

Donations for Church Built by Fr. Furdek Needed

The Reverend Štefan Furdek was born in Trstená, Orava County, in what is now Slovakia on September 2, 1855. He was brought to the Cleveland, Ohio area as a seminarian by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. He was ordained in 1882 to minister to the area's growing immigrant population from Central and Eastern Europe. In September 1890, twelve Slovak immigrants met at the invitation of Fr. Furdek to establish the First Catholic Slovak Union. The very next year in 1891, Fr. Furdek oversaw the breaking of ground for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on East 53rd Street in Cleveland. The work was completed in 1902 with Fr. Furdek serving as its first pastor. Our Lady of Lourdes remains an active parish today for a multicultural community on the city's southeast side. The roof is now in dire need of replacement. Pastor Fr. Joseph Callahan estimates the cost at \$165,000.



Donations can be sent directly to:

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
3395 E. 53rd
Cleveland, Ohio 44127
Attention: Fr. Joseph Callahan**

Thank you so much for your help and support!

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