



Christ the Savior is born

Dear fellow Hungarian Missionaries,

We have safely moved from a canonical parish to a canonical Mission to the Hungarian Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This change moves our mission beyond any specific parish boundaries and other outside parishioners to make a stronger outreach to the Hungarian Catholic Community. The Mission establishes that St Stephen is an official Hungarian Cultural Center for ALL Hungarian people of the Archdiocese if not beyond. This move helped save and preserve the Hungarian community in the Chicago land area. This is good news and may it leave us with a very Merry Christmas gift.

We were allowed to travel a bit this year. I left for Medjugorje in October bringing all your names and intentions to the Mountain of the Cross and BVM apparitions. While there all pilgrims prayed earnestly for peace in the world especially in Ukraine. It is in Medjugorje that the Blessed Mother clearly referred to herself as Mother Queen of Peace and uttered often Mir, Mir, Mir in Croatian meaning Peace, Peace, Peace. Many times, the BVM held the rosary up and exclaimed, "this will stop wars!"

It was no accident that a large group of Ukrainian refugees that came to Medjugorje while I was there seeking the Queen of Peace prayers and Divine assistance. I was privileged to preach to them messages of hope in the midst of such persecutions. This peace and hope are a much-needed Christmas gift this year that we must all pray for in regularity especially using the Holy Rosary. I encourage all of you to join in this prayer effort. It's our best Christmas war chest.

To help the Mission not only survive but thrive, we must all help financially that pay the bills and keep us on the Church Chicago Archdiocese map. I know we live in times of inflation. I suffer from it too paying that extra gas bill each week. However, I'm staying faithful with you that we can continue to move this Mission forward and rejuvenate the faith in the Hungarian Catholic (and beyond) community. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and let there be peace again on earth.

2022 Mass schedule for Christmas and New Year's:

- Sunday, December 25th, CHRISTMAS - 10:00AM
- Sunday, January 1st, 2023 - 10:00AM

Fr Ed Cronin, fellow pilgrim on the journey with all of you to bring Christmas Hope, Love and Peace to our world and challenges of our day

Rev. Ed Cronin