









# Baraga Weekend Strengthens Canonization Cause



OFFERTORY GIFTS Sept. 4 in Lemont were given by the Marquette Indian parishioners and Slovenians Mary Koka and Maria Lunder of Cleveland, dressed in national costume. They gave candles from Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Slovenia shrine in Brezje. Bishop Salatka is the recipient.

## Memo... From Madeline Joe White, musician, dies on golf course

by  
**Madeline Debevec**

All officers of the Slovenian Women's Union of America are welcome to attend the Ohio and Michigan State Convention, which will be held Sunday, September 11, 1977 at the home of Sophie Magayna, Ohio, Michigan President, at 315 East 184 St., Willowick, Ohio. This year the convention will be combined with a picnic. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. (Members welcome to attend!)

John and Christine Koss, 1476 East 195 St., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. Mr. Koss recently retired from the National Acme Co. They have two daughters, Diane Koehler and Barbara Parsons and four grandchildren. Congratulations!

Councilman-at-Large Edward J. Eckart has announced that his re-election committee will sponsor a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Eckart's Euclid campaign.

The spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Villa D. Borally, 27227 Chardon Road.

Donation for the full course spaghetti dinner is \$10.00 and the dinner starts at 7 p.m. after which there will be attendance gifts and a give-away.

Tickets may be obtained by seeing Councilman Eckart or calling his home at 732-8596 or by calling the Chairman of the event, Gerri Boka at 383-4019.

Returning from the Baraga Day trip to Lemont, the travelers on Fr. Tomc's Bus No. 2 wish to make special mention of the fine singing they enjoyed on the bus. The young generation: Mary and John Kozina, Margie Frank, and Mark Oblak delighted everyone with their talents and the enjoyable singing of the adult generation was led by Josie Varsek.

Agnes Bradek sends belated Birthday Greetings with a subscription of the American Home to her cousin Mrs. Angie Armon (nee Verhovnik) of 1238 East 58 St. Her son Joseph is a candidate in the Ward 23 Council race.

Happy Reading Angie!

Get Well Wishes to Antonia Sajovic of East 160 St., Cleveland, Ohio. Antonia is a patient in St. Vincent's Charity Hospital.

R.T.A. Fun Tour Johnny Applesed Festival will be held September 17 in Lisbon, Ohio. The Festival includes an antique show and sale craft demonstrations, continuous free entertainment, youth games and contests, an art display and contest, food and other concessions, amusement rides along with the delicious aroma of apples, apple butter, apple fritters, apple pies and apple ice cream.

The Board of Trustees of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation will meet on Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Tony's Polka Village on E. 185 St.

All members of Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 41 please note the meeting date has been changed from the third Tuesday this month to September 7th at 1:00 p.m. The date had been changed due to a pensioners trip.

The Grand Drawing will be held on Sept. 27! Among the gifts to be given away will be Fran Bezdek's beautiful oil floral painting and various bonds. If you would like to purchase tickets call 475-2644.

Father Matt Jager is still in very poor health. It would cheer him up to receive letters or cards from his former parishioners and other friends. Please continue your prayers in his behalf. His address is Rev. Matt A. Jager, 4337 E. Whitman, Tucson, Arizona 85711.

A speedy recovery to Agnes Bradek of Mentor, Ohio. She is recuperating at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital after undergoing surgery on Wednesday. Cards may be sent to her in care of the hospital, Room 449.

Happy Birthday to:  
Sept. 6 — Anne Millavec  
Sept. 10 — Linda Bohinc of Kirtland, Ohio.

From all their family and friends.

St. Lawrence Holy Name (of Newburgh) Society is sponsoring a Family Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 11 at St. Lawrence Church Hall, 3547 East 80th St., and on the church grounds from 2 to 8 p.m.

Music and dance from 4 to 8 p.m. provided by the famous Eddie Rodick Orchestra.

There will be games, food and refreshments. No admission. Everyone welcome.

Wishing a happy retirement to the American Home's dear friend Ludwig Savel, 14406 Westropp Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He was employed at Addressograph Multigraph for 36 years. Lud and Albina (Perusek) friends send their warmest wishes to them.

Steve and Dolores Mikolajczyk mark their Silver 25th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Steve jokingly says he will be celebrating at the Plain Dealer (he has to work that night) where he is a mailer. He also works for the American Home mailing out the KSKJ newspaper Glasilo.

The happy couple were treated to a fancy dinner at the Spanish Tavern restaurant for the big occasion.

The Mikolajczyk family will be celebrating all this month, however, Steve's birthday was on the 2nd. Daughter Debbie observed on the 7th and will be married on the 17th. Other daughter Laura's birthday is on the 23rd. Best wishes to all!

Henry Zupancic of E. 220 St. will celebrate his birthday on Sunday, Sept. 11. Best wishes for a grand and happy day from his family and friends.

Geauga County Juvenile Court Judge Frank G. Lavrich will again run for re-election this fall. A judge in Chardon for 15 years, he thus far is unopposed.

Joseph R. White, Sr., aged 55 years, well known musician, suffered a heart attack while playing golf at Lost Nation Tuesday morning. He was taken to Lake County Memorial West Hospital where he died at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday.

He resided at 15507 Saranac Rd.

He was born in St. Michael, Pa. and already at 5 years of age, his musical talent was evident. For the next 50 years music and singing was his life.

He came to Cleveland in 1952 and joined Al Strukel and later Ray Champa Polka Bands.

He had worked at White Motor Corp. for 9 years and at the Gabriel Co. For the next 35 years he was a professional musician well known on radio and TV and bandstands.

He played banjo, bass, and guitar and was a talented singer. Mr. White recorded many songs under his own name and with other well known groups.

For eight years he had his own Joe White Orchestra.

He was a close friend of Frank Yankovic and for the past three years he was a member of Yankovic's Polka Band and traveled extensively with him.

In 1973 he was chosen Man-of-the-Year of Holmes Avenue Slovenian Home.

He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Musician's Union.

He was the father of Sally Malishefski; Joseph, Jr.; Daniel; and Richard; son of Peter (deceased) and Helen; grandfather of Daniel; Richard; Tammy; and Joey; brother of Frances Pononic and Caroline Colton.

Friends received at Zele Memorial Chapel, 458 E. 152 St. today 2-5 and 7-9 pm., where services will be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

## S.H.A. CARD PARTY SET FOR SEPT. 30

The third annual card party sponsored by the Slovene Home for the Aged Auxiliary is set for Friday, September 30, 1977 at 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road.

Tickets, priced at \$1.50 can be obtained from any member or at the door.

All proceeds from the card party will be used to aid all the residents of the Home.

Hope to see you there!

## Dayton group holds Yankovic Dance

A Frankie Yankovic Dance will be held Sept. 17 in Dayton, Ohio.

The dance will be held at Wampler's Red Barn, 700 Shiloh Springs Rd., from 9:00 to 1:00.

Admission is \$5.00 per person with NO tickets sold at the door. B.Y.O.B.

Tickets can be ordered from Charles Biscan, 257 Porter Dr., Englewood, Ohio 45322.

The dance is sponsored by the Yugoslav Club of Greater Dayton, Ohio.

good old days, was an active member of St. Vitus parish organizations during his younger days.



DRESSED IN SLOVENIAN costume at the Lemont parade Sunday afternoon are Peter Dragar and Margie Kmetich of Korotan. (Baraga Days Photos by Jim Debevec.)

by JOE ZELLE

It was another great day for the cause of Bishop Frederic Baraga this Labor Day weekend with the Franciscan Fathers of Lemont playing hosts. They were assisted by the Chicago Chapter of the Bishop Baraga Association. Crowds estimated up to 4,000 participated at one time or another at the services and cultural program.

Early Saturday afternoon contingents of busses started arriving. From Cleveland came two busloads of pilgrims representing the Cleveland Chapter of the Bishop Baraga Association. Three busses brought members of the Korotan Singing Society, and still another with members of the Tabar Singing Society. Busses also came from Toronto, Milwaukee, Joliet, Detroit, and Chicago.

Saturday evening an impressive procession in Baraga Park opened the church services. In the early dusk, with the long file of pilgrims bearing lighted candles, and the pathway marked by red flares, was a sight never to be forgotten. Mass was celebrated by his Excellency, James Hickey, Bishop of Cleveland, who spoke the first words in Slovenian. Singing during the mass was conducted by Father Vendelin. Mrs. Corinne Leskovar was the lector, and sermon was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Gole. In very striking and touching tones, Dr. Gole reminisced about Baraga, and noted some of the events about Baraga which were personal and not generally known.

On Sunday, the celebration was continued with a procession from the Retreat House to the Baraga Park. There were hundreds of men and women and children in Slovenian national costumes to lead the parade. Present also was a contingent of Ottawa Indians with Father Haskell of Assinins, Michigan at the head. Mass was celebrated by his Excellency, Charles A. Salatka, Bishop of Marquette. The Rev. Victor Tomc, pastor of St. Mary's in Collinwood delivered the sermon, in which he summarized the life of Baraga and encouraged us to lead an

exemplary life.

In the evening a spiritual and cultural program of Baraga's heritage was held in the Mount Assisi Auditorium. The program consisted of performances of singing and dancing groups in native Slovenian costume. Korotan, under the direction of Frank A. Gorensek, opened the program to a jam-packed auditorium. Other presentations included the Folk-dance group, "Nagelj" of Toronto directed by Ciril Sersak, The Slovenian school of Chicago, directed by Joze Rus, whose children presented a life pageant entitled "Beatitudes". Typical folk-dance from different parts of Slovenia were performed by Mrs. Corinne Leskovar and the SARC-Folk dancers. St. John's Church Chorus of Milwaukee was directed by Ernest Majhenich, while the Marija Pomagaj - Our Lady Help of Christians Choir of Toronto was conducted by Dušan Klemencic. St. Stephen's choir of Chicago was directed by Rev. Vendelin Spendov with Alfred Fischinger, B.M., the accompanist on the piano. The Folklore Dance Group, "Triglav", of Milwaukee presented selections with Elizabeth Modic as director.

A very touching and inspiring rendition of Slovenian and classical songs was given by Ms. Marija Karnjc-Fischinger accompanied on the piano by Alfred Fischinger.

The climax of the whole somewhat lengthy performance was the joint choruses which sang in stirring tones the 150th Psalm to bring the celebration to a grand close.

The Bishop Baraga Association of Marquette, Michigan also held its annual business meeting, with Rev. Charles Strellick, executive director conducting the meeting. Father Rus, who is actively engaged on the project of canonization, having replaced Rev. James Wolfe, brought the members up to date on the position of the canonization. Ms. Agnes Rufus, director of promotion, outlined some of the work that had been done and what was planned for the future.

