

# The CCFT Newsletter

# Texaská česká katolická nadace Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas

Mission: To document, study, preserve, celebrate, and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands; and to strengthen ties with Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by SS Cyril and Methodius.

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# Pochvalen buď Pán Ježíš Krístus!

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Dear CCFT Members and Friends,

Happy New Year and may you have a very blessed 2025! First let me apologize for the delay in preparation in providing you with the December 2024 Newsletter, which primarily highlights our organization's events from 2024 and also provides a preview of what we are planning for 2025.

However, I would be remiss if I did not first honor the passing of our President and Founder, Marvin J. Marek, Sr. +, CCFT President. Please read Marvin's obituary on the following page to read about his life and legacy.

As we move into 2025, our primary goal is to support our mission by continuing the rich events that we traditionally hold such as our annual meeting/pilgrimage, the visit of the Czech deacons, and many others. We continue to hold often monthly and at least quarterly Board Meetings to discuss upcoming events and ensure the organization is up to date. We are always in need of additional Board Members who have the ability to assist in our events and who have ideas and skills that can be utilized. We will also will need to vote on Board Members including a new President and Chairperson of the Board soon in 2025 - so I earnestly ask for your prayers for the leadership of this organization as we move forward. I also ask for discernment for any who may be interested in becoming involved—many hands make light work, and I can personally attest that the Board is full of wonderful people to know and work with.

As Marvin would say (in perfect Czech, no doubt): Svatý Cyrile a Metoději, oroduje za nás! (Sts. Cyril & Methodius, pray for us!)

> Sincerely yours, Mike Jaška CCFT Vice President



CCFT Icon of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

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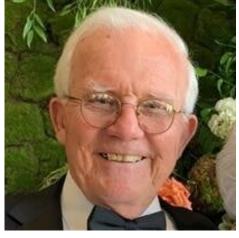
# Marvin James Marek, Sr. Founder, President & Chairman, CCFT

**DECEMBER 12, 1937 - NOVEMBER 5, 2024** 

Marvin James Marek Sr., Age 86, of Katy, Texas, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2024.

Marvin was born December 12, 1937, in Shiner, Texas the son of John Paul Marek and Rosie Stavinoha Marek.

Marvin graduated from Cresent High School in 1956. After completing high school, he stated that he "escaped the farm and joined the U. S. Army." In comparison to farm work in the hot, humid region of Texas, army life was a "breeze." He served in the Map Service under the 8th Army Engineers Battalion Far East District in Tokyo, Japan for 30 months. He earned the rank of Staff Sargent before being Honorably Discharged in 1959. Upon his return home from the Army, Marvin married Judith Madeleine Knight on November 19, 1960, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Houston. While supporting his family, Marvin worked two jobs, enrolled in night classes, and attended both South Texas Junior College and the University of Houston for seven years. Marvin and Judy were married for 64 years, raised five children, and were blessed with twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Marvin had a 32-year career with the Harris County Engineering Department, first in the Design Division, then as the Chief of the Land Subdivision Development Section. The last part of this tenure was managing the Permit Division he organized in 1973 to satisfy the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, until his retirement in 1996. Marvin and his family have been members of several



Catholic Churches in and around the Houston area but settled in St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church in Katy, TX for over 20 years. At St. Bart's, Marvin served as lector at daily and Sunday Masses and was active in several ministries. Additionally, he organized the Czech Mass at St. Bart's, welcoming Czech deacons to Katy for annual celebrations from 2006-2024. Marvin loved traveling with his wife Judith, and their excursions took them to exotic destinations around the world such as India, Japan, Guatemala, Brazil and many beautiful places in Europe and around the world. Many summers were spent in the Czech Republic rekindling relationships with extended Czech family. Throughout the years, a strong bond was re-established between the Czech family living in the US and those still living in the "old country."

For most of his adult life, Marvin had an avid interest in his Czech heritage. He held offices or served on the boards of directors of the following Czech American organizations:

Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT)
Czech Ex-students Association of Texas
Czech Educational Foundation of Texas
Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT
National Alliance of Czech Catholics, as well as the Texas District
Slavic Festival Committee in Houston
Fort Bend County Czech Alliance
Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center

Marvin founded the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT) to document, study, preserve, celebrate, and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands, and to strengthen ties with Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by SS Cyril and Methodius. Marvin had a deep Christian faith and love of the Catholic Church. One of Marvin's favorite bible verses was Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Many mornings, he would shout this verse with gusto in the sleepy Marek family home. Marvin had a strong work ethic and was in constant motion. He was an avid reader, considered a scholar of Czech Catholic studies. Inspired by his passion for the family history, Marvin spent nearly 40 years researching, scouring archives, and interviewing family members to write and publish a book that chronicles the Marek Family History from 1500-1989. Remaining to cherish Marvins's memory are spouse, Judith Marek; children Bernadette Thomas (and husband Rob), Marvin Marek Jr. (and wife Charlene), Denise Lesak, Paul Marek (and wife Lilia) and Rose Stornello (and husband Rosario); grandchildren Anthony Surman (and wife Kathryn), Amanda Hendrix (and husband Jonathan), Rhett Thomas (and wife Paulina), Katharine Thomas, Michelle Lesak, Christian Lesak, Liana Marek, Maia Marek, Luke Marek, Joseph Stornello, Victoria Stornello and Philip Stornello; great-grandchildren William Surman, Grace Surman, Theodore Hendrix, and Blair Thomas; and brother Raymond Marek and an abundance of loving nephews, nieces and friends. Preceding Marvin in death are parents John Paul Marek and Rosie Stavinoha Marek; siblings Daniel Marek, John Marek, Robert Marek, and Marie Luchak; and son-in-law Lin Lesak.

# CCFT 2024 Pilgrimage to Diocesan Shrine of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Dubina, Texas

# By Fr. Paul Chovanec Pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish, Houston CCFT Chaplain/Director

On the bright and sunny morning of Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, the Diocesan Shrine of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, opened its doors to a hearty group of pilgrims from near and far who came to pray the Rosary and adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This pilgrimage event was held in anticipation of the Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>). This pilgrimage was sponsored by the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas which is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and celebrating the Czech Catholic Heritage in Texas. The pilgrims, including CCFT President Marvin J. Marek, Sr. †, were cordially welcomed by Father Chase Goodman, the Pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Weimar and of the Diocesan Shrine in Dubina.

In hopes of gaining a Plenary Indulgence, the 50 pilgrims prayed the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary in Czech and English led by Father Paul Chovanec, one of the Chaplains on the CCFT Board of Directors.

The Blessed Sacrament was then exposed in the monstrance on the Altar of Sacrifice, O Salutaris was sung, and the Liturgy of the Word followed. After reading the Gospel of Matthew (15:29—37), Father Luke Prihoda, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Schulenburg, preached the homily calling all in attendance to a deeper love of God and our the Czech Heritage of Faith and culture. Everyone sang the Tantum Ergo, received the Benediction, and in conclusion all sang "Bože, cos ráčil."

After the service in the Diocesan Shrine, everyone went to the hall for lunch and for the annual meeting of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas. At the meeting, Father Goodman described the future plans for the Shrine, for increased signage, and for an outdoor grotto. When the meeting was adjourned, the pilgrimage event came to an end, and all when back to their homes.

Save the Date—Saturday, February 15, 2025

Pilgrimage to Diocesan Shrine of Sts. Cyril &

Methodius Church, Dubina, Tx Mass will
begin at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish
lunch, and CCFT Annual Membership Meeting
(See Page 2). Please bring a covered dish to
share. Bring a friend(s), everyone is invited.

# PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!

## **CCFT 2025 Pilgrimage & Annual Meeting**

On Saturday, Feb. 15th, lots of Texas Czechs will gather at the Diocesan Shrine of the Victoria Diocese, the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Dubina, TX, for the annual Foundation Mass (11 a.m.) to commemorate the founding of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas, founded by the late Marvin J. Marek, Sr., and to ask God to bless the Foundation's work.

With the blessing of Father Chase Goodman, the pastor, the Mass will be celebrated in Czech and English. A combined choir of singers from neighboring parishes, coordinated by Jane Dostal Spakes, will lead the singing of beloved Czech hymns before and during the Mass.

In honor of the missionary work of Saints Cyril and Methodius (a bishop and monk of the Eastern Church), Father Elias Rafaj, CCFT Board Member and a Byzantine Rite priest himself, will sing the Communion Hymn taken from the Divine Liturgy of the Byzantine Rite. The offering to be collected at the Mass will serve to benefit the Shrine.

After the Mass, all are invited to a covered dish luncheon in the hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. After lunch, the Board will hold the annual meeting to give a report to the membership about this year's work of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas. All members and prospective members are invited.

For any questions regarding the pilgrimage, you may contact Fr. Paul at <a href="mailto:pchovanec@jmtx.com">pchovanec@jmtx.com</a> or (281) 556-6116.

# Czech Deacons Visit to Katy, Texas

By Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, CCFT Chaplain/Director

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. This past year we received a priest and a transitional deacon form the Czech Republic for their annual visitation to Texas. Fr. Lukáš Janoušek, from the Diocese of Brno, and, Deacon Daniel Vychodil, from the Diocese of Olomouc, arrived on August 3 and returned home on August 21.

The purpose of their visit is to help them improve their English speaking skills, to get an experience of the Catholic Church in the United States, to visit Czech/Moravian settlements in Texas and to learn their history, and to get a better view of the USA. Most of the deacons are surprised by the number of Czech/Moravian settlements in Texas and at the number of people in Texas that still speak Czech, though it is an older version than what is spoken in the Czech Republic today.

Most of their time was spent with me at Holy Trinity Parish in Corn Hill. During their stay here they also visited St. Batholomew Parish in Katy, Fr. Paul Chovanec and his parish, St. Justin Martyr, in Houston and Space Center Houston, where Steve Vrana gave them a tour. They also visited Galveston, Praha, Shiner, Hostyn, Dubina, Ammansville, High Hill, Moravia, Frenstat, Caldwell, College Station, The George Bush Museum, Fayetteville, Ellinger, LaGrange, Austin and San Antonio. Their schedule was filled every day with little time to rest. Their greatest joy was meeting and visiting with all the people, as well as, having the opportunity to shoot a shotgun and pistol on a farm near Corn Hill. Their experience in Texas is a time they will remember for the rest of the life. We hope that they will extend to the people in their parishes the love and kindness they received in Texas. We hope that another group will come in the summer for 2025.

The Czech Seminarian Summer Program continues to be paid for by private donations from various individuals and organizations such as the CCFT. If you would like to donate to this program you may do so by sending your donation to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8626 FM 1105, Jarrell, Texas 76537



Deacon Daniel Vychodil and Fr. Lukáš Janoušek with Bishop Joe Vásquez, Bishop of Austin

## Calendar of Saints for Roman & Byzantine Rites

(Note: CR=Czech Republic, BZ=Byzantine Catholic)					
Saint Name	USA	CR	BZ		
St. John Neumann	Jan. 5	Mar 5			
Bl. Methodius Dominic					
Trčka, CsSR	Aug 24	Mar 23			
Sts. Cyril & Methodius	Feb 14	July 5	May 11		
St. Cyril, death of			Feb 14		
St. Methodius, death of			Apr 6		
St. Adalbert (Vojtěch)	Apr 23	Apr 23	Apr 23		
St. John Sarkander	May 6				
St. John Nepomucene	May 16				
St. Zdislava	May 30				
St. Vitus (Patron of Prague					
Cathedral)	June 15	June 28			
St. Ivan the Hermit		June 24			
St. Dobroslava					
(aka St. Orosia De Jaca)		June 25			
St. Procopius (Prokop)		July 4	Sep 16		
Sts. Cyril & Methodius and					
their five disciples: Sts.					
Gorazd, Clement, Nahum	,				
Angelar and Sava			July 27		
Assumption of the BlessedVirgin					
Mary/Commemoration					
of Our Lady of Hostýn		Aug 15	Aug 15		
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St. Ludmila	Sept 16	Sept 16			
St. Wenceslaus	G . 20	G + 20	G . 20		
(Sv.Václav)	Sept 28	Sept 28	Sept 28		
St. Agnes of Bohemia	Nov 13	D (			
St. Nicholas (Sv.Mikuláš)		Dec 6			
Infant Jesus of Prague Christmas Season					

# PRAY FOR THE CCFT'S MISSION

Svatý Cyrile a Metoději, orodujte za nás!

# Prayer to the Infant Jesus of Prague

O miraculous Infant Jesus, prostrate before your sacred image, we beseech you to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let your tender Heart, so inclined to pity, be softened by our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore you. Take from us all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes with which we are laden. For your sacred infancy's sake, hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

## **2024 CCFT Essay Contest Winners**

The Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT) held its annual Youth Essay Contest this past fall. The contest was open to 11th and 12th grade students who are members of either CCFT, KJZT Family Life, or KJT Catholic Union of Texas. Contestants submitted an essay about Saint John Neumann, his influences and spiritual legacy and discussed this Saint as a role model.

Will Gerik received first place with his essay titled, "Saint John Neumann: Educator and Missionary." Will is a junior in Abbott High School in Abbott, Texas, attends Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Abbott. He is a member of KJZT Society #104 in Abbott and KJT Society #31 in West. Will is the son of Molly and John Gerik. The first-place award was \$500. Will's award was presented by Carol Filer, CCFT Secretary and Essay Chair during the KJZT #104 Junior meeting in Abbott, Texas held November 10, 2024.

Alyssa Kasper received second place with her essay titled, "The Life of St. John Neumann." Alyssa is a senior in McKinney Boyd High School in McKinney, Texas, attends St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in McKinney and is a member of KJZT #118 located in Taft. Alyssa is the daughter of Kerry and Anthony Kasper. The second-place award was \$400.

Julia McConnell received third place with her essay titled, "St. John Neumann: Immigrant Who Rejuvenated American Catholicism." Julia is a senior in Powdersville High School in Greenville, South Carolina, attends St. Lukes Catholic Church in Easley, SC and is a member of KJT #119 in La Marque. Julia is the daughter of Dana and Eric McConnell. The third-place award was \$300.

CCFT thanks the three judges for reading and scoring the essays submitted. The judges were Kyle Stuckly, Michael Jaska, and Betty Vacek.



Will Gerik 2024 CCFT Essay Contest Winner "Saint John Neumann: Éducator and Missionary" Carol Filer presenting award.



Alyssa Kasper 2024 CCFT Essay Contest—2nd Place "The Life of St. John Neumann"



Julia McConnell 2024 CCFT Essay Contest—3rd Place "St. John Neumann: Immigrant Who Rejuvenated American Catholicism"

### LIST OF BENEFACTORS

## Thank you for your memberships and donations to the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas for 2024

Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the members and contributors listed. If there are omissions, please accept our sincere apologies, and notify Dr. Joseph L. Peters at (512) 332-6179 or joe.peters@reagan.com. For corrections. Thank you.

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KJZT 6, St. Elizabeth

Please pay your dues for 2025 on or by February 15, 2025. (see page 8)

Summary 2024 EOY Financial Report				
	EOY 2023	EOY 2024		
Bank Account	\$38,382.10	\$73,632.62		
Wallis Bank 5-Year CD (SS Cyril & Methodius Endowment Fund)	\$38,179.38	\$38,179.38+		
KJT 5-Year Annuity (SS Cyril & Methodius Endowment Fund)	\$108,004.79	\$108,004.79+		
KJZT 5-Year Annuity (SS Cyril & Methodius Endowment Fund)	\$36,101.91	\$36,101.91+		
Total Assets	\$220,668.18	\$255,918.70+		
Expenditures		+ Income on the Wallis Bank, KJT,		
Outreach and Promotion	-\$3,847.85	I / IZT '		
Aid and Support	-\$2,990.00			
Operations (Office Supplies, etc.)	-\$265.10			
Total Expenditures	-\$7,102.95			
Income (Accruals to Bank Account)		of publication of this newsletter.		
Membership Dues	\$3,060.00			
Regular Donations	\$33,018.47			
Memorial Donations	\$2,410.00			
Honorarium Donations	\$65.00			
Special Purpose Donations	\$3,800.00			
Total Income	\$42,353.47			
Net Income	\$35,250.52			

# Additional Undertakings and Achievements Carried Out During 2024

Several events and undertakings were carried out or initiated during 2024 in accordance with the goals of the CCFT. Discussed earlier in this newsletter were a pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine (which included a luncheon and the annual meeting of the CCFT); participation in and support of the Czech Deacons Visit to Katy, Texas; and the carrying out of the 2024 CCFT Essay Contest. The CCFT also undertook the following.

- The CCFT in March contributed \$1,500.00 to Fr. Stephen Nesrsta's Czech Deacons annual visit to Texas. An additional contribution of \$350.00 was made in August.
- In April the CCFT Board approved a video project on the subject of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina, Texas.
- In June articles were placed in the KJT and KJZT news to promote Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina as a pilgrimage site. The CCFT Chaplain, Fr. Paul Chovanec, wrote the articles.
- The CCFT participated in the Kolač/Klobas Festival in East Bernard, Texas, in June, with a booth to promote the CCFT.
- The CCFT participated in the Houston Slavic Fest in September where CCFT had a booth to promote the organization. Prayer intention forms were available, collected, and sent to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina.
- CCFT contributed \$1,000.00 to the Hanušovice Parish in the Czech Republic to help them recover from flood damage. Their church had experienced considerable damage from a flood.

# Saints Cyril & Methodius Endowment Fund

Eventually earnings from this permanent endowment fund will fully support the goals adopted by the CCFT. The endowment is making progress toward this end, but, of course, the rapidity and the degree of implementation of the goals listed below are dependent upon the annual earnings of the endowment which in turn is dependent on the size of the endowment. Consequently it is urged that members make contributions in addition to their dues.

Please support the CCFT's mission. All donations to the endowment or for membership should be made payable to the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas.

The endowment fund now contains \$182,878.69 in principal and earnings (All 2024 earnings are not yet included in this number since they won't be reported to CCFT until a little later in 2025). If you have not already made a donation to the fund, and God has blessed you with the ability to do so, please do it now, and become a part of preserving the legacy of the culture and faith that our Czech Catholic immigrant forefathers have passed on to us. Your contribution will help in the continuation of this legacy through the implementation of the goals listed below.

# The Goals of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas

Listed in order of priority but subject to changing circumstances and further review and approval by the CCFT Board of Directors.

- 1. Promote the celebration of the liturgical feasts of the Czech Saints honored in the Roman Missal especially in parishes founded by Czech immigrants
- Promote the celebration of the religious customs practiced by Czech immigrants to Texas and their early descendants
- 3. Promote the designation, by the Bishops of Texas, of a place of pilgrimage in Texas which honors Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the "Apostles to the Slavs."
- 4. Provide grants to Texas Catholic youth leaders to visit their counterparts in the Czech Republic and to evangelize one another in the Czech Republic and in Texas
- 5. Provide grants, if needed, to continue the annual visits of newly ordained transitional Czech deacons to Texas in the program established by Rev. Stephen Nesrsta
- 6. Provide grants for the translation of Czech religious writings into English and publishing them
- 7. Provide scholarships for Texas college students who commit to studying Czech Catholicism's sacred music, liturgy, history, and literature and their use by the Czech immigrants and their descendants, and to sharing their knowledge with Texas Czech Catholics

# The Logo Explained



The logo symbolizes Czech immigration to Texas, the implementation of the Faith Saints Cyril and Methodius brought to them under the cross of the Eastern or Byzantine Church, and the acronym CCFT depicting its mission for the continuation of the preservation and celebration of this legacy, as defined in its Mission Statement.

### DONATE OR PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2025 MEMBERSHIP AND/OR DONORS FORM

Honor your Czech Predecessors

Donations are cumulative

Andělské kůry	Level	Membership			
(Choirs of Angels)  □ <b>Serafíni</b>	\$50,000	Lifetime			
(Seraphim)	\$30,000	Lifetime			
□ Cherubíni	\$25,000	Lifetime			
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□ Trůny	\$10,000	Lifetime			
(Thrones)					
□ Panstva	\$5,000	Lifetime			
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Receive current news, monthly Masses for					
donors, members, honorees and those me-					
morialized, notices of CCFT events, etc.					
Person(s) to be honored or memorialized:					
Name(s)					
Name of person to receive notice of gift: Name					
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Bequests or donations of property accepted. Please send your membership fees on or by February 15, 2025 to:

Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas c/o Dr. Joseph L. Peters, Ph.D., Treasurer 619 Dorothy Street El Campo, Texas 77437-2708

Donations to the CCFT Saints Cyril & Methodius Endowment Fund are accepted at any time

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