

Remarks made at the Memorial Ceremony for Jindrich Necas, Dec. 2002

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As some of you know I often work in my office until 6 p.m. on weekdays when I am in DeKalb. Jindrich would stop in on his way home about one day a week to chat briefly and go on. He always asked about how my father was doing, but we also talked about many things. Often he asked me to pray for him or his family – especially his children and grandson.

His concern for the Department was great; he wanted it to be top quality and its quality to be recognized. He was well aware of the diversity in the Department and understood it – and ACTED on that understanding. He encouraged the younger professors -"we must help them", he would say. Sometimes when there was an especially troubling situation, he would say as he left me "we must pray".

We also sometimes talked of his efforts at solving the "big" math problem. He thought he had a solution a couple of times – only to have those hopes dashed.

Jinrich was a humble man of courage, of wisdom, and of love. In the Holy Bible Psalm 46 carries a message Jinrich knew well – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Christians the world over are about to celebrate Christmas – the coming of Jesus as our Savior from sin – the one who restores our relationship to God. For Jindrich the celebration came early, as he knows the fullness of joy now! I look forward to seeing him again!