyvenimą ėjo prie Dievo. Savo kančias jis sugebėjo pakeisti į Dievo ir artimo meilę, kurią paliudijo tarnavimu bei atsidavimu.

Kalinausko gyvenimo kelias vedė jį per visą Eurazijos kontinentą — nuo Vilniaus iki Sibiro tyrų, nuo Irkucko iki Paryžiaus ir Krokuvos. Šio šventojo asmuo liudija žmogiškąjį solidarumą, kurio pagrindas glūdi ir sunkiame laikotarpyje, kai ištisos tautos ir milijonai žmonių ieško savo kelio ir savosios paskirties istorijoje. Kalinausko asmuo gali būti pavyzdžiu nūdienos laikotarpio krikščionims. V.L.R.

— Kalėdiniame sveikinime Lietuvos kardinolas ir vyskupai tikintiesiems primena, kad Lietuvoje, nors ji ir įžengė į politinės laisvės ir nepriklausomybės kelią, daugelio pečius dar slegia ydų ir netikusių įpročių balastas. Ganytojai primena pasinaudoti priemonėmis, kurias nurodo Išganytojas: atsiverti tikėjimo palaimingam veikimui, kad visi galėtų tapti Dievo malonės įrankiais, sėją žemėje gėrio sėklą.

— Kaune buvusi I. Černiachovskio gatvė nuo šiol bus vadinama Romo Kalantos vardu. Sugrįžę ir S. Žukausko, K. Griniaus, P. Lukšio, A. Jasaičio gatvių pavadinimai.

PASAULINIS MUZIKOS FESTIVALIS KOLUMBO PENKIŲ ŠIMTŲ METŲ SUKAKČIAI

— Išskirtinai pagerbtas prof. Vytautas Landsbergis —

Pirmasis keliaujantis pasaulinis muzikos festivalis "Senieji ir naujieji Indijos keliai" gruodžio 13 d. pristatytas Romoje muzikos mylėtojams, kultūros veikėjams, tarptautinei spaudai. Festivalį rengia tarptautinė muzikos ir meno asociacija "Trys Karavelės", minint Amerikos atradimo penkių šimtų metų sukaktį.

Tuo festivaliu norima pabrėžti pasauliui Kristupo Kolumbo, kaip didžiojo atradėjo, asmenybę, paskatinti šiuolaikinius žmones, prisimenant Amerikos atradimo sukaktį, iš naujo vėl atrasti žmoniją vienijančias vertybes — broliškumą, dvasingumą ir lygybę.

Šių vertybių atradimas ir jų įtvirtinimas viešame gyvenime, sako festivalio rengėjai, yra laidas taikos ir santarvės įgyvendinimui dabartiniame — vis dar neramiame pasaulyje.

"Trijų Karavelių" festivalio garbės komitete, drauge su kitais žymiais politiniais veikėjais, kultūrininkais, muzikais iš įvairių pasaulio kraštų yra ir Vytautas Landsbergis. Garbės pirmininku yra žymusis violončelistas Mstislavas Rostropovičius, kuris

per festivalio pristatymą visuomenei pasveikino Vytautą Landsbergį, jį pagerbė ne tik kaip muzikologą, bet taip pat kaip vieną žymiųjų dabartinio meto politinių veikėjų, vadovavusių dabar laimėtai lietuvių tautos kovai už laisvę ir nepriklausomybę.

Po festivalio pristatymo Vytautas Landsbergis atsakinėjo į gausių žurnalistų klausimus, po to dalyvavo festivalio organizatorių jo ir Rostropovičiaus garbei surengtuose pietuose, o vakare su žmona — Mstislavo Rostropovičiaus koncerte.

Sekančios dienos spauda antrašė "Pasaulinio garso violončelistas Rostropovičius pagerbė laisvą Lietuvą" italų žinių agentūra ANSA skelbė žinią apie Rostropovičiaus vakarykštį koncertą Romoje su Sauliaus Sondeckio vadovaujama Lietuvos kameriniu orkestru. Koncertas vyko Šv. Cecelijos muzikos akademijos salėje. (Teatro Argentina). Salė buvo pilna žmonių. Lietuvos kamerinis orkestras atliko iš viso keturis kūrinius — dvi Haydno ir Čaikovskio simfonijas ir du tų pačių kompozitorių koncertus violončelei su solistu Rostropovičium. Visus kūrinius

Romos publika palydėjo karštais ir ilgais plojimais.

Atsiliepdami į publikos prašymą, orkestras ir solistas suteikė vieną bisą, taip pat Čaikovskio "andante cantabile". Koncerte dalyvavusį Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininką Landsbergį su žmona Rostropovičius iš scenos nuoširdžiai pasveikino. Tai buvo pirmas kar-

tas, kai pasaulinio garso violončelistas grojo su Lietuvos kameriniu orkestru, tuo išreišdamas savo solidarumą su laisvę atgavusia Lietuva.

Po koncerto, Landsbergis padėkojo Rostropovičiui, taip pat orkestro dirigentui Sondeckiui ir visiems orkestro nariams.

Tuo koncertu pradėtas pasaulinis keliaujantis muzikos festivalis. Jo rėmuose per visus 1992-uosius metus bus rengiami žymiųjų muzikos atlikėjų koncertai įvairiuose kraštuose, tikimasi, ir Lietuvoje.

ĮVYKIAI LIETUVOJE

— Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos prezidiumas priėmė nutarimą, kuriuo sausio 13-oji pavadinta Laisvės gynėjų diena. Sudaryta valstybinė komisija šios dienos renginiams organizuoti. Komisijos pirmininkas — Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininko pavaduotojas Kazimieras Motieka.

— Švedija Kalėdų švenčių proga atsiuntė Telšiams dovanų — tai medicinos technika, maisto produktai, drabužiai. Dovanos atiteko miesto vaikų namams, Duseikių internato globotiniams ir vienišiesiems seneliams.

— Prieš Kalėdų šventes daugiau kaip 5,000 eglučių Klaipėdos, Kretingos, Palangos, Gargždų ir Skuodo rajonų gyventojams paruošė Kretingos miškų urėdijos miškininkai. Kretingiškiei 1,500 kalėdinių eglučių išsiuntė ir į Graikiją.

— Kauno žurnalistai Šv. Kalėdų proga atšventė įkurtuves. Senasis pastatas Putvinskio gatvėje Nr. 48 nuo dabar bus Kauno žurnalistų namai. Kaune leidžiama per 50 periodinių leidinių, juose dirba beveik 100 Lietuvos Žurnalistų Sąjungos narių. Švenčių proga čia buvo pagerbti labiausiai pasižymėję žurnalistai. Savo namuose žurnalistai turės konferencijų salę, naudosis tarptautinių ryšių priemonėmis. Čia bus apgyvendinami užsienio žurnalistai, veiks kavinė.

— Kalėdų angelų paroda atidaryta Kaune, Maironio lietuvių literatūros muziejaus požemio salėje. Skulptorė Rimantė Butkutė ir tapytoja Živilė Baltušnikaitė parodai pateikė kelias dešimtis angelų ir paveikslų.

— Dotnuvos gyventoja T. Minkevič išaugino 2,8 metro aukščio rožę "Kardinolę", iki šiol didžiausią Lietuvoje.

— JAV ambasada pranešė, kad Vilniuje nuo 1992 m. sausio 6 d. išduodamos neemigracinės vizos. Prašymai tenkinami eilės tvarka pagal gaunamus pareiškimus. Ambasada šią paslaugą teiks Lietuvos piliečiams ir nuolatiniams gyventojams.



Vasario 16-osios gimnazijos choras dainuoja Kalėdų eglutės programoje. Nuotr. Marijos Šmitienės

New Crusade

Fr. Peyton Sponsors Rosaries for Russia

Albany, N.Y. - Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, founder of the Family Rosary Crusade, with headquarters in Albany, New York, has announced a drive to obtain one million rosaries to send to Russia.

While there are many organizations worldwide who are assisting with the physical needs of these freed people, it is the intent of this drive to lend assistance to their spiritual needs.

Father Pat is requesting that people send in their own rosaries, which are precious to them, to give someone in Russia. He feels that someone giving his/her own rosary will be united with the one who receives it.

It is Father Pat's hope that through the family rosary these new freedom pioneers in Russia will be able to overcome the many obstacles they will face.

He is currently planning to provide pamphlets explaining the rosary in the native language of the recipients.

Father Peyton will be pleased to accept any rosaries - new or old - to be shared with our brethren who for years have suffered religious persecution.

The rosaries may be sent to:
Rosaries for Russia, Family Rosary Crusade
Executive Park Drive, Albany, N.Y., 12203-3594

Obituaries

Alfy ANDROKITIS ... Lodge 18
501 Washington St.
Tamaqua, PA 18252
Died: 1/17/92
Buried: 1/21/92
Skyview Memorial Cemetery
Tamaqua, PA

Michael Braukus ... Lodge 155
225 N. Everette
Scranton, Pa 18504
Died: 2/3/92
Buried: 2/6/92
Cathedral Cemetery
Scranton, PA 18503

We extend sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. George Sadauckas on the death of Mrs. Sadauckas's brother Michael who died February 3, 1992.

Mr. Sadauckas serves as Trustee on the Board of Directors of LCA and is secretary of Lodge 155. Mrs. Sadauckas is also a member of Lodge 155.

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

Matilda A. Backus ... Lodge 18
405 1/2 Arlington St.
Tamaqua, PA 18252
Died: 2/1/92
Buried: 2/5/92
Sky View Memorial Park
Tamaqua, PA

Sofija Grauzinis ... Lodge 85
7128 S. California Ave.
Chicago, IL 60629
Died: 1/27/92
Buried: 1/31/92
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Chicago, IL

TIME MOVES ON

If you would do a kindness,
it is not wise to wait
You never know how quickly
it's going to be too late.

Please Lord, Teach us to laugh again! But God, don't ever let us forget that we cried.

"The Way, The Truth and The Life"

Lord, we are afraid to look to tomorrow's world, we no longer trust in ourselves.

We no longer believe in limitless progress, which was to ensure future happiness.

We no longer believe that science in the salvation of mankind.

We no longer believe that man is an end in himself nor Death life's final word.

We know: were a nuclear disaster to occur tomorrow by mishap or design,

As at Chernobyl, few would survive to count or bury the dead.

Lord, as you look at the Church embodying Your Son's promise of Eternal Life.

We realize how weak and poor in spirit we, your disciples, are

How poor in Christian spirit.

Yet our Pastors are urgently pressing us to engage in a new second apostolate,

To become true and loyal Christians, fully committed to our Baptismal vows.

Help us, Father, to rediscover the zeal of the first Christians,

And the power of the first apostolate launched from that upper room in Jerusalem,

That Pentecost morning when your disciples, in prayerful assembly with Mary,

Awaited the fulfillment of your promise.

Grant us the grace to be renewed by the "Holy Spirit and Fire."

Teach us to address the world with tongues of fire.

Allow us to end that age of indecision when Christians are timid and silent.

As on the road to Emmaus, anxiously discussing daily problems,

Unconvinced that the Lord is Risen and Living/

Lord, open our hearts to accept the Holy Spirit.

Teach us to await His arrival like Mary did

At the Annunciation and again at Pentecost, the Church's birthday,

When she became our Mother also.

Teach the next generation that your Son, Jesus Christ

Is forever the Redeemer of the world,

Help us to proclaim aloud and boldly that He is "The Way, The Truth and The Life,"

The Way that leads us to our final destination!

The Truth that lights our way all night long!

The Life that bestows profound peace, tranquility and joy which no creature can destroy.

(Cardinal L.J. Suenens)

Bishop's Brief, Paul A. Baltakis, D.D., O.F.M., Bishop for the Spiritual Assistance of Lithuanian Catholics Living Outside of Lithuania.

HIEROGRAM (#A-1a) CLUE-NOT

Solution to Hierogram #A-11
TALK OF THE DEVIL, AND HE IS BOUND TO APPEAR (PROVERB)

