THE PURPOSES OF THE FEDERATION

To continue the apostolic tradition of Saints Cyril and Methodius by promoting the proclamation of the Gospel through works of faith and charity, education and pilgrimage.

To promote Slovak Catholic heritage and its awareness among Slovak Catholics in the United States.

To establish and maintain the bonds of fraternal cooperation among Slovak Catholic societies and Slovak Catholics in the United States and to foster such bonds by the promotion and sponsorship of religious and social activities.

To support vocations to the ordained ministry and religious life, both in the United States and Slovakia.

To assist the Catholic Church in the Slovak Republic, primarily by supporting the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy and by rendering financial support for the formation of both clergy and religious.

To create and maintain structures which foster gatherings of Slovak Catholics in various areas of the United States.

ABOUT THE FEDERATION

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded at Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 1911 through the leadership of the Reverend Jozef Murgaš.

The work of the Slovak Catholic Federation can be seen in its on-going projects. Examples are:

- Printing of an annual publication, Dobrý Pastier / The Good Shepherd, which continues to be a valuable source of information and inspiration.
- Promoting the establishment of local chapters to coordinate the Federation’s work on the local level.
- Supporting the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy, which the Federation helped to build in 1963, by donating funds collected through the annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal to the Bishop Andrew G. Grotta Fund.
- From that Fund, a monthly stipend is sent to the Pontifical College to assist in the general operating expenses of the Pontifical College.
- In recent years, those religious communities holding membership in the Conference of Slovak Religious have been receiving a percentage of funding directly from the Appeal for their counterpart religious communities in Slovakia.
- Maintaining the Slovak Church Fund from which funds are sent to support special projects sponsored by the leadership of the Church of Slovakia.
- Coordinating Pilgrimages of Faith throughout Europe (e.g. Italy and Slovakia) and the United States at sites such as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Villa Sacred Heart of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA and Saint Vincent’s Benedictine Archabbey, Latrobe, PA.

Ongoing development of the Federation website at www.slovakcatholicfederation.org.

For more information, visit www.slovakcatholicfederation.org and Like us on Facebook.

Membership Information

Membership categories are as follows:

- **Individual**: $15.00 per year
- **Family**: $30.00 per year
- **Lifetime Membership**: $100.00
- **Student**: $10.00 per year
- **Age 60 and above**: $50.00
- **Age 59 and below**: $15.00
- **Parish Organization**: $50.00 per year
- **Congregation**: $75.00 per year
- **District**: $100.00 per year
- **Local SCF Chapter**: $125.00 per year
- **Regional**: $150.00 per year
- **National**: $200.00 per year
- **International**: $250.00 per year

This application enables our Slovak Catholic people to join the Slovak Catholic Federation, an organization which seeks to gather people together to celebrate a common Catholic faith tradition and Slovak ethnic heritage.