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Ministry in Ukraine Flourishes

Lay Missionaries

Our last newsletter of September 2014 has received many good reviews as our readers became familiar with the great events that occurred this past summer (*read the September newsletter on our web-site: www.bvmartyrshrine.com*). The proclamation of Blessed Vasyl as the Patron of Prison Ministry by Patriarch Sviatoslav is making an impact on the whole Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, especially in Ukraine. With the present tension in Ukraine and situations that appear to be hopeless, Blessed Vasyl provides a beacon of hope and a ready intercessor for those captured and imprisoned. This enthusiasm for the



Oleh & Tanya Chekharivsky

promotion of Blessed Vasyl is especially exemplified by the work that is being done by Oleh and Tanya Chekharivsky. The Shrine hired them soon after the events last summer in Zarvanytsia. Oleh and Tanya were given the task of giving presentations on the life and spirit of Blessed Vasyl. Since they began in mid-August, they have organized



and have given 23 presentations. Oleh also works in the L'Arche community in Lviv, while Tanya is looking after their two children at home.

The presentations are given by both Oleh and Tanya. They prepare the presentation room with an icon of Blessed Vasyl, an icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a candle, a cross, and a relic of Blessed Vasyl. A power-point program is presented, followed by a prayer with those gathered and, if a priest is present, the participants are anointed with Blessed Vasyl holy oil. All receive holy cards, brochures and occasionally third class relics.

They began their ministry in Chortkiv, Ukraine. First, they presented their program to the prisoners in a prison where Blessed Vasyl was kept for two months in 1945. In this city, they also gave presentations in the parish church, in the Medical Academy of 1st year medical students and to a Pedagogical In-



Presentation at the church in Dubivtsi

stitute (Teacher's College). They visited St. Josaphat's College, which is a boy's school in Buchach and where



Medical College students in Chortkiv

Blessed Vasyl was a student in 1913. They left behind an icon of Blessed Vasyl. They visited several villages and towns: Bubynchy, Yaremche - giving 2 presentations; Dubivtsi - visiting the parish and the school; Vynnyky - visiting the Internat (Junior High) grades 8 - 10; and Zarvanytsia - at a Girl's College called Znamennia.

Most of their work, however, has been in Lviv. Their presentations have been



Seminarians from Rudno

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Grade school students in Dubivtsi

to several youth groups: Quo Vadis - from the Immaculate Conception Parish; Ixtus - from the Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky Church; a youth group from St. Josaphat's Redemptorist Parish; Don Bosco youth – organized by



Students from the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv

the Salesian Fathers; and Oktoix- a group of young adults organized by the Redemptorists. They have also visited some church groups: the Apostleship of Prayer from Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Parish; and the Archconfraternity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help from Immaculate Conception Parish. They have also met with two groups from the Faith and Light community (L'Arche type of ministry) Ostriv and Stritenya



Faith and Light Ostriv community from Lviv

and gave a presentation to students at the Ukrainian Catholic University.

It is truly amazing how much has been done in such a short time. These presentations are not just an expose of



Seminarians from Drohobych

information about Blessed Vasyl, but they become a prayerful spiritual experience. The consequence has been that more and more people are coming to our museum/apartment in Lviv where Blessed Vasyl lived. Here Taras Hull leads them in a prayerful tour of the room. Recently, a large number of seminarians for the seminary in Drohobych came to the museum/apartment.

We pray that God give Oleh, Tanya and Taras strength to continue their mission and we, in turn, look to you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry.

SHRINE VISITORS



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IN MEMORIAM

On October 29th, 2014, Sister Muza Solomon, OSSBM fell asleep in the Lord.



Sister Muza, a member of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, was a close co-worker with Blessed Vasyl in the underground church in Lviv. The nick-name for Blessed Vasyl in the catacomb church was "uncle" "dziadzo". She called him "my dearest uncle" "dziadzunchyk". This, in itself, showed her great love for him. She met with him almost daily and was one of his trusted confidants. Ordinations took place secretly late at night in her home. She happened to be present at the moment of Blessed Vasyl's last arrest on January 27, 1969. This event was vividly embedded in her memory. Throughout the years, a close friendship developed between Sr Muza, Fr. John and Mary Jane. They found time to visit her on their annual trips to Ukraine and enjoyed her enthusiasm, her humour and her great love for Blessed Vasyl. May God grant her eternal memory.
Вічна Пам'ять!

BLESSED VASYL HONOURED IN ZARVANYTSIA

A **new DVD** of last summer's events in Zarvanytsia has been produced by the shrine, documenting the celebration of the proclamation of Blessed Vasyl as Patron of Prison Ministry. In order to preserve the original flavour of this glorious event, a DVD is in Ukrainian having English subtitles. This DVD will be available through our gift shop and can be ordered online through our website or by email. Visit our ever-improving **new website** for the latest news, pictures or events.

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 1:00 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
204-338-7321 or e-mail: bvshrine@mts.net

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:00 pm
Liturgical Service to Blessed Vasyl
(Acatist or Moleben) followed by an anointing with Holy Oil blessed by his relics.

***Wishing all of our supporters and their families
 a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year***

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