

PASTORAL CARE FOR MILDURA'S SLOVENIANS

We are grateful to Father Janez Tretjak OFM from Adelaide, who took the responsibility for the pastoral care of Slovenian community in Mildura. He used to visit us regularly for the last 30 years for Christmas and Easter, but because of his ill health, his visits are not so regular lately. For such an occasion, during last few years, we usually meet at our home and have an open mass in our garden, which we all find most pleasant experience. Father Janez brought to Mildura many special guests, such as bishops, provincials and various priests from Slovenia. Such occasion we like to turn into a great social gathering, when we have an opportunity for personal talk and exchange, extend our friendships with guests and one another, and most importantly, we become spiritually and nationalistically rejuvenated.

Amongst our most important visitors in the past where: Canadian cardinal Alojzij Ambrožič, bishop Franc Kvas, archbishop of Ljubljana msg. Alojzij Uran, bishop from Koper - Metod Pirih, bishop of Maribor - Franc Kramberger Franciscan provincial Mihael Vovk, Stane Zore and various Franciscan fathers: late Father Bazilij Valentin OFM and Tone Gorjup, Niko Žvokelj OFM, Metod Ogorevc OFM, Ciril Božič OFM, Pater Valerijan Jenko OFM in Filip Rupnik OFM and various other priests: Štefan Krampač, Stanko Kastelic, Jezuit provincial Fr. Milan Bizant etc....