

Summer Mission to Hungary

New Jerusalem Family Camp – July 3–5, 2015

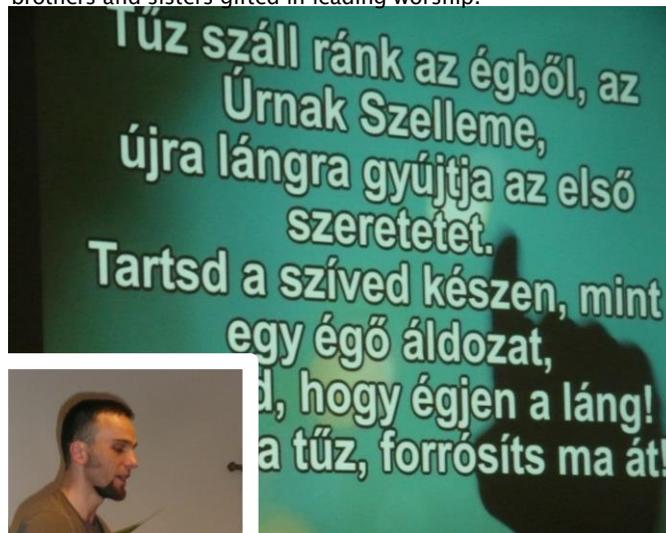


Deacon Steve and Lucia Thomashefski

The New Jerusalem Family Camp typically takes place on the first weekend in July, and this year was no exception. The weekend began Friday evening with dinner, which consisted of soup and meat and a side dish. The evening meal is catered by a local restaurant with enough for everyone to have seconds! After the meal, everyone pitches in to clean and wash the tables, fold and store them, then sweep the floor and finally, set up the chairs. This routine occurs after each meal.



After dinner, there was an extended time of praise and worship. The Community has been gifted over the years with numerous brothers and sisters gifted in leading worship.



The level of worship in the community can be linked, I believe, to the health of the Community itself.

TEACHINGS

Friday night I gave a talk entitled *Shine in a Dark World*. The content of the talk was based on Peter's

challenge to his fellow Jews on Pentecost:

Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. (Acts 2:40)

The challenge to Catholics is to take a stand to the challenges coming from both the world and the Church. Challenges from the world include *militant atheism; radical Islam and terrorism; the sexual revolution and the gay agenda; and challenges to marriage, including bigamy, polygamy, polyamory*. Challenges from within the Church include the priest scandal and subsequent cover up; the need for reform in the Curia and the Vatican Bank; the luke-warmness of many Catholics; and the rising challenge from growing Protestant, Pentecostal, and Evangelical denominations.

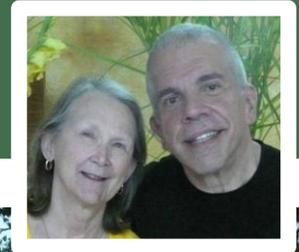


The second talk I gave was *Shine in Your Family*. In this talk, I compared the inner life of the Trinity to marriage and family life. I also spoke on some of the best and worst family practices that Lucia and I were aware of in our own marriage and family life.

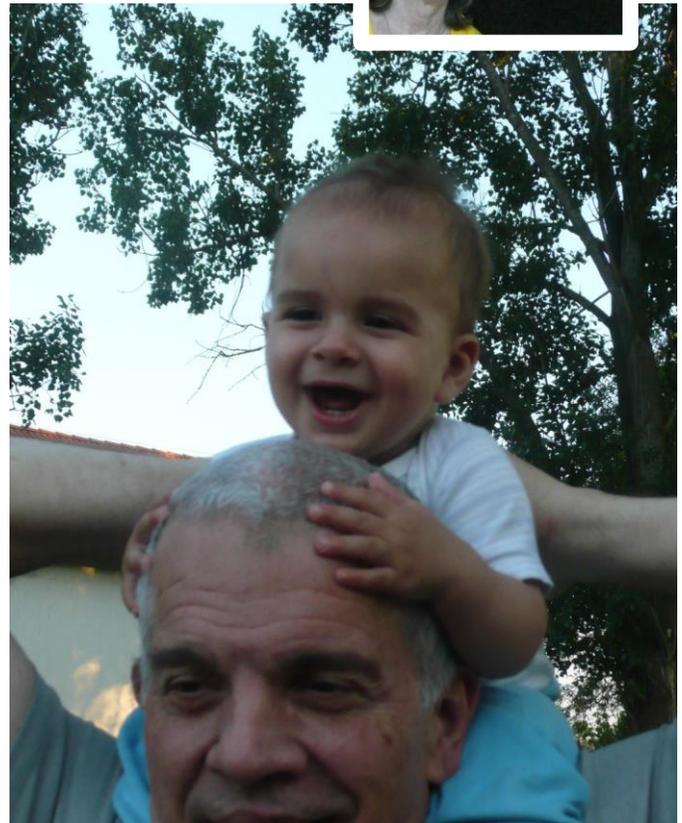
As I have previously mentioned, the New Jerusalem Family Camp is the last official meeting before the summer holiday. Along with the teachings given, the camp is a relaxing time for spouses and children to reconnect with each other, as well as time for brotherly and sisterly relationships within the community to be solidified.

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Zsolt's wife Henni, caring for three of their 6 children.



Deacon Zoli taking a much needed break!



Pulay Ziita with her second child. I have known Zita since she was about 15 years old. Lucia and I prayed with her and her husband Dani, to be able to conceive and bear children.

