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**To all who entered the essay contest:**

When we read the essays, we were so surprised. Such a grasp and understanding of our founder's motto! The essays were so well thought out, so sincere, so reflective, so down to earth.

What a beautiful comparison between a wedding day/marriage and working at Matulaitis. What a sincere application of scripture to our human emotions of anger, evil, injustice. How true the interplay of good and evil in our personal attitudes. So true is the reflection of God's love and the self-deception of evil, and of the intricate way we all experience good and evil in our daily life. And how very creative was the anagram! Such honest sharing and application. Yes, we were pleasantly surprised and very pleased.

In fact, we decided to translate the essays into Lithuanian and give them to our staff at our nursing home in Marijampole (which has only 30 beds – but many full care residents) to read and discuss and then at some time, invite and challenge them to take on the challenge.

Thank you for responding to the invitation! Thank you for taking the time to think and write and share your thoughts.

You are all to be commended!

Sr. Viktorija Pleckaityte,  
Superior General of the Srs. of Immaculate Conception

Sr. Evelina Lavrinaviciute,  
Secretary of the General Council

Sr. Igne,  
Member of the General Council

P.S. Sr. Igne will bring our small token of appreciation to each and every one on her return in early February.