44th Quadrennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio August 13-15, 2022
TIME LINE FOR CONVENTION

Saturday, August 13, 2022 - CCU Home Office
2:00 - 4:00 PM Registration
3:00 PM Committee Meetings

Sunday, August 14, 2022 - Excursion Day
Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio
Mass in outdoor Pieta Chapel
Lunch
John Wright Museum
John Seymour House
Winery

Monday, August 15, 2022 - Knights of Columbus Hall
9:30 AM Meeting
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Meeting
6:00 PM Banquet

PLEASE NOTE: TIMES FOR MONDAY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR CHAPLAIN FATHER CALLAHAN, WHO WILL CELEBRATE HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 18TH

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE.

WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!

We do not want to lose contact with our members. If you move, please let us know!

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WHERE SHOULD I PUT ALL MY FILES? CLOUD VS. LOCAL STORAGE

Where to store your files is becoming one of the biggest questions facing the tech industry today. Should we as a company ‘go to the cloud’ or keep our files locally? Why should we as a company spend the money on file storage infrastructure when we can pay a service to do it for us? While both solutions have their advantages, they both have some nasty disadvantages as well. In this post, we will discuss those advantages and disadvantages and what they could mean for your company.

What is the Cloud? A quick Google search shows (after 4 Google Ads at the top of the page) a result from PCMag.com which states:
“... cloud computing means storing and accessing data and programs over the Internet instead of your computer’s hard drive. The cloud is just a metaphor for the Internet.”

And while this gives a pretty good explanation of what the Cloud is, it can be summed up a bit simpler:
... the Cloud is just someone else’s computer

That’s about it. In all reality, the cloud is just a service provided by a company in which you (as an individual or a company) can store your documents over the internet on that providers’ computer. You can then access your files wherever you are (granted you have an internet connection) without having to store them on the hard drive of the computer you are currently using OR spending the time and money building the infrastructure to store them ‘in-house’.

Not only that, but with most cloud storage services, backups of all documents in each account is standard practice.

While the cloud can prove to be very convenient, both in cost and backup services, a business owner must also think about the security of those files in the cloud. With the almost weekly news of large companies and corporations getting hacked or having sensitive material leak onto the internet, it is only a matter of time for this to happen to these cloud storage providers. Once the account information and/or the files themselves are stolen, your potentially sensitive material can be exposed to the internet at large. Most importantly, you as a company must be sure to comply with any rules and regulations that may apply to the information in your files (HIPAA, FDIC, etc.).

On the other hand, storing your files ‘in-house’ means you as the business are in charge of your files and information and can better control who has access to your information. The obvious drawback to this is the equipment and labor cost associated with storing files yourself.

Depending on how big your company is, this could mean a single server or Network Attached Storage device with your IT support person monitoring it, to a large-scale server room with a team of IT pros installing, monitoring, upgrading all hardware and software, and watching the network for intruders. With the higher degree of security and control of your information, the higher the cost will be to your business in order to maintain it.

Both sides have their pros and cons. What you and your company must understand is that with greater convenience and potential lower cost comes the possibility of ‘someone else’s computer’ getting broken into and your information becoming compromised.

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Note: Christina is the legal counsel for the Czech Catholic Union and has graciously offered to extend a 10% discount to any of our members who mention this article.
Easy Baked Alaska Salmon

1 whole salmon fillet
1 lemon
1 tbs Dill
1 tbs fresh parsley
1/4 cup mayonnaise
Salt & pepper to taste
1 onion sliced
1 cup of your favorite white wine

Spray large baking dish with Pam.
Put fillet in pan, Salt and pepper lightly.
Season with dill and parsley. Spread mayonnaise over fillet. Place onion slices on top and squeeze fresh lemon over top.
Pour your favorite wine in the bottom of the pan and cover.
Bake at 350 for approximately 20-30 minutes or until salmon flakes.
## ASSETS

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## SOLVENTY RATIO 120%

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Please contact the Home Office if you are interested in running for a position on the Executive Committee of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life.

- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Director**
Dear Members and Friends of CCU Life:

The 44th General Quadrennial Convention of Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life will be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 13 – 15, 2022. The officers and delegates will meet to mark the 143rd Anniversary of the founding of the Czech Catholic Union and set our course for the next four years.

To commemorate this event, we will publish a Souvenir Program Book, which is presented to all our delegates, friends and sponsors throughout the United States. We are inviting you to be a part of this book by having your greetings, business ad, congratulatory message, or In Memoriam appear in it and show your proud Czech heritage.

Sponsorship levels are Platinum, Diamond, Gold and Silver.

Please consider being a part of our Souvenir Program Book by completing the form below. A separate form should be completed for each sponsorship and returned to the address above by June 1, 2022 with your payment.

Thank you very much for helping to make the 44th General Convention a success. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Home Office.

Fraternally,

Jane M. Milczewski
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Program Book Chairman

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CZECH CATHOLIC UNION/CCU LIFE ‘2022 CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP’

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**Malachi House, Cleveland, Ohio** - “On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff and Residents of Malachi House, please accept our deepest appreciation for your very generous Merry Ploughboys donation dated 1/7/2022. We are grateful that you chose Malachi House to receive this gift towards Raffle Tickets. Malachi House is a unique charity in Northeast Ohio which provides care to the terminally ill who have no financial resources or anyone to care for them during final stages of life. Thank you again for your kindness and God bless you!”

_Sincerely, Judy Ghazoul Hilow, Executive Director_

**9/11 Memorial & Museum, New York, New York** - “On behalf of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, please accept my sincere thanks for your recent donation. Your support ensures that we can continue to serve as a beacon of hope and resilience for visitors from across the country and around the world. Although more than twenty years have passed since the 9/11 attacks, our efforts to commemorate, educate and inspire audiences are more relevant than ever. As always, we remain steadfast in our commitment to honor and remember the lives of those killed on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993, and to recognize all who demonstrated courage and determination in responding and helping our city and nation heal and rebuild. Your gift ensures that we can continue to fulfill our essential mission with an unwavering sense of purpose. Thank you for helping us to “Always Remember ... Never Forget.”

_Sincerely, Josh Cherwin, Chief Advancement Officer & Deputy Director for Institutional Advancement_

**St. Monica Church, Garfield Hts., Ohio** - “We wish to take this opportunity to extend a sincere “Thank You” for your generous donation to St. Monica Parish Calendar Fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit the shortfall in the parish budget caused by the pandemic. We appreciate your donation towards the success of this fundraiser. Please be assured of our best wishes and prayerful support.”

_Sincerely yours in Christ, Reverend Thomas A. Haren, Pastor_

**The Slovene Home for the Aged, Cleveland, Ohio** - “Thank you for your donation to the Slovene Home for the Aged Christmas 2021/New Years 2022 annual support campaign. The residents, Staff and Board of Trustees of the Home and the Foundation appreciate your interest in the Slovene Home. Please know we are forever grateful for your kindness and support. We wish you love, peace and health throughout the New Year.”

_Sincerely yours, Doug Elerich, Vice President, Board of Trustees_

**Sokol Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio** - “The Board of Directors and membership of Sokol Greater Cleveland would like to thank you for your gift in support of our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your support and we hope that you find tremendous satisfaction in knowing that your gift will go a long way in ensuring that the Sokol spirit will be alive and well for generations to come.”

_Nazdar!_
Imagine being born in 1900. When you are 14 years old World War I begins and ends when you are 18, with 22 million dead.

Shortly after, the world pandemic flu called “Spanish” kills 50 million people. You survive and are 20 years old.

Then at the age of 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange causing the Great Depression, unemployment and hunger.

Nazis come to power in Germany in 1933.

You are 39 when World War II begins, and it ends when you are 45. During the Holocaust, 6 million Jews die.

But the war will leave more than 60 million dead.

When you are 52 the Korean War begins.

When you are 64, the Vietnam war begins and ends when you are 75.

A baby born in 1985 believes that his grandparents have no idea how hard life is, as he survived several wars and disasters.

A boy born in 1995 and is 26 today believes that the end of the world occurs when his Amazon package takes more than 3 days to arrive or if he doesn’t exceed 15 likes for his posted photo on Facebook or Instagram.

In 2022, many of us live in comfort, have access to various sources of entertainment at home and often have more than needed.

But people complain about everything.

They have electricity, phone, computer, food, hot water and a roof over their heads.

None of this existed for many in the early 1900s, but humanity survived much more serious circumstances and never lost the joy of life.

Appreciate your life. This is no rehearsal.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A small group of our members joined a small group of members from Bohemian National Hall to clean up the Czech Cultural Garden located in Rockefeller Park in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a good day for cleaning, not too warm or too cold. Thanks to all who helped.

MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

This memorial is a series of statues in Prague commemorating the victims of the communist era between 1948 and 1989. It is located at the base of Petrin hill, Ujezd street in the Mala Strana or the Lesser Town area. The memorial was unveiled on May 22, 2002, twelve years after the fall of Communism in the Eastern Block. The six bronze figures are descending a flight of stairs, losing limbs and their bodies breaking open, symbolizing how political prisoners were affected by Communism.

A bronze strip runs along the center of the memorial, showing estimated numbers of those impacted by Communism: 205,486 arrested, 170,938 forced into exile, 4,500 died in prison, 327 shot trying to escape, 248 executed. The bronze plaque nearby reads: “The memorial to the victims of Communism is dedicated to all victims not only those who were jailed or executed but also those whose lives were ruined by totalitarian despotism.

CZECH TO ENGLISH

Ten kdo vi jak byt potichu, vi hodne vice.
Milost udela mnoho, penize udelaji vsechno.
Rec jest stribro; tichost jest zlato.
Ten kdo lehne se psem, vstane s blechamy.
Nikdy neni pozde se neco naucit.

He who knows how to be silent, knows a great deal.
Love does much, money does everything.
Speech is silver; silence is golden.
He who lies down with dogs will rise with fleas.
Never too late to learn.

WORLD LAUGHTER DAY

Since 1998, this day is celebrated on the first Sunday in May. It was started in India by Dr. Madan Kataria who is known as the “Guru of Giggling.” It’s about improving your mood and well-being by laughing spontaneously.
MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who passed away in March, was born in Prague Czechoslovakia and was a member of the national advisory council to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The president of the museum had met Albright back in 2010 and spoke highly of her, saying Albright was proud of her heritage. She had a great love for her culture and for the national museum in Cedar Rapids.

Madeleine Albright donated her childhood Kroj, the traditional Czech and Slovak dress, to the museum several years ago. In 2013, the museum had an exhibit featuring 280 pins and the messages the pin communicated. The pin exhibit is now at the Smithsonian.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN WOLF DOG

This is a dog breed that began as an experiment conducted in Czechoslovakia in 1955. After initially breeding working line German Shepherds with Carpathian Grey Wolves, a plan was worked out to create a breed that would have the temperament, pack mentality and trainability of the German Shepherd and the strength, physical build and stamina of the Carpathian Wolf. The breed was originally used as Border Patrol Dogs but were later used in search and rescue, tracking, herding, agility, obedience and hunting in Europe and the United States.

SENT IN FROM A MEMBER IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The events happening in the Ukraine bring back memories to some residents in the Czech Village in Cedar Rapids. Officials at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library stated there are “startling parallels” between the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the past Soviet Union invasion of the former Czechoslovakia. The Ukraine is fighting the Russians because they want to preserve their freedom and democracy. This is exactly what was experienced in Czechoslovakia in 1968. When the Soviet Union occupied present day Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1968, it was a blow to democracy and the individual freedoms of the country’s residents.

Though only a few would remember the events of 1968, many may have memories of what it was like to live under communism. As a cultural center, the museum’s role is to preserve the culture and the stories of those who lived in the region, and to remind others what is at stake in Ukraine.

The Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968 following the Prague Spring (a peaceful reform movement aimed to give citizens more freedoms, moving closer toward democracy). In August 1968, Soviet armed forces occupied the country, bringing Czechoslovakia to heel under communism for another 20 years. Immigrants from that region now living in Cedar Rapids agree there are parallels between 1968 and today, but the events unfolding in Ukraine are much more dire. The invasion in 1968 was relatively peaceful because Czechoslovakia put up little resistance to the occupation. The Ukrainian military has put up a strong fight against the Russian invasion.

Soviet Union control of Czechoslovakia ended in 1989 during the Velvet Revolution, a non-violent transition of power that ended communist rule in the country. Czechoslovakia held a democratic election the following year.

The President of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library believes it’s important to learn about the past (mentioned above) and bring it to a present day context to stop history from repeating itself “and to protect freedom and democracy”. There is a generation here that has no idea what communism was like so we have to be able to bring that to the forefront and be able to combat that so our precious freedom and democracy is never lost.
**MOTHER’S DAY - MAY 8**

**MOTHER’S DAY QUOTES**

“Mother is a verb. It’s something you do. Not just who you are.”
Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Social activist (1879-1958)

“A mother’s love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dates all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.”
Agatha Christie, English writer (1890-1976)

“When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.”
Sophia Loren, Italian actress (1934-)

“There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.”
Jill Churchill, American author (1943-)

**MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER**

Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people And show your everlasting love in the same way A mother loves her children.
We are grateful for the love you have taught us Through the mothers in our lives:
Our own mother who brought us into this world, The mother of friends who have welcomed us Into their homes and families,
Our grandmothers who took time for us And the mothers who have helped us
Even though we were not their children.
Bless all the mothers of this world today.
May they know the fullness of love they have shared And be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.

**PILGRIMAGE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF NEPOMUK**

This church is located at the edge of Zdar and Sazavou, Czech Republic, near the historical border between Moravia and Bohemia.

Main altar

St. John Nepomuk feast day is May 16th
MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30

Prayer for Memorial Day
God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

Amen

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY IS JUNE 9TH

You know you’re over 60 when ..... You tend to refer to anyone under 40 as a ‘kid’. People start telling you ‘you’re not getting older, you’re getting better ... And you believe them!

Getting a little action means your prune juice is working. You feel like the ‘morning after’ and you can swear you haven’t been anywhere. Religion becomes a much more important factor in your life. You can still, however, sleep through any sermon. You add “God Willing” to the end of your statements. People keep saying ‘you haven’t changed’. This is the culmination of the 3 stages of life: Youth, Middle Age, and YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.

80 YEARS AGO - LIDICE

Lidice, located in the Kladno district west of Prague, was targeted because the Gestapo had intercepted a letter belonging to a local family who had a son in the Czech army in Britain. The letter was labeled “suspicious”.

On June 10, 1942, the German government destroyed the small village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, killing every adult male and some 52 women. Most of the surviving women were taken to concentrations camps where they would be exterminated. Many of the children were sent to Chelmno (today’s Poland) where they would be exterminated. Others were sent to Germany for re-education.

The entire village was completely destroyed.
FLAG DAY - JUNE 14TH

Our flag is more than a patchwork of cloth. It is a constant reminder of the courage required to maintain our freedom, the liberty we enjoy in being self-governed and the loyalty and trust which unites us despite our individual differences. It is good that we pause to honor our nation’s flag, for this act helps remind each of us that we are most blessed to be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

St. Vitus feast day is June 15th

FATHER’S DAY - JUNE 19

FATHER’S DAY PRAYER
Gracious God and Father, our first father,
You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.
You created us and everything around us.
We turned away from you and only after disappointing you, did we return your love.
Look with favor on our earthly fathers.
They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.
Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.
We bring all their needs to you.
And ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.
We ask all this in the name of your Son, Our model of what it means to reverence our fathers. In Christ’s name. Amen.

FATHER’S DAY QUOTES

“A father’s a treasure, a brother’s a comfort, a friend is both.”
Benjamin Franklin, American statesman (1706-1790)

“When I was boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.”
Attributed to Mark Twain, American writer (1835-1910)
CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

At the Executive Committee meeting held in November 2014, the Officers and Directors of the Czech Catholic Union voted to establish a Renewable Grant of $300.00 to members who will be enrolled in the 9th grade of a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL or are already attending a CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL during the 2022-2023 academic year. The Grant will be payable directly to the school and credited to the student’s tuition.

To be eligible for this Grant the student must be a member of the Czech Catholic Union for three years, having one of the following permanent plans: 5, 10, 20 Year Payment Plan – Single Premium Whole Life – Youth Savings Plan - with a minimum of $5,000.00 of insurance.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION TO THE CZECH CATHOLIC UNION HOME OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2022. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED. MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR.

Date: ____________________________ Society No.: ____________________________ Policy No.: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Social Security No.: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

Email: ____________________________ Phone No.: ____________________________

Catholic High School Name: ____________________________

School Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

School Phone No.: ____________________________ School Website: ____________________________

Grade Level for Upcoming School Year: ____________________________

Please mail this application to: Czech Catholic Union

5349 Dolloff Road

Cleveland, Ohio 44127

Email: insurance@czechccu.org

website: www.czechccu.org

EDITOR’S NOTE: The College Grant will not be in the Posel until the September-October 2022 issue.

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**AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

This day of celebration commemorates the date, June 20, 1782, when this bird was added to the Great Seal of the United States, becoming a national symbol.

With an olive branch in its right talons and a bundle of 13 arrows in its left (representing the 13 original states in the Union), the eagle is said to represent a strong desire for peace, but a readiness for conflict. Note: Bald eagles are found in all U.S. states except Hawaii.

Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress on June 22, 1942
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A Mass for Deceased members of the Czech Catholic Union/CCU is offered periodically at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

CONSOLATION

“Earth hath no sorrows
That Heaven can’t heal.”
As I softly repeat it,
Great comfort I feel.
And I long to reach out
To those in the storm
Of sorrow’s dark night
And point to the morn,
When joy will abound
Up there in the skies,
As God gently wipes
The tears from our eyes!
Oh, then we’ll see clearly
The face we adore
And greet our dear loved ones
Who’ve gone on before.
Gone every heartache
That here we may feel;
For “Earth hath no sorrows
That Heaven can’t heal.”

Alice Hansche Mortenson, Author (1898-1988)

PAYMENTS OF MORTUARY DEATH CLAIMS

The Czech Catholic Union extends its sincerest sympathies to the bereaved families of the following deceased members:

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TOTAL DEATH CLAIMS PAID IN 2022 $56,476