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Every year on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church in Slovakia celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, who has been the main patroness of Slovakia since 1927. Her seven sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary, Jesus dies on the cross, Mary's receiving the body of Jesus in her arms, and the body of Jesus is placed in the tomb. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for us that on the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, patroness of Slovakia, we will be able to face the pain and suffering of our everyday life.

