

Dear Member and friends of the Slovenian Catholic Center,

We hope this email finds everyone doing well and staying safe and healthy.

Maintaining that health and safety of our community has been, and continues to be, the top priority of the board of the Slovenian Catholic Center. We have spent a great deal of time over the past weeks and months considering numerous alternatives that would enable us to make our annual picnic a reality. Unfortunately, none of them can guarantee the safety of our community. Therefore, at the monthly meeting held on July 14th, the SCC board decided to cancel this year's picnic.

The decision to cancel the picnic, which is the largest annual fundraiser for the SCC, comes at a financial cost as well. It is with the funds from this event that we are able to maintain the building, utilities and grounds for the year. In light of this, we will still hold our annual \$10,000.00 raffle, which will be held VIRTUALLY on Sunday, August 9, 2020. Details of the broadcast will be communicated at a later date.

We ask, that since we are not able to host our picnic and spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon with you enjoying our slice of Slovenia this side of the ocean, nor have we been able to host any fundraising activities in our Dom since March 20, when we closed our doors due to the pandemic, that you consider purchasing a raffle ticket or tickets. This will enable us to raise the necessary funds to continue our building and grounds maintenance and assist in re-opening our doors when we are able.

For your convenience, raffle tickets can be purchased from your usual seller, directly from the SCC website as of July 22nd, or via mail. As always, you can call the center and leave a message or email secretary@slovenian-center.org and we will get in touch with you to facilitate your tickets.

Without your support we are unable to continue to preserve and foster our Slovenian heritage, culture and faith. We miss seeing our members and friends on a regular basis and continue to hope and pray that we will be able to resume our gatherings just as soon as safely possible.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Martina Hozjan Ruda, President
Slovenian Catholic Center Board