



*I am very pleased to take on the role of President of Techny Land Corporation. And while the title is new, I have been involved in the Society's management of its property here in Northbrook for more than two decades.*

*I look forward to continuing our commitment to land stewardship and balanced, sustainable development policies.*

*The history of Techny and the Society's work here is not just a local story—it is interwoven with the history of the entire world. This edition of the TLC newsletter contains two examples of the breadth of the Society's impact. At the very local level, you will read about our Brother Dennis who raises fresh produce that helps feed local residents in need. You will also read about a member of our community who played an historic role in the end of Communism in Europe.*

*The common thread between these stories and the ongoing work of TLC is our faithful devotion to the service of others. Our work at every level across the world is meant to make a lasting and positive impact. And it is my intention that this will continue to show through in the way we manage the land entrusted to us here in Northbrook.*

*We will endeavor to maintain the high standards we have achieved thus far for the preservation of open space and wetlands, and to pursue sustainable and compatible development.*

*In my quarter century as a member of the Society here at Techny, I have been fortunate to play a role in the evolution of our land holdings. I look forward to working with our lessees, our neighbors and municipal leaders to make further progress that both benefits our community and supports the Society's work around the globe.*

**Brother Mat, SVD**



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**NEWSLETTER**

## TECHNY REFORESTATION PROJECT "PROVES WHAT BEING A GOOD STEWARD IS"



*Rev. Thomas J. Ascheman, SVD, provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word Chicago Province; Dave Griffith, Regional Forester, IL Dept of Natural Resources; Father Sunny Francis, SVD; Rev. Quang Duc Dinh, SVD, Rector; IL Lt. Governor Sheila Simon; and Ginny Mulligan, Executive Director, Techny Land Corporation gather at Techny to unveil a plaque in recognition of The Society's reforestation project.*

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon joined local leaders and members of the Society of the Divine Word to celebrate a public-private partnership that has resulted in the planting of more than 40,000 new trees on forty acres of land adjacent to the Techny Towers Conference Center and the Society's Provincial Headquarters.

The event, which garnered extensive coverage by area media, featured the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the partnership between the Society and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This effort will return the acreage to the hardwood forest that originally occupied the area when the Society's priests and brothers first arrived here in the late 19th Century.

"The Society is not just another land owner. Our land is not owned by one person, but

by a community with an enduring mission that will exist for a very long time," said Rev. Quang, the Rector of Techny. "We believe that the community and the planet is much better served by returning this land to the condition it was in when we first found it over a century ago," he added.

State Representative Daniel Biss and Northbrook Village Trustee Robert Israel also attended the event. Rep. Biss noted the positive impact the reforestation project would have on the environment while Israel praised the Society's commitment to long-term sustainability.

Lieutenant Governor Simon expressed her appreciation for the Society's efforts, noting that "we will all be breathing a little easier," thanks to the project.

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# TECHNY REFORESTATION PROJECT (CONTINUED)



IL Lt. Governor Sheila Simon addresses attendees at the Techny reforestation project recognition ceremony.

Rev. Sunny Francis, SVD, who originally conceived of the reforestation project, put the effort in context. He noted that the famed cathedral at Ulm, Germany represented a five hundred-year effort and required the commitment of many generations of people to see it to completion.

Father Francis worked with David Griffith, Regional Forester with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Griffith praised the Society's vision and noted that half of the 40,000 trees were planted by hand, by members of the Society and local volunteers. Griffith summed up the Society's effort, saying it, "proves what being a good steward is: making the land better than you found it."

## PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT: LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES



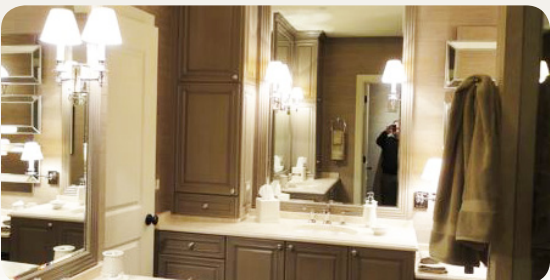
### Five Seasons Offers Junior Tennis Programs

Five Seasons Family Sports Club is home to nationally-ranked junior tennis players that have earned top honors as a result of their hard work and the coaching they've received from Five Seasons' highly regarded tennis pros in the Junior Tennis Development Program. These players will be playing collegiate tennis at many top colleges, including Yale, Stanford, Brown, University of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Colgate, Bucknell, Middlebury, Marquette, Santa Barbara, Middlebury, Carnegie Mellon, Dickinson, Lehigh, Dennison, Depauw, Depaul, Butler, and others.

Registration for junior tennis programs (ages 3-18 of all levels), as well as adults, is now underway. Please stop by the club or call Chris Sheldon, Tennis Director, for additional information (847-897-5200). Attention all businesses: Five Seasons has Corporate Memberships available with special rates. Please contact Conrad for details (847-897-5041). Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at our Caribbean Festival on August 27th from 4:00-7:00pm. Please contact Conrad at 847-897-5041 for details and to request an invitation with event coupons.

### New Model Home Opens at Meadow Ridge

Custom built for beauty and functionality, come see what everyone is talking about. To schedule a tour, please call 847-559-9800. Model home hours are: Wed-Fri 11am to 6pm & Sat-Sun 12-5pm.



### Pinstripes Announces Strategic Financing Partnership



Pinstripes, Inc. announced an exciting financing partnership with Entertainment Properties Trust that will assist Pinstripes with its continued expansion efforts throughout the U.S. Per the terms of the initial agreement, EPT, a specialty real estate investment trust (REIT) that invests in properties in select categories, has completed a sale-leaseback of Pinstripes' flagship location in Northbrook, Illinois. In addition, the two companies are actively evaluating other potential expansion opportunities whereby EPT would provide attractive real estate and/or construction financing for select Pinstripes locations.

"We are excited to begin a long-term relationship with EPT, and welcome their entertainment real estate expertise," said Dale Schwartz, Pinstripes Founder/CEO. "Moreover, EPT provides us with a significant and flexible source of expansion capital as we consider attractive locations in many markets throughout the country."

Techny Land Corporation is excited about Pinstripes' success and continued growth, and proud to have worked with them on their first location. This financing further attests to the quality and maturation of the Willow Festival development and we look forward to our continued long-term relationship with Pinstripes and other tenants.

# TECHNY FARMS HELP FEED PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD AND RIGHT HERE AT HOME



*Farmette at Techny.*

Divine Word Missionaries work in 70 countries around the world. Wherever we work, our missionaries bring the Gospel's Good News and work to address the basic needs of the people they serve.

The primary focus of Divine Word Mission Center located at Techny is our overseas missions. Through our magazine, website, social media sites, visits to parishes throughout the United States, and direct mail, we educate American Catholics about our missionary work and ask them to support us spiritually and financially. We also generate financial support through our gift shop and our farms.

Currently, Divine Word Missionaries owns about 2,500 acres of farmland in south central Iowa. Some of the land is enrolled in a conservation program through the federal government, some is leased to local farmers who raise row crops, such as corn, soybeans and oats, some acres have been planted as tree farms, and we also own and operate a 500-head cattle farm in Thayer, Iowa.

A number of farms are designated to assist a specific ministry, for example, the cattle farm supports an orphanage which was founded by one of our Divine Word Brothers in Thailand. Other farms generate funds which are made available to our Superior General for distribution throughout the world.

A few years ago, under the leadership of Brother Dennis, SVD, we set up a "farmette" at Techny to make visitors aware of our Iowa farms and the purpose they serve. Located adjacent to the Mission Center, the farmette's full-time ambassadors of goodwill are four goats, seven chickens, and two bunnies. Young and old alike delight in feeding treats to the animals or just watching them go about their daily routines. A strawberry patch yields treats for the animals, and the old windmill, which we trucked in from one of our farms in Iowa, welcomes visitors and makes the animals feel right at home.

Two years ago, we plowed about one acre of land behind the Techny cemetery to begin a vegetable garden. This year we are growing tomatoes, broccoli, peas, beans, zucchini, cucumbers, and pumpkins. We also planted some red raspberry bushes and fruit trees which will yield fruit in the near future. Two bee hives are nestled among the fruit trees.

This year we had a very wet and cold spring, but the garden eventually started to flourish. Each morning, our gardener, David Robinson, harvests fresh vegetables and puts them in the Mission Center lobby. Visitors can take home whatever vegetables they like, and they are invited to make a free-will offering for the missions.

At the end of the day, the vegetables which have not been adopted by our visitors are taken to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. According to Jill Brickman, the township supervisor, over 500 families are served each month by the food pantry. Last year we donated more than 800 pounds of fresh produce to the pantry and we hope to donate even more this year.

When Pope Benedict addressed the United Nations' World Food Summit in 2009, he said, "Hunger is the most cruel and concrete sign of poverty." That is true in a Latin American slum, a remote village in Papua New Guinea or in Northbrook, Illinois.



# WE REMEMBER

## Techny priest was key diplomat in post-Cold War Europe

As a young student in his native Czechoslovakia, John Bukovsky showed such promise that his teachers at the Society of the Divine Word seminary in the town of Nitra arranged for him to continue his studies at the Society's seminary at Techny. But shortly after he arrived in 1947, the Communists seized power in Prague and revoked Bukovsky's passport, leaving him a man without a country. Ironically, he would go on to be a major figure in the Church's role in the end of Communism in Eastern Europe.

Thanks in part to the assistance of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, Bukovsky was able to gain legal residency and eventually U.S. citizenship while pursuing his training and being ordained to the priesthood in 1950.

Father Bukovsky continued on his career as an academic, obtaining post-graduate degrees from the Catholic University of America, the University of Chicago and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and teaching Sacred Scripture at the seminary at Techny.

But when he was selected to serve on the Society's General Council in Rome, his career took a momentous and historic turn. In his role as a leader of the Society, Fr. Bukovsky traveled the globe visiting members of the Society doing mission work. His leadership skills and penchant for diplomacy drew attention from the highest levels of the Vatican.

In 1973, Agostino Cardinal Cassaroli tapped Fr. Bukovsky to join the Vatican Secretariat of State which is responsible for the Holy See's relations with 179 sovereign states. Father Bukovsky's work focused on building relationships behind the Iron Curtain where governments had sought to suppress the Church for decades.

During his time at the Vatican, the new Pope, John Paul II began his historic efforts to help free the Church and its people in Eastern Europe of the constraints imposed by the Communists. Father Bukovsky was a frequent guest of the pontiff's at dinners where they discussed the changing situation in the region.

When the Iron Curtain fell in 1990, the Pope made Fr. Bukovsky an archbishop and named him the first nuncio, or ambassador, to Romania in 40 years. One of his many achievements in that post was



*Pope John Paul II appoints Archbishop John Bukovsky as papal delegate to the Russian Federation.*

reclaiming the Papal embassy building which the Communists had appropriated and used as a prison and torture center for opponents of the repressive Ceausescu regime.

In further recognition of his diplomatic skills John Paul II selected Archbishop Bukovsky to the highly sensitive position of nuncio to the Soviet Union in 1994. There he witnessed the collapse of the Communist state and the formation of the Russian Federation. Here, Archbishop Bukovsky deftly managed to build a relationship with the new government and was able to re-establish long-suppressed Catholic institutions.

Upon his retirement from his remarkable diplomatic career Archbishop Bukovsky eventually settled back where he had begun his priesthood-Techny. One of the scores of men who have retired to Techny after serving the Church around the world.

Archbishop Bukovsky passed away at Techny on December 18, 2010. From his roots as a displaced immigrant, he rose to play a key role in one of the most historic stories of the 20th Century, the fall of European Communism and the end of the Cold War, working to further the goals of Pope John Paul II to bring freedom to both of their homelands.

## TECHNY LAND CORPORATION MISSION STATEMENT

Techny Land Corporation furthers the mission of the Church in general and the work of the Society of the Divine Word in particular. Through the leasing and management of the Techny land, we support more than 6,000 Divine Word Missionaries worldwide.



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