

IN MEMORIAM JÁNOS BALOGH

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Now that we have gathered to express our homage to the life work of the ecology professor, JÁNOS BALOGH, let us please recall some parts of Apostle PAUL's letter written to the Corinthians.

As the words go, the knowledge we can get about our world will always remain fragmented, partial, vague as if seen in a mirror, and when completeness comes everything that is partial shall vanish. But what remains after all this is faith, hope, and love. And the strongest of them all is love.

In the honour of the professor who left for eternity I would above all like to commemorate his feeling of love on behalf of the Fasori Lutheran School.

JÁNOS BALOGH's patriotism was the embodiment of the principle so concisely expressed in the epigram "The Fatherland is paramount". He who was so much drawn to tropical regions by his work and success, never ceased to remain the son and dweller of his fatherland, even when it made work more difficult for him. He set an example of patriotism for the young.

His affection to his son manifested itself in his care about his son, as well. He brought him up to become a scholar who could take over the baton of scientific research from his ex middle-distance runner father.

His affection for his work imbued all his life. We could say, he looked at the world through an ecologist's glasses.

He looked upon the horrible 9/11 terrorist attacks as the breakdown of the soul's balance and the collapse of the world's hygiene. His life work and experience made him abhor the selection of the unfittest, an ideology that would destroy races, ideas or institutions.

We, the representatives of the alma mater especially appreciated his care about us. It was not just the old myth of Fasori he loved but he was always ready to openly manifest his affection to the modern school, as well.