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## Action Plan for the Apostolate to the Czech Republic: A New Vision in Leadership Development

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In our new book, *Three Things You Can't Do in Prague*, my wife Sara and I have tried to articulate our vision for the new kind of leadership development we believe is most needed in the Czech Republic. We are in agreement with American President Woodrow Wilson (who was instrumental in the founding of Czechoslovakia after WWI) when he said: "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually." Sara and I believe that this spiritual redemption comes only through the saving power of Jesus Christ.

To provide a foundation of prayer and resources as we build an apostolate to the Czech nation, headquartered in Prague, we will partner with the *Communion of Convergence Churches—USA (CCC-USA)*, the *Redeemer Family of Churches and Ministries* (based in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida), *Calvary International*, and our friends in the US and the Czech Republic who are Christ-followers themselves or wish to learn who Jesus really is. Chapter 4 of *Three Things You Can't Do in Prague* contains a summary of our action plan for our new leadership activities in the Czech Republic. Here is an excerpt from Chapter 4:

## ACTION AREAS

### 1

#### Church Planting

The goal in church planting is to plant (establish) at least twelve churches in Czech Republic by 12/12/2012. This will involve planting the following churches:

- 2008 - Prague (Base Church) in central Bohemia
- 2009- Pilsen in western Bohemia and Budweiser in southern Bohemia
- 2010- Tabor in southern Bohemia; Marienbad in western Bohemia; Sumperek in northern Moravia
- 2011- Prague #2, Telc in southern Moravia, Olomouc in northern Moravia
- 2012- Pisek, and Trebon in southern Bohemia and Prague #3



Note: Appropriate strategies will be developed to minister effectively to a secular population, skeptical of the Christian worldview; Czechs are considered to be the most atheistic nation in Europe. Prague has the highest percentage of historical church buildings and cathedrals per number of inhabitants in any European city, yet it also enjoys the highest percentage of people convinced that God and the spiritual world do not even exist. The prevailing historical Christian tradition is predominantly Roman Catholic. Groups considered to be cults have made significant inroads in recent years; for example, the number of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Czech Republic is more than that of the largest evangelical denomination.

### 2

#### Evangelism

The focus for evangelism is to establish the Church's key role at the very center of God's cosmic purpose, as His appointed means of spreading the Gospel. The primary role of all our churches in the Czech Republic should be to seek to transform and enrich the local culture for the Glory of God.

The major evangelistic activities of all CCC-USA churches will include the following programs and services:

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"English in Action" Program (a reworking of the ILI Language Immersion program, to respond to the specific needs encountered in Prague)

"Job Search Assistance Program" (an ILI program)

"Evangelism 101" (a new ILI program, developed with the assistance of the CCC-USA)

Free and for-fee career development and job counseling programs

Free and for-fee English language conversational groups

English language test preparation for students

## 3

### Discipleship Formation

The major goal in discipleship formation is to provide a framework in which new believers, as well as committed, mature Christians, can grow in their faith and, in turn, disciple others. In this way, discipleship becomes a means of evangelism, as Christians help non-Christians by befriending them and influencing them in practical ways. Key programs for discipleship formation during the first five years include the following:

House church groups

Worship opportunities

"Christianity 101" (an ILI program)

"Alpha" Program in English: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith

"Sunday School" (probably not on Sunday, as most Czechs leave Prague for their weekend cabins every Friday)

"American English Language Immersion Program" in the Czech Republic and the USA (an International Leadership Institute program of Christian discipleship development.)

"Discipleship to Leadership" mentoring program, modeled after the program of Christ the Redeemer Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

## 4

### Leadership Development

The major goal in leadership development is to train future church leaders and continuously identify the right individuals for leadership roles.

The International Leadership Institute's business leadership programs for Central European executives and its American English Language immersion programs for young people will be rethought, reworked and transformed to suit the development of Christian leaders, with the help of Abp. Daniel Williams and other senior leaders of the CCC-USA. This joint effort will be accomplished through regular leadership seminars and mutual visits, both in the USA and the Czech Republic.



## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Apostolate to the Czech Republic is to mobilize the people of Prague and other designated cities in the Czech Republic for service for Jesus Christ and His Church, in order to help them to come alive in Him. This will be accomplished, under the Lord's guidance, by focusing on church planting, evangelism, discipleship formation and leadership development.*

*Embracing the Great Commandment in order to fulfill the Great Commission, we will creatively affect the lives of people through His empowerment and through the development of a harmonious convergence of Scripture, Spirit, Sacrament and Service.*

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