



# Mass Honoring Dvořák

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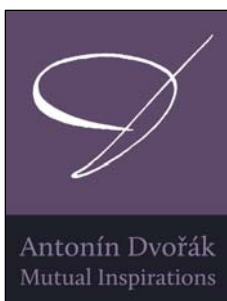
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Crypt Church (Lower Level)  
400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC



The Mass celebrates the 170<sup>th</sup> birthday of composer Antonín Dvořák and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year of Saint John Nepomucene Neumann's birth. As a special addition to the Mass, Dvořák's *Mass in D Major*, "Lužanská" will be performed by the Choir of the Basilica. Czech Archbishop Dominik Duka will come to the United States for this event to celebrate the Mass.



Archbishop Duka studied at the Cyrilometodějská Faculty of Theology in Litoměřice. He entered the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest in 1970. Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Hradec Králové in 1998. He was then appointed Archbishop by Holy Father Benedict XVI in 2010.



The *Mutual Inspirations Festival 2011 – Antonín Dvořák* runs from September 8, 2011, commemorating the 170th anniversary of the birth of the composer, and ends on October 28, 2011, Czech National Day. The festival features more than 500 local and international artists, 30 concerts and events, and a dozen prestigious venues in the Washington, DC, community. The festival is spearheaded by the Embassy of the Czech Republic, under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Karel Schwarzenberg, focusing on the mutual inspirations between Czech and American cultures. For more information about the festival, please visit [www.mutualinspirations.org](http://www.mutualinspirations.org).