

## Methodology

Dear educators, teachers and animators, you have opened a document, in which we present you an offer, thanks to which you can acquaint children, by means of art, with an important anniversary, namely the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius to Moravia.

- we ask you to read and subsequently re-narrate the story of Saints Cyril and Methodius
- highlight the main ideas in your conversation with children
- during your conversation with children make sure they have understood the story
- talk to them about suitable topics they can process through their art
- please add a short description or characteristics of the author to the art processing, which will become part of the catalogue and the prepared exhibition

## Days of the People of Goodwill

For fourteen years already the celebrations of the national holiday, the Day of the Slavonic Missionaries Saints Cyril and Methodius, take place at Velehrad. Their main goal is to build a bridge among all people of goodwill. The program presents the main spheres of civil life and the non-profit sector to visitors. An art contest "The Way of the Two Brothers" is one of a number of accompanying activities to this extraordinary event.

On the initiative of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports the contest in the anniversary year 2013 is broadened by the participation of international primary school pupils from Greece, Slovakia, Poland and Bulgaria.

You can find more information and a detailed program at:

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## THE STORY OF CONSTANTINE (CYRIL) AND METHODIUS

This year, we commemorate a great event. 1150 years ago, two men came to Great Moravia, who transformed the whole country through their work. Their names were Cyril (Constantine) and Methodius. They came from the city of Solun (Thessaloniki), which is located in the present-day Greece, a country warmed up by the sun, where the sky is beautifully blue all the year round. Since their childhood, both brothers excelled in their talents as well as in their faith in the Christian God and also in their desire to seek wisdom and justice. One day the emperor asked them to spread the faith in a faraway country belonging to Moravian Prince Rostislav. Rostislav very much wanted his subjects to learn to live in accordance with Christian truths. He needed such priests to come to Great Moravia who would devote their time and energy to his people and who would lead them, in a comprehensible way, to the life in compliance with Christian principles. Cyril and Methodius left for Great Moravia readily, without knowing if they would ever return home. They did not go with empty hands. Cyril created an alphabet for the Slavs - the Glagolitic alphabet - and he translated a part of the Bible into it. Methodius took care of books related to laws.

The brothers, accompanied by other learned men, reached Great Moravia in 863. Moravians welcomed them with enthusiasm. Immediately, Prince Rostislav introduced young men to them, who were willing to become their disciples. The brothers wanted to turn them into able priests and teachers who would help them among the people to spread mutual love and in the church to say masses in the Old Church Slavonic, i.e. the language people in Great Moravia understood. The brothers taught them not only to read, write, count, pray and spread the faith in an effective way but they also taught them methods of good husbandry, so that they would have abundant crops. The brothers also devoted their time to the simplest people who turned to them with their difficulties. With patience they showed to them that it was not right to believe in superstitions, fortunetellers and to worship trees, the sun or colored stones. Because these are only things created by God and nothing more. The brothers also encouraged people to do their work (e.g. manufacturing jewelry and ceramics) honestly, to do good farming in their fields and to take care of the properties entrusted to them in a wise way.

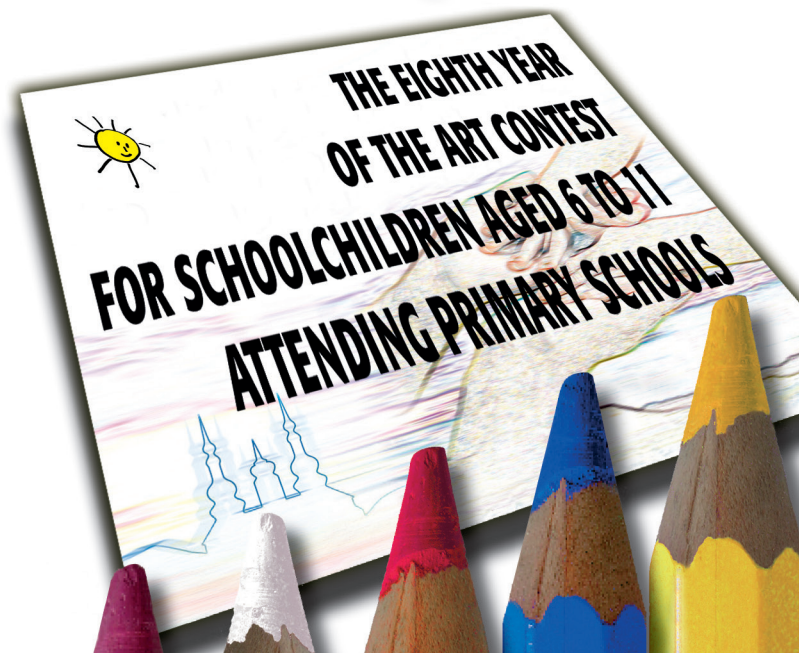
People grew fond of the brothers. They realized that even though they were demanding on them, they liked them and cared for them. Also we, nowadays, live from the legacy of these men. Their disciples worked in the territory of the present-day Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, Hungaria, Bulgaria, Serbia and Russia, Poland and Croatia. They spread Christianity there in accordance with the model they had in the brothers of Solun and enhanced local culture.

By means of this art contest educators, teachers and animators can acquaint children, in an amusing way, with a significant anniversary, namely the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius to Moravia.

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**Saints Cyril and Methodius**  
1150 years

# THE WAY OF THE TWO BROTHERS



Under the auspices of:

**Mons. Jan Graubner**, Archbishop of Olomouc,  
**MVDr. Stanislav Mišák**, Governor of the Zlín Region.

  
MINISTERSTVO ŠKOLSTVÍ,  
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 **Zlínský kraj**

On the occasion of this year's celebrations of the Czech national holiday, the Day of the Slavonic Missionaries Saints Cyril and Methodius, we announce, within the Days of the People of Goodwill, **the 8th year of the art contest** for all children from 6 to 11 years of age (attending primary schools in their 1st – 5th grades).

## THE WAY OF THE TWO BROTHERS

The adventurous journey of the two brothers, Cyril and Methodius, entered, in an undelatable way, into the culture of our nation. However, it can also inspire our present life and thus remind us of the riches of our ancestors, which we keep preserving.

**The announcement of results:** during the Days of the People of Goodwill at Velehrad on 4th July 2013

**Evaluating committee:** Adolf Born (chairman), Jan Jemelka, Vítězslav Koutník, Zdeňka Krejčová, Marek Trizuljak, Miroslava Trizuljaková, Martina Špinková, Jan Zemánek

**The contest is prepared for the following categories:**

**1st category** – 1st – 3rd grade – painting + drawing  
**2nd category** – 4th – 5th grade – painting + drawing

- A3 format
- authors of the winning works of art have to send a copy of their birth certificate

Do not forget to enclose a brief description of the theme of the picture and write your address, grade you are in, age, home phone number and e-mail address on the back side of the picture.

**Send your works of art by 31st May 2013 to the following address:**

Stojanovo gymnázium  
Velehrad 1  
687 06 Velehrad

(We do not return the works of art. Thank you for your understanding.)

The aim of the art contest is to acquaint children with the roots of our culture with a positive model for life in the present.

**Themes:**

### 1st category

- Cyril and Methodius came with their escort to Great Moravia in 863.  
**Draw/paint Cyril and Methodius coming to Prince Rostislav with their escort.**
- Cyril and Methodius devoted their time to the inhabitants of Great Moravia. They spent a lot of time with them.  
**Draw/paint with whom you like to play.**

### 2nd category

- In Great Moravia Cyril occupied himself with education of new teachers and priests who were supposed to help to spread mutual love among people and say masses in the church in the Old Church Slavonic. Cyril did not only teach them to read, write, count and pray but also how to do good farming on their fields, so that they would have abundant crops.  
**Draw/paint how things could look at Cyril's school during a break.**
- The brothers also encouraged people to do their work in an honest way, e.g. while ornamenting jewels, but also to do good farming on their fields and take care of the properties entrusted to them.  
**Draw/paint what you like to help with at home.**

## THE WAY OF THE TWO BROTHERS

### AWARDS IN THE INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

#### 1st + 2nd CATEGORY

**1st place** A camera

**2nd place** A multimedia encyclopedia for children

**3rd place** A social game „In the Footsteps of Saints Cyril and Methodius“

Winning works will be exhibited at the Stojan grammar school at Velehrad during summer vacations. The exhibition opening will take place in the presence of esteemed guests on 4th July 2013.

**Organizer:** The organization committee of the project “Days of the People of Goodwill” in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

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