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TISO ASHES RECEIVED IN CLEVELAND OHIO, DECEMBER 1, 2007

by Joseph J. Hornack

On Saturday, December 1, 2007 an urn containing remains from the Bratislava grave of Slovak Republic President, Monsignor Josef Tiso 1887-1947 were brought to St.Andrew Abbey by Dr.Ludovit Pavlo MD, for permanent keeping at the Slovak Institute & Reference Library. Dr.Pavlo is a president emeritus of the Slovak League of America and has lived and practiced in Connecticut since emigrating from Slovakia. He is a longtime and good friend of the Slovak Institute director, Mr.Andrew F. Hudak Jr.. The urn was received at a public Mass held in the Abbey church celebrated by the Abbot, Rt.Rev.Clement Zeleznik OSB. In his homily the Abbot eloquently spoke of the difficult period in which Monsignor Tiso was asked to serve as President. How he literally saved his country and actually saved many lives but in the end lost his own mainly because of showing the way in a national vote on May 26, 1946 with a 62% vote against Communism for the Slovak people, when other leading politicians thought siding with Russia was the only choice for Czechoslovakia.

The homily given on December 1, 2007 by Abbot Clement Zeleznik can now be read both in English or Slovak, or heard on his CD titled "For God and for the Nation". Contact: Joseph J. Hornack at the Slovak Institute & Reference Library



Abbot Rt. Rev. Clement Zeleznik OSB accepts the urn of

ashes of Monsignor Tiso given to the Slovak Institute by Dr. Ludovit Pavlo MD at a special Mass celebration on December 1,2007

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