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## You Are Unique . . . Celebrate It!

Think what a remarkable, unduplicatable, and miraculous thing it is to be you! Of all the people who have come and gone on the earth, since the beginning of time, not ONE of them is like YOU!

No one who has ever lived or is to come has had your combination of abilities, talents, appearance, friends, acquaintances, burdens, sorrows and opportunities.

No ones hair grows exactly the way yours does. No ones finger prints are like yours. No one has the same combination of secret inside jokes and family expressions that you know.

The few people who laugh at all the same things you do, don't sneeze the way you do. No one prays about exactly the same concerns as you do. No one is loved by the same combination of people that love you — NO ONE!

No one before, no one to come. **YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE!**

Enjoy that uniqueness. You do not have to pretend in order to seem more like someone else. You weren't meant to be like someone else. You do not have to lie to conceal the parts of you that are not like what you see in anyone else.

You were meant to be different. Nowhere ever in all of history will the same things be going on in anyone's mind, soul and spirit as are going on in yours right now.

If you did not exist, there would be a hole in creation, a gap in history, something missing from God's plan for humankind.

Treasure your uniqueness. It is a gift given only to you. Enjoy it and share it!

No one can reach out to others in the same way that you can. No one can speak your words. No one can convey your meanings. No one can comfort with your kind of comfort. No one can bring your kind of understanding to another person.

No one can be cheerful and lighthearted and joyous in your way. No one can smile your smile. No one else can bring the whole unique impact of you to another human being.

Dear Friends,

This month share your uniqueness. Let it be free to flow out among your family and friends and people you meet in the rush and clutter of living wherever you are. That gift of yourself was given to you by God to enjoy and share. Give yourself away!

See it! Receive it! Let it tickle you! Let it inform you and nudge you and inspire you! **YOU ARE UNIQUE!**

Until Next Month . . . Warmly, Carolyn

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## MORAL GUIDES FOR CATHOLICS – PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain**

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On 31 May 2012, the three Catholic Slovak churches within the city limits of Youngstown, namely Holy Name of Jesus, Saints Cyril and Methodius and Saint Matthias all became one parish under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This was in alignment with the reconfiguration plan that commenced in 2010 in the Diocese of Youngstown to address the number of priests in serving the parishioners more efficiently throughout the diocese. I became the first pastor of the newly formed personal parish and am honored to be of service to the people to whom I have been entrusted to shepherd. I thank my bishop and my parishioners for their trust in me.

At Holy Name of Jesus Church, there is Bob, Diane, John, Lenny, Mope, and Shorty who share their time each week from the beginning of spring to the end of fall. These faithful parishioners volunteer making sure the grounds of the plant are in tip top condition. They mow the grass with three lawn mowers and two tractors; they edge the sidewalks; and, they trim the bushes and trees when necessary. Dorothy makes sure that the flowers are tended to by the statue of the Sacred Heart and that the shrine of the Blessed Mother by the back door of the convent is clean and properly adorned. Then there is the group of people who gather twice a year to wash all of the church pews with Murphy's Oil Soap, wash all the marble floors and walls, and attend to those parts of the church from choir loft to basement that ordinary maintenance may overlook. Jon assists in liturgical celebration by having the correct hymns correspond to the readings of the Mass for each weekend. He makes sure that our "Vatican Choir" is in tune.

Bob, Jack, Joe, Mike, and Tony are loyalists at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church. Not only do they schedule their weeks for serving Mass but they also tend to solve the parish problems over coffee and donuts with each other after the celebration of the Eucharist! Mike's wife Vern puts her two cents in as well (what did you expect she is a member of FCSLA)! Tim volunteers by decorating the sanctuary appropriately for the season of the liturgical year that we are celebrating while there is no problem involving parishioners to meticulously decorate at Christmas and Easter. Those involved with the various organizations of the church are always there to support each other and the activities that are at hand.

I believe that every parish has a "Helen". I do not know what I would do without Helen at Saint Matthias Church. She does everything! When I first arrived at the church in 1994, Helen and her husband would open up the church for morning Mass at 5:30 AM. Helen washes the altar linens, cleans the church, when the school was open both she and her husband John cleaned the school. Helen is the best window washer ever and makes my rectory sparkle from the second floor to the basement. She still lives in her own home, bakes her special cookies for the bereavement luncheons, is spry as a young hen, is only ninety years old and can out work me any day of the week. Rita use to work in a floral shop and without any direction, has the church tastefully decorated during the entire year. I very seldom have to worry about getting the several, thirteen feet Christmas trees up in the sanctuary because under her direction, there are more than forty people, young to

seniors and anyone in between that make Saint Matthias a showplace for the holiday season.

A problem in writing a column on this subject is that I am leaving out so many other parishioners at all the three churches that do so much for the parish whether known or unknown to other parishioners. These people all take time out of their schedules to make the churches the communities they are. If it was not for people who give of their time, talents and treasures, the parish communities would eventually come to an end. To make a parish vibrant, we all have to share with each other. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the third paragraph of article 2043 states: "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities".

I ask you to look at your own parish family and note the enormous amount of volunteer time that is generated by parishioners not only within your church but also the assistance these individuals provide for the local community. They are Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, readers, collection counters, lawn maintenance people, members of parish societies, groups, parish council, finance council and the like. Under the title of your parish they represent the parish to work in the soup kitchens, volunteer for local fundraisers, bring the Blessed Sacrament to nursing and health care facilities, and are voices for the unborn and the underprivileged.

It all takes TIME to provides for both the material needs of the Church as well as spiritual needs of the Church. How much time do you share with your parish community?

*To be continued . . .*



## BRANCH 88 HOSTS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Monessen Branch 88 hosted a scholarship dinner for two recipients of the branch. The dinner was held at Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. Branch President, Dorothy Urbanowicz welcomed all in attendance and introduced the two scholarship winners, Lindsay Richardson and Alex Billy.

Alex gave the invocation and a delicious dinner followed.

Ms. Richardson graduated from Belle Vernon Area High School as Valedictorian and in the fall plans to attend Lehigh University to study chemical engineering. She has spent the summers of 2009, 2010 and 2011 in the volunteer program with the Monongahela Valley Hospital. This summer she plans to volunteer on the ambulance as an EMP-B. She has held a job as a cook at Fox's Pizza since February 2011. Lindsay was on the volleyball team for four years. She also played on the softball team and was on the Future Is Mine and MIC/SADD organizations for two years. Lindsay helped



organize the local Relay for Life of 2012. She has received numerous fishing citations for Walleye and Steelhead. She received the Women in Science Day Award from Seton Hill for Chemistry. Lindsay is the daughter of Dale and Michelle Richardson of Belle Vernon, PA.

Mr. Billy will be a junior at Saint Vincent College and is majoring in economics with minors in Spanish, History and

Math. He has a GPA of 3.9 and is a member of the Saint Vincent College's Honor Program and Knights of Columbus, Von Mises Economic and is a Political Freedom Scholar. He is also a member of Saint Vincent's Libertarian's Organization and is a salesman at Sears in Greensburg, PA. Alex is the son of Richard and Lisa Billy of Monessen, PA.

Following dinner, President Dorothy presented each honoree with gifts and a check from the branch.

### *Katie Mueller and Martin Esterle Exchange Vows*

On April 28, 2012, FCSLA National Auditor, Katie Mueller married Martin Esterle at St. Joseph Church in Big Bend, WI. A reception was held at the Cotton Exchange in Burlington, WI. Katherine is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Mueller of Muskego. Katie is also Financial Secretary of Branch 23 in Milwaukee. All of Katie's family are Branch 23 members.



Martin Esterle, Branch 23 Treasurer, is the son of Miro and Anna Esterle of Franklin, WI. Because Martin has grandparents and numerous other close family and friends in Zohor, Slovakia, a Mass and wedding blessing were celebrated at Saint Margita in Zohor. A second reception, this time in Slovakia, followed. The couple spent 3 weeks traveling in Slovakia, Austria and Germany.

### Nebraska District Secretary Retires After 30 Years



Think about it . . . for over 30 years Mrs. Alice Maresh, who was the first woman to hold a District Office in Nebraska, penned all written communications from St. Isidore District. The communications included activity invitations to all members and National Officers, scholarship awards, press releases, and

meeting minutes, including District round tables and National meetings.

Alice decided to spend more quality time with her husband Richard, children and grandchildren and to continue helping maintain the family farm.

Her service to FCSLA was noted at the 2011 District Christmas Party in Prague, NE. Although she was surprised, she accepted the praise, thanks, and gifts with her usual poise.

We miss Alice but her successor Mrs. Clarice Sabata of Valparaiso, NE, is doing a fantastic job filling some very big shoes.

## 7TH ANNUAL MAHONING VALLEY SLOVAKFEST

It's so hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about what's going on in August! But the annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be here before we know it! And it's even harder to believe that this will be our seventh SlovakFest! But we are expecting a great turnout because there has been so much renewed interest in our Slovak heritage in this area. Between the Simply Slavic Heritage Festival in downtown Youngstown which just had its second successful celebration in June and the publishing of a new book about *The Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley*, there has been a real resurgence in celebrating our heritage.

This year the SlovakFest will be held on Sunday, August 12, 2012, on the grounds of St. Matthias Parish (now part of the newly merged Our Lady of Sorrows Parish which also includes two other Slo-



vak churches, SS Cyril and Methodius and Holy Name of Jesus) at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown Ohio. And with parishes being merged and churches being closed it is more important than ever to support our Slovak events!



The SlovakFest kicks off as usual with a wonderful Polka Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. This joyful Mass will be offered at 11:30AM with the music provided by the Eddie Vallus Band. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center. And of course there will be plenty of Slovak foods and baked goods available all day long! All of these are made by local men and women from local Slovak parishes such as St. Matthias, St. John the Baptist, Holy Name and Holy Trinity! There will also be indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books. There will be information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages.

For more information: Loretta Ekoniak (330) 549-3760 or [loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com](mailto:loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com)

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Anniversary*

at

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# MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

## Sr. Branch 172 Wilkes-Barre, PA

### Flea Market for Charity

Sr. Branch 172 of the Magdalen I. Iskra District in Wilkes-Barre, PA, came to the aid of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court of St. Mark #1097 when they worked together to raise funds to support the charity work of the Catholic Daughters. A flea market was held on March 24, 2012 in St. Mark's Parish Hall, Bristol, PA. Sr. Branch 172 sponsored the bake table, kitchen, and 50/50 raffle table. Local members of Sr. Branch 172, including Court of St. Mark #1097 Regent Sarah Mastrull, her father Frank Iskra, and husband Dale Mastrull volunteered at these tables.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court of St. Mark #1097 will use the funds raised at this event to provide scholarships to students in three local Catholic schools; support new mothers at the Blessed Margaret of Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies; provide food and paper products to the Sisters

of Poor Clare in Langhorne, PA; give financial assistance to orphaned boys at the St. Frances/St. Joseph Homes for Children in Bensalem, PA; make and donate all the Baptismal stoles for St. Mark and St. Ann parishes in Bristol, PA; and support many more local, national and pro-life charities.

The Catholic Daughters are truly grateful for the financial assistance given to them by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Through the generous matching funds donation by the FCSLA, the members of Court St. Mark #1097 will be able to sustain their charity work for another year!



Shoppers at Catholic Daughters Flea Market.



L-R: Helen Raymond, Lorraine Hoffman and Darlene Carey working the Sr. Branch 172 sponsored kitchen.



L-R: Bernadine Mastrull and Marie Brophy at the 50/50 Raffle Table.



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Seated, L-R: Bernice Wade, Becky McDevitt, Agnes Dick. Standing, L-R: Frank Iskra, Sarah Mastrull (Regent of Court of St. Mark #1097), and Dale Mastrull working at the Sr. Branch 172 sponsored baked goods tables.



Folks enjoying a homemade lunch courtesy of the Sr. Branch 172 sponsored kitchen and baked goods table.

## Anna Hurban Chicago District President Receives Master of Arts Degree

Loyola University Chicago recently conferred on Mary Therese Tylus, Anna Hurban Chicago District President and Sr. Branch 485 member, a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology on May 10, 2012.

Mary's proud parents, Leo J. and Therese (Massura) Tylus, her aunt, Lydia (Massura) Berry (Sr. Branch 485 Recording Secretary and Treasurer) and Thomas C. Mahon were in attendance at the graduation ceremony.

Mary is the oldest of four daughters, all of whom are alumnae with Bachelor's Degrees and one Masters from Loyola University Chicago. Mary joins one of her sisters in being the second Tylus to be awarded a Masters from Loyola University Chicago and the third Tylus daughter to receive a Masters Degree. Congratulations Mary Therese on a job well done!



## Graduates Magna Cum Laude



Jaclyn Hamrock graduated Magna Cum Laude from Walsh University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She is the daughter of Jim and Bonnie Hamrock. Jaclyn is a fourth generation member of FCSLA Branch 169 (Youngstown, OH) and a two time recipient of the National FCSLA Scholarship Award.

Jaclyn has also been awarded the Anna S. Granchay Scholarship and the Katherine L. Sedlacko

Family Trust Scholarship for 2012. She is continuing her education at the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy.



## Devin Goda Signs as a Free Agent with the Baltimore Ravens



Devin Michael Goda (Sr. Branch 177, Clairton, PA) signed as a free agent with the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday, April 28, 2012. He chose Baltimore over Dallas, Oakland, Tampa Bay and Seattle. He reported to rookie camp on May 11, 2012. He will try to obtain a spot as a wide receiver with the Ravens.

In addition Devon was awarded the PSAC Top 10 Award in January.

This award is presented to a recipient who excels in the classroom and in sports. To be a candidate for the award a student athlete must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and a key starter or key reserve. Devon is now eligible for the PSAC Male Athlete of the Year award which will be selected later this summer.

Devon graduated from Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA on May 12, 2012. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree (Magna cum laude) in Safety and Environmental Management with a minor in Public Health.

Devon's mother, grandparents and siblings are all members of the FCSLA.

## Graduates from Bucknell University

Hayley Nordstrom (Sr. Branch 184, Carteret, NJ) graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA on May 20, 2012. She was awarded a B.S. Degree in Biology and plans to pursue a career in Environmental Research. She resides in Cogan Station, PA and is the great-niece of Mary Sawczak (Sr. Branch 184) of Carteret, NJ.



## Hornung Graduates from Valley View HS



Christopher Bennett Hornung (Sr. Branch 72, Olyphant, PA), Peckville, PA graduated from Valley View High School. He is a four year honor society member and received the John Scaglotti Scholarship. He will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia, PA this fall. He is the grandson of Joseph J. Dubiel also a member of Sr. Branch 72.



## JOIN HANDS DAY CLEVELAND DISTRICT

The Cleveland District held their 14th Join Hands Day Event on Saturday, May 19th, gathering the young and mature FCSLA members together to benefit the Light of Hearts Villa in Bedford, OH.

In addition to members playing BINGO with the residents, others weeded and cleaned flower beds. After the beds were prepared they planted beautiful new flowers and shrubs in about half dozen flower beds on the fa-

cilities grounds and watered them as well.

Many of the Villa's residents gathered outside near the waterfall and pond and joined with the FCSLA workers where they received a helium filled balloon and a prayer song sheet. The prayer service was led by Sister Regina SC and then everyone sang "Immacu-

late Mary" and "God Bless America", after which all the balloons were released.

Everyone went inside to wash up and enjoy a luncheon of pizza, salad, snacks, soft drinks and coffee followed by cake for dessert. The weather cooperated, it was warm and sunny and most importantly everyone had a wonderful time participating in this project!



Mr. and Mrs. Rich Talpas called numbers for the residents BINGO players while Irene Drotleff and her sister Fran help out.



Volunteering in the gardens are L-R: Mike and Pat Phillips, President and Vice President of Sr. Branch 141 respectively, Laura Todaro, Secretary of Jr. Branch 458 and her sister Paula Dalpiaz, Secretary of Sr. Branch 525.



FCSLA members working at the Villa.



Steve Hudak, National Treasurer and his son working the gardens of the Light of Hearts Villa.



Two generous volunteers in the background, Dolores Sirocky, Mary Angeloff and Jim Sekerak in the foreground.



Residents and FCSLA members gathering for the prayer service.



## Officers Attend PA Fraternal Alliance Legislative Luncheon

Several National Officers of the FCSLA attended the PA Fraternal Alliance Legislative Luncheon in Harrisburg, PA on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. Current National President Cynthia Maleski is serving her third term on the Board of Directors for the PA Fraternal Alliance. Pennsylvania is home to a large number of Fraternal Benefit Societies. This year over 140 state representatives and senators attended this important luncheon.



L-R: National Auditor, Dorothy Urbanowicz; National Vice-President, Larry Golofski; National President, Cynthia Maleski; National Vice-President, Barbara Waller; Representative Marc Gergely (Allegheny County); National Trustee, Virginia Holmes and Representative Nick Kotik (Allegheny County).



L-R: Representative Ted Harhai (parts of Westmoreland & Fayette Counties); National Vice-President, Larry Golofski; National President, Cynthia Maleski; Representative Gary Haluska (Cambria County); National Trustee, Virginia Holmes; and National Auditor, Dorothy Urbanowicz.

## PRESENTS CONVENTION DONATION



Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Auditor (right) presenting convention donation of \$20,000 to Dr. Rev. Micha Koaol with Bernadette Behary looking on.

## Sr. Branch 140 and Jr. Branch 46 Make Donation to Lansford VFD



Sr. Branch 140 and Jr. Branch 46, Lansford, PA recently presented their annual donation to the Lansford Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured are members of the Fire Department along with (L-R) Matthew and Abbey Dunstan members of Jr. Branch 46; Branch President Veronica Bazik; Branch Member Ann Ciganek and Branch Vice President Mary Ciganek.



## Sr. Branch 140 Supports AMVETS Post 73 with Donation



Sr. Branch 140, Lansford, PA recently made a donation to local AMVETS Post 83 to help offset the cost of replacing American Flags in their business district. The flags were badly damaged during a severe storm right before Memorial Day and had to be retired. Pictured L-R are Mary Ciganek, Branch Vice President; Perry Shelton, Sr. Post 1st Vice Commander; Veronica Bazik, Branch President; Steve Banditelli, Post Commander and Louise Dunstan, Branch Secretary/Treasurer.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP  
A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**



## We Want to Hear From You!

- Did your children, grandchildren receive special awards or achievements in school?
- Baptisms? Confirmations? New Members?
- Participated in Volunteer and Community Projects?

If they are members of the FCSLA please send us a photo and short article about their special achievements!



**ANDREW LEIGH SETTER** made his First Holy Communion on May 6, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kenosha, WI. He will be entering the third grade at All Saints Catholic School this fall, where he is a straight A student. Andrew is a Cub Scout and an avid sportsman who likes to play basketball and baseball. He also enjoys fishing in northern Wisconsin with his family.

Andrew is the son of John and Theresa Setter who are members of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and FCSLA Branch 273 members. Andrew and his brother John and his sister Megan are all members of FCSLA Branch 196. His grandparents are Edwin and Helen (Bruchaty) Setter and FCSLA Branch 273 members, and his great grandparents were Slovak immigrants, Matus and Anna (Secansky) Bruchaty.



**JOSHUA BEBLAR**, son of Thomas and Michelle Beblar, of Johnstown, PA, made his First Holy Communion on May 6, 2012 at Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish. He and his two brothers are members of Jr. Branch 364, (Johnstown, PA) while Mom and Dad are members of Sr. Branch 28. Proud Grandma, Helen Babik was President of both Sr. Branch 28 and Jr. Branch 364 for over 50 years.



**RYAN GRABOWSKI**, age 7, graduated to a Wolf Rank during his Boy Scout Pack #230 Ceremonies on April 24, 2012. Ryan is a member of Jr. Branch 202 (Johnstown, PA) and the son of Martin and Susan Grabowski of Harrison City, PA.



**MATTHEW G. TOTH** (Jr. Branch 130, Milwaukee, WI) received his First Holy Communion on April 29, 2012. He was extremely thrilled to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew attends the Holy Name of Jesus School in Sheboygan, WI.

Matthew is a 4th generation member of the FCSLA. His great-grandmother was President of Branch 23 for many years. His grandmother and father have been members for over 50 years.

Matthew especially enjoys outings to the Brewers games in Milwaukee.

## SLOVAK FESTIVAL

**Sunday, September 2, 2012**

**St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall  
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**CAROLINE ROSE KCENICH** daughter of Carolyn and David Kcenich of Sherman Oaks, CA celebrated her 2nd birthday on May 18, 2012. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Rita Kcenich of Plains, PA and Joseph and the late Karlene Wheeler of Texas. Caroline Rose joins her parents, Grandpa Ted and Baba Rita Kcenich and Aunt Rita and Uncle Steve Kopcko as a member of the FCSLA family. Her Baba Rita Kcenich is also president of Branches S350 and J207 in Shamokin, PA.



**ALEX GRABOWSKI** turned 11 years old on May 10, 2012. He is a member of Jr. Branch 202 (Greensburg, PA) and the son of Martin and Susan Grabowski of Harrison City, PA.



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## Calumet College of St. Joseph Honors Monsignor Joseph Semancik

### 2012 HONORARY DEGREE — MONSIGNOR JOSEPH F. SEMANCIK

*Calumet College of St. Joseph and the broader community have benefited greatly from Monsignor Joseph F. Semancik's example of selfless service and dedication. In recognition of his many accomplishments, Calumet College of St. Joseph is proud to recognize him with the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa.*

### Calumet College of St. Joseph Holds Commencement



**L-R: Larry Meyers, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Monsignor Semancik, and Dr. Joi Patterson, Vice President of Academic Affairs.**

Calumet College of St. Joseph held commencement services on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Bishop Noll Institute Field House, 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond, IN. Commencement was preceded by a Baccalaureate Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church, 1445 Hoffman Street, just west of Bishop Noll Institute.

This year, the College graduated 402, including 65 from the master's degree programs, 318 from the baccalaureate degree programs, 17 from the associate degree programs and two certificates.

An honorary degree was bestowed upon Monsignor Joseph F. Semancik. He served as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary for 35 years and recently completed over 50 years of devoted service as the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in East Chicago. He has also played seminal leadership roles in the Hospice of the Calumet Area, the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana and St. Catherine Hospital. Monsignor Semancik is also a longstanding member of the Board of Trustees of the College.

Calumet College of St. Joseph is proud to add this year's graduates to its over 10,000 alumni.

Monsignor Semancik is a member of Jednota Branch 581 and is the son of the late Frank J. Semancik, longtime Chairman of the Board of Auditors of the FCSU.

Monsignor Semancik has been instrumental in placing the memorabilia and archive material of Bishop Andrew Grutka at Calumet College of St. Joseph. Because of the importance of the Slovak people in the history of the Whiting community, the college is thrilled to become the home to the Bishop Andrew Grutka Social Justice Archives. The archives will be housed in the new addition to the college that is currently under construction.

## FCSLA ANNOUNCES FEATURES ON WEBSITE

The Chicago District and its branches are now live on the web. Go to [www.fcsla.org](http://www.fcsla.org), click on the "District Pages" link on the left hand side to view the latest news and upcoming events happening in the Chicago District.

The Home Office plans to work with other districts to create pages of their own.

From the Desk of the National Secretary ~

## FCSLA Announces 2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



*The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association takes great pride in announcing the results of the 2012-2013 Scholarship Program. This program, which awards 225 scholarships to our young members, is one of our most generous and popular fraternal benefits.*

*We are grateful to everyone who took the time to fill out an application and submit it. We are proud to have you as our member. Join me in congratulating our winners who are pictured on pages 12 through 25. If you did not receive a scholarship this year, please consider submitting an application again next year. Information about next year's program will be available on our website, in Fraternally Yours, or by calling your local branch officers later this fall.*

*As National Secretary I encourage you to acknowledge the winners and those who participated in the program at your district and branch level. Share the good news in your local communities and churches.*

*We wish all the recipients and all those who participated in our program a successful future and much happiness in all their endeavors. May God watch over you and protect you everyday of your life.*

*Fraternally,  
Sue Ann M. Seich  
National Secretary*

### Seminarian Awards

\$1,750 EACH

### Theresa Sajan Awards

\$1,750 EACH

### College Graduate Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**NATHAN HALL**  
Morse Bluff, NE  
Mount Saint  
Mary's Seminary  
Branch W055



**ZACHARY  
CHRISTOFF**  
Poland, OH  
Case Western  
Reserve Dental  
Medicine  
Sr. Branch 30



**ANGELA C.  
BRICHACEK**  
Clarkson, NE  
Rockhurst  
University  
Branch W006



**JOSHUA T.  
STIKA**  
Cresco, IA  
St. Piux X  
Seminary  
at Loras College  
Branch W033



**ELIZABETH M.  
MALECHA**  
Helena, MT  
Washington State  
University  
Branch W056



**JAMEY L.  
BUTALA**  
Latrobe, PA  
Virginia Tech  
Sr. Branch 98





**NADINE O. DUBINA**  
Canonsburg, PA  
*California State University-Fresno*  
Sr. Branch 424



**MATTHEW T. KIKTA**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**ASHLEY N. SIADEK**  
Manhattan, IL  
*St. Louis University*  
Sr. Branch 66



**ROBERT J. FYALKA**  
Florissant, MO  
*Southern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 49



**KELSEY E. KLATKA**  
Chapel Hill, NC  
*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*  
Sr. Branch 55



**RICHARD J. VARGO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh Dental Medicine*  
Sr. Branch 424



**DAVID A. GAJDOSIK**  
Springdale, PA  
*Temple University School of Pharmacy*  
Sr. Branch 313



**JEROME F. KRAKOWSKI**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Tiffin University*  
Sr. Branch 481

## College Senior Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**BRIAN C. GAVRON**  
Austin, TX  
*Texas A & M College of Medicine*  
Sr. Branch 114



**LAURA MARIE LAKOTA**  
Des Plaines, IL  
*National Louis University*  
Sr. Branch 53



**MICHELLE L. BACHA**  
Akron, OH  
*Kent State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**ROBERT C. GRANCHIE**  
Struthers, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 156



**AMANDA J. LEDVORA**  
Lisle, IL  
*University of Illinois*  
Sr. Branch 46



**MARY C. BAJEK**  
Naperville, IL  
*Northern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 287



**GRETCHEN KALWINSKI**  
Hammond, IN  
*Northwestern University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**STACEY LYNN SEFCIK**  
Atlanta, GA  
*Savannah College of Art and Design*  
Sr. Branch 169



**TYLER J. BILEK**  
Omaha, NE  
*Northwest Missouri State University*  
Branch W018



**KEVIN G. CUROSH**  
Munster, IN  
*Purdue University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**BRIANNA MAE LUCAS**  
Streator, IL  
*Bradley University*  
Sr. Branch 66



**MEGAN N. SUTPHEN**  
Batavia, IL  
*University of Missouri-Columbia*  
Sr. Branch 485



**MARY E. DELEY**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**MEGAN JO LUKES**  
Protivin, IA  
*Allen College*  
Branch W033

## College Junior Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**SARAH C. GRANDON**  
Avon, OH  
*Bowling Green State University*  
Sr. Branch 114



**ROSEMARY F. MACEY**  
Westlake, OH  
*Mercyhurst University*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**ANDREA BERKEMEIER**  
Jackson, MI  
*University of Michigan*  
Sr. Branch 81



**ANDREW P. KAREL**  
Shoreview, MN  
*St. John's University*  
Branch W002



**JENNA M. PASEKA**  
Prague, NE  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Branch W013



**NATHAN R. BLAZEVOICH**  
Munhall, PA  
*Thiel College*  
Sr. Branch 424



**TIFFANY M. KOVACIK**  
Hammond, IN  
*Purdue University Calumet*  
Sr. Branch 81



**CLAIRE J. ROHDA**  
Powell, OH  
*John Carroll University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**DANE M. DOMONKOS**  
Windber, PA  
*St. Francis University*  
Sr. Branch 182



**JAMIE LYNN LISSY**  
Munster, IN  
*Indiana University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**JOSEPH JOHN SBLENDORIO**  
Rolling Meadows, IL  
*Roosevelt University*  
Sr. Branch 485



**VALERIE M. ECKRICH**  
Lincoln, NE  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Branch W032





**ZACHARY F.  
GALASSO**  
Homer City, PA  
*Westminster  
College*  
Sr. Branch 317



**STEPHANIE  
RINDOSH**  
Eastampton, NJ  
*College of  
New Jersey*  
Sr. Branch 184

## College Sophomore Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**NATHAN  
EDWARD HAAG**  
Newtown, PA  
*University  
of Redlands*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**EMMA C.  
ROMANKO**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**ALEXANDER  
BILLY**  
Monessen, PA  
*Saint Vincent  
College*  
Sr. Branch 88



**KRISTEN E.  
HALENAR**  
Summit Hill, PA  
*Pennsylvania  
State University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**MATTHEW A.  
STACK**  
Parma, MI  
*University  
of Michigan*  
Sr. Branch 319



**KRISTINA M.  
BOYARSKY**  
Mentor, OH  
*University  
of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**GRACE M.  
LANGSHAW**  
North  
Royalton, OH  
*Ohio State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 555



**RACHEL N.  
TAYLOR**  
Roanoke, VA  
*Ohio State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MELISSA A.  
CHIZMAR**  
Lewis Center, OH  
*Colorado College*  
Sr. Branch 161



**ZANE M. LESKO**  
Titusville, PA  
*University  
of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 525



**MALLORY A.  
WISOTSKY**  
Munster, IN  
*Purdue University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**CAMERON N.  
COULTER**  
Lake Forest, CA  
*Santa Clara  
University*  
Sr. Branch 74



**CHRISTIAN  
MIKSANEK**  
Rochester, MN  
*Vanderbilt  
University*  
Sr. Branch 181



**MICHELLE M.  
WITT**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Ohio State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**CORINA ANN  
DAVIS**  
Lansdale, PA  
*Gwynedd Mercy  
College*  
Sr. Branch 89



**CHRISTOPHER  
J. DEBRODIE**  
Fulton, MO  
*Moberly Area  
Community  
College*  
Sr. Branch 169



**CAITLIN M.  
HUNTER**  
Pittston, PA  
*Keystone College*  
Sr. Branch 283



**ALEX EDWARD  
ROZEK**  
Brookline, MA  
*Wentworth  
Institute  
of Technology*  
Sr. Branch 435



**ALEXANDER  
ECONOMOU**  
Western  
Springs, IL  
*University  
of Oregon*  
Sr. Branch 489



**KRISTEN M.  
JORDAN**  
Lebanon, PA  
*Harrisburg Area  
Community  
College*  
Sr. Branch 615



**SARAH R.  
SAFFRAN**  
Mokena, IL  
*University  
of St. Francis*  
Sr. Branch 352



**HOLLY ANN  
FERENCE**  
Harding, PA  
*University  
of Scranton*  
Sr. Branch 172



**KAYLA R.  
KERSTETTER**  
Nesquehoning, PA  
*Indiana University  
of PA*  
Sr. Branch 140



**GLORIA M.  
SCHMITZ**  
DeKalb, IL  
*University  
of Illinois Urbana  
Champaign*  
Sr. Branch 66



**RACHEL S.  
FRANA**  
Ridgeway, IA  
*Central College*  
Branch W033



**CHRISTINE M.  
ONDEKA**  
Lorain, OH  
*Kent State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 114



**KIMBERLY P.  
SEFCIK**  
Warren, OH  
*University  
of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 169



**RACHEL E.  
HARRIS**  
Pequot Lakes, MN  
*Bemidji State  
University*  
Branch W145



**ASHLEY R.  
OSINSKI**  
Aurora, OH  
*Gannon University*  
Sr. Branch 522



**ROSE K.  
SHERIDAN**  
Lansford, PA  
*Allegheny College*  
Sr. Branch 140



**JEFFREY S.  
HOLZER**  
Hollidaysburg, PA  
*Penn State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 177



**JANE A.  
ROTHWELL**  
Chapel Hill, NC  
*North Carolina  
State University*  
Sr. Branch 234



**NICHOLAS C.  
TESONE**  
Youngstown, OH  
*University  
of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 30





**JILLIAN N. TUREK**  
Montgomery, MN  
*University of Wisconsin*  
Branch W056



**KEVIN M. BALCZO**  
Evansville, IN  
*University of Southern Indiana*  
Sr. Branch 409



**NATHAN T. BROCKETT**  
Darnestown, MD  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 111



**JACOB E. VIRGL**  
Yutan, NE  
*Northeast Community College*  
Branch W017



**MITCHELL J. BELINA**  
Howells, NE  
*University of Nebraska*  
Branch W006



**ADAM J. BURENHEIDE**  
Howells, NE  
*Northeast Community College*  
Branch W014



**NICOLE WALSH**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Kutztown University*  
Sr. Branch 172



**SARA M. BLAZEJEWSKI**  
Bear Creek Township, PA  
*University of Scranton*  
Sr. Branch 172



**CAMERON J. COLLINS**  
Calhoun, GA  
*Kent School*  
Sr. Branch 289



**JEFF M. ZONGOLOWICZ**  
Kenosha, WI  
*Marquette University*  
Sr. Branch 273



**SHANNA M. BLAZE**  
Valparaiso, NE  
*Doane College*  
Branch W187



**JOHN P. CONNOLLY**  
Oakmont, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 13

## College Freshman Awards

\$1,250 EACH



**JESSICA ALEXANDER**  
Fairlawn, OH  
*Ohio Northern University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**JORDAN A. BRABEC**  
Schuyler, NE  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W080



**ANTHONY M. DECAMILLO IV**  
Bentleyville, OH  
*Villanova University*  
Sr. Branch 9



**KATHRYN E. DEEBEL**  
Mount Wolf, PA  
*Pennsylvania State University-Altoona*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**JOSHUA P. FOX**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Wilkes University*  
Sr. Branch 172



**KENDALL JO LACKNER**  
Charleroi, PA  
*Saint Francis University*  
Sr. Branch 111



**MITCHELL J. DEKRUIF**  
Waseca, MN  
*Mississippi State University*  
Branch W051



**STEPHANIE J. GEORGE**  
Lexington, KY  
*University of Louisville*  
Sr. Branch 177



**RYAN P. LAGZDINS**  
Parma, OH  
*University of Cincinnati*  
Sr. Branch 221



**SHANNON L. DOLEHIDE**  
Crestwood, IL  
*University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana*  
Sr. Branch 485



**VANESSA LEA GIPSON**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Wheeling Jesuit University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**NICOLE MARIE MATIS**  
Republic, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 44



**CHAD F. DOMINICK**  
White Oak, PA  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 200



**CHRISTIE GRIBSCHAW**  
Irwin, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 200



**ANGELO P. MATRISCIANO**  
Hamilton, NJ  
*Rowan University*  
Sr. Branch 172



**ASHLEY B. EDWARDS**  
Katy, TX  
*University of Texas-San Antonio*  
Branch W002



**LAUREN HRUSKOVICH**  
Lafayette, IN  
*Indiana-Purdue University-Indianapolis*  
Sr. Branch 81



**NICOLE M. MOTUZA**  
Willoughby Hills, OH  
*University of Findlay*  
Sr. Branch 1



**EMILY B. FABYANIC**  
Central City, PA  
*West Virginia University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**SHAWN R. KERNS**  
Lakeville, MN  
*University of Wisconsin, Madison*  
Branch W056



**TAYLOR NITKIEWICZ**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
*St. Vincent College*  
Sr. Branch 44





**ALEXANDRIA  
A. OAK**  
Kansas City, MO  
*University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Sr. Branch 66



**THOMAS J.  
RAYMOND**  
Lemont, IL  
*University of  
Illinois at Chicago*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**JOHN P. SEVCIK**  
Cedar Falls, IA  
*Loras College*  
Branch W130



**BRANDON P.  
O'NEILL**  
Warren, OH  
*Youngstown State*  
Sr. Branch 169



**LAURA M.  
REZAC**  
Renner, SD  
*University  
of South Dakota*  
Branch W109



**LOGAN C.  
SHREWSBURY**  
Nitro, WV  
*University  
of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 81



**JESSICA L.  
PACUCH**  
Lower Burrell, PA  
*University  
of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 464



**LINDSAY  
RICHARDSON**  
Belle Vernon, PA  
*Lehigh University*  
Sr. Branch 88



**JOSEPH SIMEO**  
Glen Ellyn, IL  
*Franciscan  
University  
of Steubenville*  
Sr. Branch 90



**CAROLYN R.  
PANKOW**  
Midland, MI  
*Kettering University*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**KATLYN M.  
RILEY**  
La Vista, NE  
*Doane College*  
Branch W018



**ALEXA M.  
SOFRANKO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Pennsylvania  
State University*  
Sr. Branch 44



**RANDY  
PAVLICKO, JR.**  
Struthers, OH  
*Youngstown State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 156



**KIMBERLY R.  
RUSKAMP**  
Dodge, NE  
*Franciscan  
University  
of Steubenville*  
Branch W008



**KARA E.  
SOUSEK**  
Prague, NE  
*University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Branch W013



**EMILY  
PERSICKETTI**  
Manhattan, IL  
*Villanova  
University*  
Sr. Branch 53



**MARIANNE  
SCHERLINSKY**  
State College, PA  
*Penn State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 319



**EMILY P.  
STOLFUS**  
Saint Joseph, MO  
*Kansas State  
University*  
Branch W074



**ELIZABETH M. SUBRIN**  
Indianapolis, IN  
*Butler University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**LINDSAY E. WARHOLA**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 200



**CONNOR M. HEDASH**  
Slatington, PA  
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 414



**PATRICK A. SULLIVAN**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Penn State Greater Allegheny*  
Sr. Branch 77



**RACHEL EVELYN ZEWE**  
Saint Cloud, FL  
*University of Florida*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**LAUREN NICOLE KIM**  
La Verne, CA  
*St. Lucy's Priory High School*  
Sr. Branch 169



**HANNAH SZABO**  
Appleton, WI  
*University of Denver*  
Sr. Branch 376



**SCOTT ADAM ZIMNY**  
Highland, IN  
*Purdue University*  
Sr. Branch 452



**PATRICK MICHAEL KIST**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Seton LaSalle Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 90



**ALEXIS M. TATE**  
Linwood, KS  
*University of Kansas*  
Sr. Branch 211



**THERIN JO BAUM**  
Kearney, NE  
*Kearney Catholic High School*  
Branch W080



**IAN B. McNEELY**  
Kennett Square, PA  
*Salesianum High School*  
Sr. Branch 84



**JUSTIN VIDAKOVICH**  
Southwest, PA  
*Bucknell University*  
Sr. Branch 44



**ANTONIA D. FIALA**  
Ulysses, NE  
*Aquinas Catholic High School*  
Branch W184



**AUSTIN A. PAHOLSKI**  
Trail Creek, IN  
*Marquette Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 77



**AMY LYNN VINOPAL**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**JULIA N. RIDILLA**  
Shavertown, PA  
*Wyoming Seminary*  
Sr. Branch 172

## High School Senior Awards \$1,000 EACH



## High School Junior Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**NATHANIEL G. BIBAT**  
Whiting, IN  
*Bishop Noll  
Institute*  
Sr. Branch 452



**ALEXANDRA P. KUCHTA**  
Fort Myers, FL  
*Bishop Verot  
Catholic High  
School*  
Jr. Branch 129



**COREY M. LISSY**  
Chesterton, IN  
*Andrean  
High School*  
Sr. Branch 81



**KEVIN JAMES MACKAY**  
Highland Heights, OH  
*Notre Dame  
Cathedral Latin*  
Jr. Branch 6



**MATTHEW J. MARTINEZ**  
Cleveland, OH  
*St. Ignatius  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 386



**NATALIE P. MARTINEZ**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Beaumont School*  
Jr. Branch 386



**ERIC S. MOUNCE**  
Lockport, IL  
*Providence  
Catholic High  
School*  
Sr. Branch 225



**NATALIE F. WISSING**  
Brookfield, WI  
*Divine Savior  
Holy Angels  
High School*  
Sr. Branch 23



**JACK REESE CLARKE**  
Boardman, OH  
*Cardinal Mooney  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 29



**CASSANDRA L. FEDOR**  
McKeesport, PA  
*Serra Catholic  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 32



**THOMAS E. LEONARD**  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
*Bishop McNamara  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 67



**RICHARD D. McNULTY**  
Middlesex, NJ  
*St. Joseph  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 90



**JUSTIN M. MINCHOW**  
Lincoln, NE  
*St. Pius X  
High School*  
Branch W055



**CAROLYN E. MORRISSEY**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
*Xavier High School*  
Branch W137

## High School Sophomore Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**ALYSSA A. ANGLIN**  
Hammond, IN  
*Bishop Noll  
Institute*  
Jr. Branch 106



**JILLIAN BRIDGEMAN**  
Lansing, IL  
*Andrean  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 184

# High School Freshman Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**NICHOLAS L. BEBLAR**  
Johnstown, PA  
*Bishop McCort Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 364



**BRIANNA N. GUTH**  
Easton, PA  
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 211



**JULIE G. JAVORKA**  
Lansing, IL  
*Marian Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 174



**LUCAS RYAN JOHNSON**  
Kankakee, IL  
*Bishop McNamara High School*  
Jr. Branch 77



**KEVIN P. KILLIAN**  
Wheaton, IL  
*St. Francis High School*  
Jr. Branch 77



**SAMANTHA McCARTHY**  
Lansford, PA  
*Marian Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 46



**NICHOLAS T. SPEENEY**  
Connellsville, PA  
*Geibel Catholic Jr./Sr. High School*  
Jr. Branch 112



**KRISTEN M. URASEK**  
Maple Heights, OH  
*Trinity High School*  
Jr. Branch 453



**COURTNEY A. MORRIS**  
North Royalton, OH  
*St. Albert the Great School*  
Jr. Branch 14



**JACOB PALUCK**  
Jim Thorpe, PA  
*St. Joseph Regional Academy*  
Jr. Branch 321



**ISAAC B. PINT**  
Lonsdale, MN  
*Holy Cross Catholic School*  
Branch W056



**ALEXANDRA RAMOSKA**  
Park Ridge, IL  
*St. Paul of the Cross School*  
Jr. Branch 386

## 8th Grade Awards \$750 EACH



**ANTHONY P. CIKO**  
Carteret, NJ  
*Assumption Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 219



**BRENDEN McELLIGOTT**  
Omaha, NE  
*St. Wenceslaus Elementary*  
Branch W018



**BRODY T. MIHALYO**  
Steubenville, OH  
*Bishop Mussio Junior High*  
Jr. Branch 32

## 7th Grade Awards \$750 EACH



**NOAH P. CLEMENTS**  
Belmont, MI  
*Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Jr. Branch 106



**ABIGAIL M. DESKO**  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
*St. Joseph's*  
Jr. Branch 198





**LUCY A. FURIAK**  
Shelbyville, IN  
*Our Lady of the Greenwood*  
Jr. Branch 58



**MACIE E. HANWAY**  
Lincoln, NE  
*St. John's*  
Branch W184



**ASHLEY R. KES**  
Lonsdale, MN  
*Holy Cross Catholic School*  
Branch W056



**COURTNEY N. KINNANE**  
Winfield, IL  
*St. John the Baptist School*  
Jr. Branch 322



**HAYLEE C. STARZYK**  
Pataskala, OH  
*St. Pius X School*  
Jr. Branch 339



**JOSHUA P. DIETRICH**  
York, PA  
*St. Patrick Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 321



**MICHAEL D. DURANT**  
Port Carbon, PA  
*St. Ambrose School*  
Jr. Branch 172



**PEYTON M. HART**  
Pewaukee, WI  
*St. Anthony on the Lake*  
Jr. Branch 334



**MICHAEL A. MARKOVICH**  
Whiting, IN  
*St. John the Baptist*  
Jr. Branch 58



**JOSEPH T. MISOVICH**  
Dearborn, MI  
*Cabrini Middle Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 174



**CAITLYN M. URBAN**  
Somerset, PA  
*St. Peter's School*  
Jr. Branch 112

## 5th Grade Awards

### \$750 EACH



**MARY E. BRAUN**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
*St. Joseph Catholic School*  
Hessen Cassel  
Jr. Branch 106



**KYLIE R. KIGGINS**  
Burton, OH  
*St. Helen School*  
Jr. Branch 380



**ANNE CATHERINE STARASINICH**  
Joliet, IL  
*Cathedral of St. Raymond School*  
Jr. Branch 83



**ALEX TUCKER**  
Allentown, PA  
*Notre Dame of Bethlehem School*  
Jr. Branch 187



**THOMAS MATTHEW VOLKERT**  
Brookfield, WI  
*St. John Vianney Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 130



**JAKE T. WARGO**  
Niles, IL  
*St. John Brebeuf School*  
Jr. Branch 175

## 6th Grade Awards

### \$750 EACH



**HANNAH L. BRAUN**  
Milwaukee, WI  
*Aquinas Academy*  
Jr. Branch 334



**BENJAMIN C. WININGER**  
Indianapolis, IN  
*St. Monica Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 184



**FRANCES A. MIKLOVIC**  
Saint Louis, MO  
*St. Dominic Savio*  
Jr. Branch 11



**JAKOB R. SCHMIT**  
Pleasant Dale, NE  
*St. Vincent DePaul Catholic School*  
Branch W184

## 4th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**SARAH L. BURY**  
Monessen, PA  
*St. Sebastian Regional School*  
Jr. Branch 170



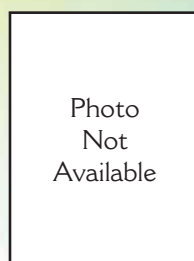
**LOGAN P. SEFTCHIK**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
*Verna Montessori School*  
Jr. Branch 112



**MATTHEW G. TOTH**  
Sheboygan, WI  
*Holy Family School*  
Jr. Branch 130



**NICO ANGELO DISANTI**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*St. Margaret of Scotland*  
Jr. Branch 138



**JOSEPH E. DAHLIN**  
Waconia, MN  
*St. Joseph Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 126



**PATRICK EDWARD ZANONI**  
Narberth, PA  
*St. Margaret's Elementary*  
Jr. Branch 334

## 2nd Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**SAVANNAH J. FURLONG**  
McKeesport, PA  
*St. Angela Merici School*  
Jr. Branch 32



**SEAN P. JOYCE**  
Macedonia, OH  
*St. Barnabas Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 14



**ABIGAIL LAINE HEATH**  
Severn, MD  
*School of the Incarnation*  
Jr. Branch 364



**PETER J. KAVAN**  
Malmo, NE  
*St. John Nepomucene*  
Branch W017



**ELLA M. LOWRY**  
Mascoutah, IL  
*Holy Childhood School*  
Jr. Branch 58



**BRANDON ROBERT MARIANO**  
Oaklawn, IL  
*St. Germaine*  
Jr. Branch 339



**JENNIFER R. KIST**  
Johnstown, PA  
*Cathedral Catholic Academy*  
Jr. Branch 260



**ABIGAIL C. RAHE**  
Troy, OH  
*Miami Montessori School*  
Jr. Branch 174



**MATTHEW LEE McNEILL**  
McLean, VA  
*St. John Academy*  
Jr. Branch 158





**OWEN  
NICHOLAS  
OLENIK**  
Saint John, IN  
*St. Mary Catholic  
Community School*  
Jr. Branch 432



**SCOTT MARTIN  
GENDICS**  
Vermilion, OH  
*St. Joseph  
Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 57



**ABIGAIL  
ELIZABETH  
NAVAS**  
Hyde Park, MA  
*St. Agatha School*  
Jr. Branch 192



**JEFFREY  
PHILLIP  
PEZZUTO**  
Youngstown, OH  
*St. Rose School*  
Jr. Branch 29



**ANDREW  
TUCKER  
HEINLE**  
Troy, IL  
*St. John Neumann*  
Jr. Branch 386



**BRIANNA M.  
VANWHY**  
Hanover  
Township, PA  
*Good Shepherd  
Academy*  
Jr. Branch 526



**AARON  
RICHARD  
SLIFKA**  
Hubbard, OH  
*St. Rose  
Elementary School*  
Jr. Branch 231



**MAYA THERESA  
METCALF**  
Steubenville, OH  
*Bishop John King  
Mussia Elementary*  
Jr. Branch 32



**COOPER L.  
WEITZEL**  
Fremont, NE  
*Archbishop Bergan  
Catholic Elementary*  
Branch W017

## **The FCSLA Has Awarded 225 Scholarship Winners at a total of \$255,250!**

**1st Grade Awards**  
\$750 EACH



**MATTHEW L.  
CHLYSTA**  
Hudson, OH  
*Seton Catholic  
School*  
Jr. Branch H00



**RYAN JON  
ECKERT**  
Center Valley, PA  
*St. Michael the  
Archangel*  
Jr. Branch 362

### **BRANCH 211 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**



Branch 211, Kansas City, KS, congratulates member Alexis Tate for being named one of the FCSLA National Scholarship winners. In addition Alexis was valedictorian of her graduating class. She is pictured from L-R with her Grandmother Mary Ann Rodina Heinson; Mother, Victoria Tate and Theresa Planac, Branch 211 Secretary.

## BRANCH W001 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Branch W001 of New Prague, MN awarded \$500.00 scholarships to the following recipients:

- **Josh Bisek**, Mankato State University
- **Sam Nickolay**, University of Chicago
- **Reese Gartner**, Ridgewater Community College
- **Kylie Schoenbauer**, Aveda Institute
- **Simon Venarchick**, University of Wisconsin-Stout



**Josh Bisek**



**Sam Nickolay**



**Reese  
Gartner**



**Kylie  
Schoenbauer**



**Simon  
Venarchick**

## SLOVAK WORDS AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

### VOCABULARY

**skoro (včas, takmer)** – early,  
in time  
**šesť** – six  
**štyri** – four  
**treba** – it is necessary  
**tri** – three  
**trocha** – a little, some  
**ty** – you  
**učiteľ** – teacher  
**veď** – after all  
**vlak** – train  
**vlastný, á, é** – own, proper  
**voľný, á, e** – free  
**vstáva** – to get up  
**v škole** – in the school, at school

**vtedy** – then  
**vy** – you  
**vychádza** – go out  
**vzduch** – air  
**začínať** – to begin,  
to start  
**zapamätať si** – to  
remember  
**znamenat'** – to mean  
**že** – that  
**žiadať** – to ask, to  
demand  
**život** – life

## REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MAY 31, 2012

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 19,178,513.25
Bonds	657,555,887.27
Preferred Stock	5,541,160.16
Common Stock	986,208.70
Investment Income Due and Accrued	10,604,173.33
Bond Liquidating Trust	64,377.46
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,443,126.48
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,033,076.61
Other Assets	180,768.03
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 702,587,291.29</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Life Reserves	\$ 228,329,898.08
Annuity Reserves	374,231,555.74
Death Claims Payable	721,751.87
Unearned Premiums	605,809.00
Matured Endowments	327,317.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	2,198,681.00
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,863,099.34
Accrued Convention Donations	123,100.00
Provision for Future Conventions	91,000.00
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,557,507.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,271,123.00
Other Liabilities	1,493,862.56
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 619,814,704.59</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	
Surplus	\$ 82,772,586.71
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 82,772,586.71</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 702,587,291.29</b>

### INCOME STATEMENT

For the Five Months Ending May 31, 2012

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 17,407,294.55
Annuity Premiums	10,811,275.67
Investment Income	15,395,479.52
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	36,907.00
Rental Income	171,499.00
Other Revenue	6,518.53
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 43,828,974.27</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 19,086,898.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	10,285,556.24
Insurance Benefits	2,097,757.28
Annuity Benefits	7,324,497.90
Commission Expense	1,978,287.43
Surrender Benefits	837,756.05
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	28,822.49
Matured Endowments	11,632.36
Donation Expenses	103,519.82
Convention Expenses	66,833.30
Dividends to Members	894,317.13
Post Mortem Benefits	463,118.37
Bonus to Branches	375,000.00
Fraternal Activities	27,580.99
Bank Service Charges	8,810.54
Data Processing Service Fees	97,906.20
Accounting Fees	50,963.70
Actuarial Fees	94,190.00
Consulting Services	47,197.50
Official Publications	147,710.22
Scholarship Awards	(443.00)
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	146,671.42
Fees — Directors	71,008.34
Salaries — Employees	560,660.36
Salaries — Officers	182,395.85
Interest Expense	104,850.80
Tax Expense	131,847.36
Depreciation Expense	123,015.00
Utility Expense	37,267.21
Postage and Printing	145,234.43
Advertising	45,904.15
Travel Expense	57,891.17
Insurance Department Fees	57,249.66
Sales Promotion	80,257.86
Rental Expense	171,499.00
Other Expense	261,238.79
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 46,204,903.92</b>
<b>Income (Loss) from Operations</b>	<b>\$ (2,375,929.65)</b>
<b>Capital Gains (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,117.81</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (1,265,811.84)</b>

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## COOL SUMMER TREATS!

### WATERMELON YOGURT ICE

- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup sugar
- 4 cups diced seedless watermelon,  
(about 3 pounds with the rind)
- 1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

Combine water and sugar in a small saucepan. Cook, stirring, over high heat until the sugar is dissolved. Transfer to a glass measuring cup and let cool slightly.

Puree watermelon in a food processor or blender, in 2 batches, pulsing until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. Whisk in the cooled sugar syrup, yogurt and lime juice until combined. Pour the mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into another large bowl, whisking to release all juice. Discard pulp. Pour the extracted juices into an ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's directions. (Alternatively, pour into a shallow metal pan and freeze until solid, about 6 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer to defrost slightly, 5 minutes. Break into small chunks and process in a food processor, in batches, until smooth and creamy.) Serve immediately or transfer to a storage container and freeze for up to 2 hours.

### ARTIC PEANUT BUTTER CHEESECAKE

- ⅓ cup butter
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2½ cups crispy rice cereal
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese,  
softened
- 2 (5 ounce) cans sweetened condensed  
milk
- ¾ cup peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup whipped cream
- ½ cup chocolate fudge sauce

In a heavy sauce pan over low heat, melt the butter and chocolate chips. Remove from heat and gently stir in rice cereal until coated. Press into the bottom and sides of a 9 inch pie plate. Chill 30 minutes.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk and peanut butter until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into prepared crust. Drizzle chocolate topping over pie and freeze for 4 hours or until firm. Keep in freezer until ready to serve, and return leftovers to the freezer as well. Serves 8.

### FROZEN ALMOND BUTTERSCOTCH BALLS

*Ingredients for Ice Cream Balls:*

- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
  - 1 cup almonds, toasted and chopped
- Ingredients for Butterscotch Sauce:*
- 1 pound light brown sugar
  - 2 cups white corn syrup
  - 1 cup butter
  - 1 cup whipping cream

Make balls of ice cream with a scoop. Quickly roll them in almonds. Place them in muffin tins or pie plate and freeze.

*Prepare Butterscotch Sauce:* Mix brown sugar and corn syrup in a large saucepan. Over medium heat, bring to a boil and boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add butter. Stir occasionally while cooling to keep crust from forming. When cool, add whipping cream.

To serve, place 2 or 3 ice cream rounds in each individual dessert dish and top with Butterscotch Sauce.

NOTE: This is a delicious "make ahead" dessert. The butterscotch sauce is wonderful with other ice cream desserts as well. Serves 8.

### FROZEN MINT BROWNIE DESSERT

- 1 (13"x 9") pan of brownies, baked and  
cooled
- ½ gallon mint chocolate chip ice cream
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 (16-ounce) can chocolate fudge ice  
cream topping

Place ice cream in a large bowl and let stand at room temperature while you beat the cream to stiff peaks in a small bowl.

Fold cream into ice cream until combined. Drop ice cream and the chocolate fudge sauce by spoonfuls over the brownies, making layers. Press down when everything is added. Freeze until firm, about 4-6 hours. Let stand at room temperature for 15-20 minutes before slicing to make serving easier. Serves 16

### FROZEN LEMON BISQUE

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 6-9 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1 (13-ounce) can chilled evaporated milk

- 2 tablespoon sugar
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs, divided
- 1-2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries,  
pureed

In a saucepan, beat eggs with one cup sugar and lemon juice until well mixed. Cook mixture over low heat, stirring constantly, just until it boils. Stir in lemon rind. Cool. Whip chilled evaporated milk, add two tablespoons sugar, and continue whipping. Fold whipped milk into lemon mixture. Sprinkle about seven-eighths cup graham cracker crumbs over bottom of a deep, four-cup freezer tray.

Pour mixture over crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top. Cover and freeze six hours or until firm. Slice and serve with pureed raspberries. Serves 8.

### STRAWBERRY COCONUT DESSERT

- 2 cups flaked coconut
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1 (10-ounce) jar strawberry preserves,  
divided
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese,  
softened
- 1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese,  
softened
- ⅔ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups frozen whipped topping

In medium bowl, combine coconut, sugar, flour, and mix well. Add melted butter and mix until combined. Press into 9" square pan. Bake at 350 degrees F 10-13 minutes until light golden brown. Cool completely. Spread half of preserves over crust.

In medium bowl, combine both packages of cream cheese with powdered sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Spread carefully over preserves in pan. Sprinkle with pecans.

In small bowl, fold together frozen whipped topping and remaining preserves until marbled. Spoon over cream cheese layer. Freeze until firm. Cut into squares to serve. Serves 8

### CANTALOUPE SHERBET

- 1 medium ripe cantaloupe
- 1 (14 ounce) can fat-free sweetened  
condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons honey

Cut the cantaloupe in half, scoop out and discard seeds. Peel and slice the melon; cut into large pieces. Place in a blender container along with milk and honey. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour into a freezer-proof container and freeze overnight or until firm.

## PERIODICAL

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### The FCSLA Mission Statement

*Established in 1892, the FCSLA provides financial security to its members nationwide through its premier life insurance and annuity products. Sales of these products allow FCSLA to serve both its members and the community with fraternal and charitable opportunities that promote Catholic and Slavic traditions.*

### The FCSLA Vision is to:

- *Promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of the members through fraternal and charitable activities in our communities*
- *Promote our Slovak Catholic values and traditions and all Slavic cultures*
- *Be a premier Fraternal Benefit Society that offers quality financial products and benefits*