



FULLY ALIVE

A Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine Publication

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This June we celebrate the **100th anniversary of Bishop Vasyl's birth**. He was born on June 1, 1903 in his family home on Lypova Avenue in the city of Stanislaviv (now Ivana-Frankisk) in Western Ukraine. His birth was difficult, perhaps a foreshadowing of the life of suffering that was to be his lot. His mother Anna (nee) Teodorowych and his father Rev. Volodymyr Velychkovsky gave him the name of Vasyl Vsevolod. He was baptized in the Cathedral Church in Stanislaviv where his father was employed. Both his parents were from generations of priestly families. His birth fills us with gratitude to God. We have now come to

recognize how precious it is to have a martyr among us, one who walks this pilgrim journey to the kingdom together with us. He is now our intercessor and healer.



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Святкуємо століття народження нашого Блаженного Священномученика Василя Всеволода Величковського. Народився 1-го червня, 1903 в місті Станіславіві в священничій родині о. Володимира Величковського та Анни (Теодоровича). Ми вдячні Богові за цей неоцінений скарб - в особі священномученика Української Католицької Церкви.

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A full day program is planned to help the faithful celebrate the Feast day of Nicholas Charnetsky and Companions and within that celebration a commemoration to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky. The celebration will be at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church. During the evening program a procession is being planned from St. Joseph's to the Consistory on Scotia Avenue. Blessed Vasyl lived a good portion of his last year of life in this building. Come and join us in celebrating the MARTYR'S FEAST DAY.

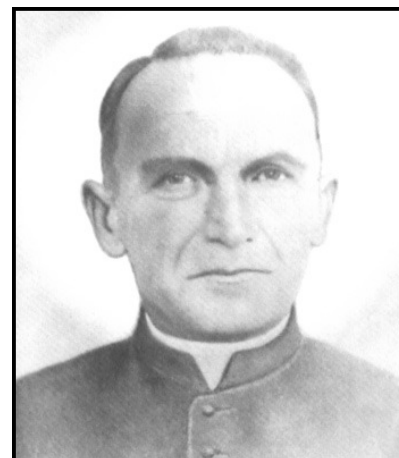
RECENTLY BEATIFIED IN THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 27th will mark the second anniversary of the Feast day of Nicholas Charnetsky and 24 Companions. They were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Lviv two years ago along with others. There were many Ukrainian Catholics who suffered, were tortured and even killed under the Soviet Regime. When Pope John Paul II was planning his visitation to Ukraine, he asked the Ukrainian Church to prepare for him a list of their martyrs so that he could beatify them. Time was very limited. The committees had only a few months to gather all the necessary documentations and materials. The committee was only able to get approval for 25 of its martyrs. The most well known of them was Bishop Nicholas Charnetsky and since there existed already a cult of veneration at his grave site and reports of miracles through his intercession, his name was chosen to head this group of twenty-five Ukrainian Catholic Martyrs. Among the companions is our Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, C.Ss.R. and Nykyta Budka, the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada, .

Along with Nicholas Charnetsky and 24 Companions, the Pope also beatified a martyred priest Father Emilian Kouch. He was killed in a Nazi concentration camp. He was arrested for the help he gave to the Jewish people. The kindness he showed them continued while he was in prison. His Feast day is also on June 27th.

The Pope also beatified a martyr, Bishop Theodore Romdza from Zakarpatia. Because of the dramatic way that he was killed for his faith in 1947, the Church had begun his process beatification soon after his death. The Pope took the opportunity of his visitation to make this proclamation. His Feast day is November 1st - the day of his martyrdom.

The Pope also raised Venerable Josaphata Hordoshewska, SSMI, the foundress of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate to the rank of Blesseds. After her heroic life was reviewed by the Vatican officials and a miracle through her intercession was confirmed, the road was cleared for her to be beatified. Blessed Josaphata's Feast day is November 20th.



Blessed Emilian Kouch
Priest and Martyr
Aug. 20, 1884 - March 25, 1944

COME & CELEBRATE

**the Feast Day of the Ukrainian Catholic Martyrs
Nicholas Charnetsky and Companions**

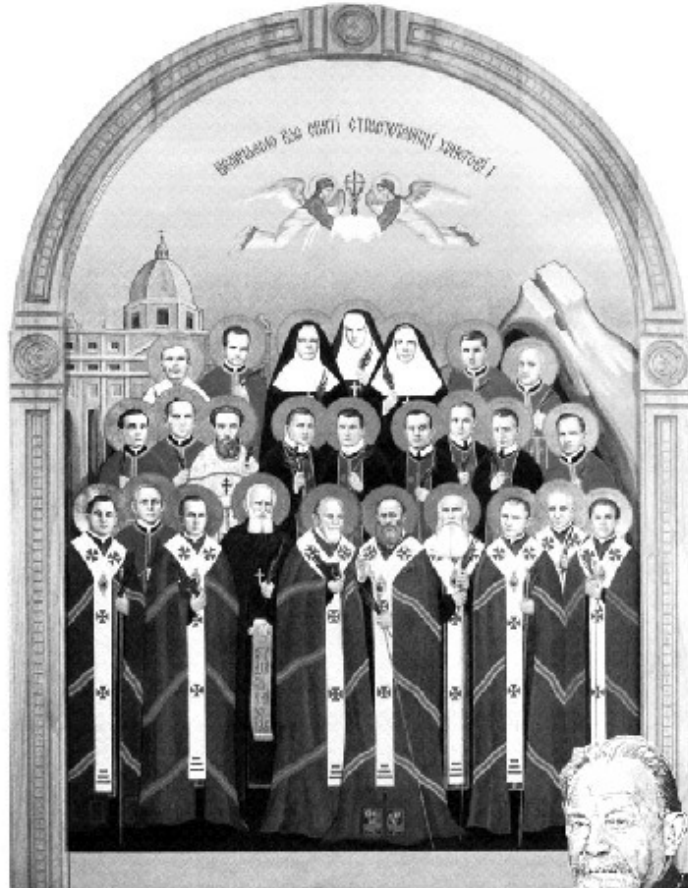
**FRIDAY
JUNE 27, 2003**

DAY PROGRAM

9:00 Divine Liturgy
10:00 Rosary
10:30 Moleben
to the Martyrs
with anointing

Lunch available

1:15 "Fully Alive" Video
Presentation
2:30 Acafist Hymn
in honor of Blessed
Bishop and Martyr
Vasyl Velychkovsky,
C.Ss.R.



EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 Divine Liturgy
Pilgrimage Procession
Moleben to Blessed Vasyl
Veneration of Relics
Anointing for Healing

LOCATION:

**ST JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
BISHOP VELYCHKOVSKY MARTYR'S SHRINE**

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PILMGRIMAGE TO A MARTYR'S SHRINE

It has been eight months since the historic transfer of the Holy Relics of Blessed Martyr Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky to St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg. Much has



Orientation for Shrine volunteers

happened since that time. Pilgrims from across Canada and the United States and even Europe have been coming daily to the Martyr's Shrine since it has been opened on November 5, 2002.

What a gift it has been to have a Martyr's



**Immaculate Heart of Mary School staff
spend a day at the Shrine**

Shrine! A martyr is such a precious gift to the church. A martyr reflects to us the face of Christ. Like Christ the martyr gives his very life. The martyr chooses Christ above all else in his life and for this he pays the full price of faith. The martyr witnesses to us about commitment, resolve and faithfulness to the Gospel. Therefore a Martyr's

Shrine is a fountain of much grace. This we have seen so clearly with Blessed Martyr Vasyl and his intercession. His Shrine has become a place of pilgrimage, prayer, peace and healing.

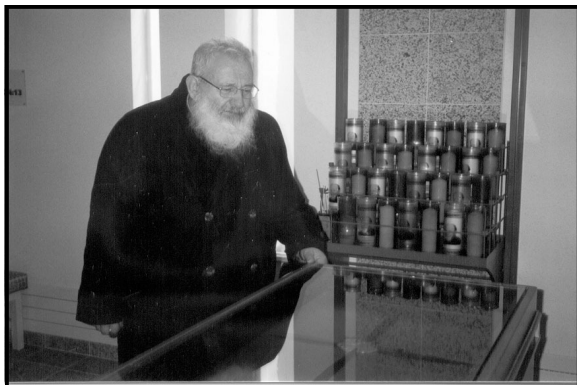
Pilgrims have experienced a great peace in the shrine. They have experienced a renewal of their faith. Volunteers witness to us of changes which have taken place in their lives since they began serving the pilgrims at the shrine. Through Blessed Vasyl's intercession, some people have survived massive heart attacks, cancers have seemed to disappear, various aches and pains have been relieved. Relationships have been healed. Almost weekly we receive someone witnessing to us of some favor they have received through Blessed Vasyl's intercession.



**St Basil's Catechism students,
teachers and parents with
their pastor, Fr. Isadore Dzia-**

Pilgrims who come to the shrine, have the opportunity to visit the museum where they can learn more about his life and see some of the second class relics (things he used during his life). From the museum the pilgrims go to the shrine and spend time in prayer in the presence of his Holy Relics. A profound peace permeates the shrine and is becoming stronger and stronger through the many prayers of all the pilgrims.

One of the highlights of the Shrine was the visit of his Beatitude Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. He spent much time in prayer at the shrine and in visiting the museum.



**His Eminence Cardinal Lubomyr Husar's visit
on February 8, 2003**

Many pilgrimage group tours have already been given by qualified volunteers. Some of the groups that have come to the Shrine are: Catholic School students, Catechism children, SSMI Associates, Holy Ghost 1st Saturday prayer Group, St. Michael's Prayer Group, Holy Cross Prayer Group, St. Nicholas UCWLC, the Welcome Home, the National UCWLC Executive of Canada the Knights of Columbus St. Josaphat Council and others. Certain events took place at St. Joseph's that gave the people an opportunity to visit and pray at the Shrine such as: the Archeparchial



**Christ the King Catholic School
begin their pilgrimage tour
with Mary Jane Kalenchuk**

UCWLC Retreat, the Archeparchial Priest Conference, a Charismatic Conference (approximately 300 people), and the Ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity. Many have marveled at the spiritual atmosphere and holiness they experience at the shrine.

The Shrine program is run by many volunteers. Each volunteer goes through an orientation

program which is held periodically for new and existing volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers who are asked to take a two hour shift at least once a month or even more often if possible. Please consider the privilege of volunteering at the Shrine.



**National UCWLC Executive of Canada
listen as Fr. John Sianchuk explains
the vestments worn by Blessed Vasyl**

We invite you to visit the shrine regularly. Join us every Wednesday(7:00pm) for a beautiful liturgical service to Blessed Vasyl followed by an anointing with Holy Oil blessed by his relics. God has given our church this great gift and intercessor in the person of Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky. Let us come to know him, love him and come to him with our requests and prayers.



**Visitors from St. Theresa's Point, Manitoba visit the Mu-
seum with museum volunteer Francis Stelman.**

REQUEST: If anyone has photos of Blessed Vasyl, newspaper articles, video or audio tapes, or stories and events during his stay in Canada. Please the shrine at (204) 338-7321 or e-mail: bvshrine@mts.net.

In 1938 Blessed Vasyl wrote a poem about his relationship to his mother. Here is a short excerpt of the beginning of this lengthy poem:

Blessed May You Be, Mother!

*In pain you bore him,
with care you carried him,
in prayer you educated him...*



**Blessed Vasyl's
mother, Anna**

*He was your one son:
your other sons died...
Your entire godly soul you wished
to transfuse into him.
Barely had he a few years
and already at the knees of his mother
he was learning the holy warmth of prayer,
which he would himself then lisp...*

*For she did not feel strong enough
to safeguard her son: she herself
was without strength. Only then was she strong
when, on her knees she knelt
at the foot of the Holy Table, at the feet
of the Holy Icon of the Mother of God
-oh yes, there she was strong! ...*

*There he, too, with his mother,
kneels on his tiny knees;
"Pray, my son Pray...
Ask for this, as well,... And pray...
Pray: Dearest Mother of God
give me the grace to become
a holy priest, a monk!..."*

*And he prayed,
repeating the words after his mother
—he prayed.
And these last words of the prayer
—though he comprehended them
not at all—
somehow were sown
deep in his childish soul.
And he always prayed these words,
even later, on his own...*

TESTIMONY OF GRACES RECEIVED

January 29, 2003

In July 2002 I was visiting my sister at St. Benedict's priory "Sr. Bernadine". While there we went to the cemetery to visit the grave site of Blessed Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky. We prayed, took pictures and some soil from the gravesite.

Up until then I had an inner ear infection, a viral one, called vertigo which causes dizzy spells, losing balance, losing your equilibrium. The day we were there was Saturday, July 20, 2002.

That evening when I went to bed I was not dizzy. I never lost my balance or anything. Sunday morning I got up as normal as ever. Prior to that I always experienced extreme dizziness on laying down, turning in bed, and upon rising.

I came home feeling fine. I told my doctor about it, then I left it alone to see if the miracle was permanent.

This week January 28, 2003, I went back to see my Doctor. We discussed the matter. I told him I'm still feeling good, having no dizziness. He's very happy for me and so am I. I feel very blessed and grateful. The doctor's comment last summer was "I guess we can use a lot of that."

I am claiming this miracle for God's glory and in thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed upon Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky.

Yours in Christ
Bernice E. Sciog

Кондак 13 (з Акафісту)

О святий мученику і Владико Васи́ліє,
Прийми покірні наші молитви і охорони нас
від усяких небезпек і нещастя.
Заступайся за нами перед Господом,
і визволи нас, від ворогів видимих і невидимих.
Будь провідником нашим до життя вічного,
і провадь нас до святости, що співаємо тобі:
Алилуя, Алилуя, Алилуя!

Kondak 13 (Taken from the Acathist Hymn)

O holy martyr and our father Bishop Vasyl,
Receive our humble prayer and protect us
from all danger and misfortune that may befall us.
Intercede in our behalf before the lord,
and deliver us from every visible and invisible enemy.
Be our guide to life eternal and to salvation
and lead us on the path of holiness
as we sing: Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all the Contributors to the Shrine for Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky. It was your contributions that made it possible for us to pay off the construction costs and to conduct our ministry at the Shrine which contain the Holy Relics and the Museum. Thanks to your generous donations.

May Blessed Vasyl bless each one of you.

NOTE: The Contributions listed below are those from January 1, 2003 until April 30th.

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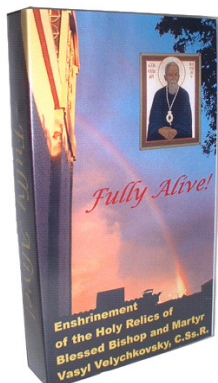
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NEW VIDEO AVAILABLE



Fully Alive!

Enshrinement of the Holy Relics of Blessed Bishop and Martyr Vasylychkovsky C.Ss.R.

*This one hour video brings to life the weekend of
September 20-22, 2002 as the Holy Relics of
Blessed Vasylychkovsky were transferred from the
Cathedral of Sts. Vladimir and Olga to
St. Joseph's Church in Winnipeg.
This video captures the spirit of this historical event
in the Ukrainian Catholic Church.*

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WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to welcome pilgrims coming to the shrine or to serve in the gift shop. Consider a couple of hours a week or even once a month on a regular schedule. There is an orientation session for all those who volunteer.

Come and spend a few hours in prayerful presence and service before the Holy Relics of Blessed Vasyly.

ON-GOING SUPPORT

We welcome all donations.
Donations to the Velychkovsky Shrine
can be made in memory of a loved one.

Donations over \$1,000.00 will permanently
acknowledged in the museum.

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SHRINE SCHEDULE

Monday: Shrine is closed
Tuesday to Friday: 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday: opened until 2:00 pm

Shrine is open to the faithful during the times
of Liturgical Services. The Museum is opened on
weekends after each Divine Liturgy.

Group tours are available.
For pilgrimage group tours call for reservations
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EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - 7:00 pm
Liturgical Service to Blessed Vasyly
(Acafist or Moleben) followed by an anointing with
Holy Oil blessed by his relics.

Prayer to Blessed Martyr Bishop Vasyly

*O Lord God, You are praised by the whole
world for the marvelous works in your saints.
I thank you for the grace you gave to
Blessed Martyr Vasylychkovsky to be a faithful witness to
You unto the point of death. Through his
intercession I ask for the following favour
_____ for your Name is glorified forever.
Amen.*

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