



# SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE

Alumni & Friends Newsletter of Fall 2002



## 1952 - 2002

It is with great enthusiasm that this fall newsletter goes out to you! We are in the midst of celebrating the first 50 years of Sheptytsky Institute and, the excitement continues!

October 5<sup>th</sup> marked exactly 50 years since the **laying of the cornerstone** at Sheptytsky Institute. We recognized the occasion on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with Divine Liturgy celebrated in the Chapel, followed by an informal supper with the student residents. His Excellency Bishop Michael Wiwchar, CSsR joined us, as did three of the very first Institute residents: Bonace Korchinski, Dr. Michael Krochak and Ray Moroz (shown standing at the base of the cornerstone). Everyone agreed that things have changed greatly since those early days!



Highlights of the June 21-23 **50th Anniversary** celebrations were featured in a specially prepared insert for the Thanksgiving issue of the *Eparchial News*. The photograph montage is just a sampling of the activities that took place. If you have not seen this special issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Institute - one will be sent your way!

A very exciting announcement is that **www.sheps.ca** is up and running. This web site is a source of information about the Institute and will provide the opportunity for us to promote ourselves, our activities, and our future! On-line resident registration is available there as well. Watch for regular updates and announcements.

During this period of **thanks giving** we have much to be grateful for and many to acknowledge:

- ♥ Bishop Michael and the Ukrainian Catholic clergy, organizations and community for continued caring - both physically and financially;
- ♥ Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society Board of Directors, for their forward thinking and actions;
- ♥ St. Thomas More College and Don Gorsalitz for all successes of the former Management agreement;
- ♥ The University of Saskatchewan and the community in general, for support of the many ongoing activities and fundraising projects of Sheptytsky Institute;
- ♥ The students, who are making Sheps their home;
- ♥ and, YOU!

*May God's blessings be upon all of you!*

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## ***My Dear People,***

**D**ivine Providence had arranged that the first Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholics of Canada, should be the Most Reverend Niceta Budka. He was born in the Province of Ternopil in Ukraine, on October 7, 1877. He was chosen as a gift to guide and direct the largest territory, where his flock was settling. He was called to shepherd a people, his people invited to Canada, where a quarter section of land could be purchased for ten dollars! He identified himself with the people, labeled by the uninformed government as “non preferred immigrants”. And, he shared the consequences of the First World War, labeled as “enemy aliens”. He was accused of being a traitor, not only by the uninformed but also by his own!

After fifteen years, Bishop Budka was forced to return to his native homeland. Such was to take place in the year 1927. Perhaps historians yet to arise, will present the true picture of his departure, which has produced a witness to the Universal Church, and, a genuine Canadian martyr!

With the liquidation of the Church in Ukraine, systematically orchestrated on April 10/11, 1945, Bishop Budka journeyed into the Siberian camp of Kazakhstan. And, in 1949, he offered his life for martyrdom, along with millions which included Bishops, priests, religious and laity. Nevertheless, he ranks among the Martyrs of the modern Church as a crown of glory for the people he served and a model of fidelity for the Catholic Church in Canada and in the entire world!



Bishop Budka established a solid foundation for the Ukrainian Catholic church in Canada. His first task became the founding of schools, particularly in the Prairie Provinces. Today, Sheptytsky Institute alone remains as a centre of spiritual, cultural and educational bastion for all who have ears to hear and will hear.

On this, the 125th anniversary of his birth, the 90th anniversary of assuming the episcopal office in Winnipeg, we are called to honor and to remember a Church leader. Rather - to pray to one who has been placed in the ranks of the saints through martyrdom. And, so we pray:

*Bishop Martyr Niceta, guide and direct all those who are associated with Sheptytsky Institute. Charter and navigate its course as it begins the succeeding half of the century!*

***Sincerely in Christ,  
Rt. Rev. Rudolph Luzney, Vicar General, Eparchy of Saskatoon***

# From the President of the Board of Directors

**A**s seems to be the trend of late, Sheptytsky Institute has experienced another activity-filled and interesting spring and summer. Since the Spring Newsletter, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute was observed and celebrated, a group of World Youth Day pilgrims spent a night at Shep's while on their way to Toronto, and a very full summer of camps of various kinds used our Institute as a place of residence.

We are all grateful that we had the opportunity to observe the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sheptytsky Institute. Alumni and former board members, staff and clergy from near and far responded to our invitation, and joined us in our celebration. We all agree that it was important not to let this important historic occasion pass by unnoticed. It was great to meet some of the wonderful and interesting people associated with the Institute from the past.

It is important to recognize and appreciate our history because it teaches us where and why we are who we are, and serves as a useful reference point for our future endeavors. With 50 wonderful years behind it, Sheptytsky Institute now needs to face and deal with the future, a future none of us can predict or portray with any degree of certainty or confidence. The Board embarked on its initial foray into this future with a Retreat last February. The intention is to continue this reflective and decision-making process this year so as to adopt a proactive and confident approach to dealing with the matters that need to be dealt with. The mutual decision to replace the Management Agreement with St. Thomas College with a Letter of Understanding and Cooperation is another step in this direction.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Sylvia Baran as our newest General Manager at Sheptytsky Institute. She served so capably as Secretary to the Board of Directors, and is assuming her new responsibilities with enthusiasm, energy and dedication. We are confident that the students, the Board of Directors and our community and Eparchy will benefit immensely from her presence at the Institute.

As well, we welcome back Mrs. Laurie Friesen, our Campus Pastoral Minister, to a second year with us. We are certain that Laurie's hard work in getting herself and her position established last year will benefit our residents, our community and our Eparchy. As well, we welcome back Wayne, Angie and Krista to another year with us. Their hard work and special gifts and talents are truly appreciated by everyone.

Finally, a special welcome to all students who have chosen Sheptytsky Institute as their "home away from home" for this school year. We hope that your stay at Shep's is a pleasant one. We are glad that you have chosen Shep's as your place of residence for this year. The Board has declared 2002-2003 as "Shep's 50 Year". We hope you will join us in the activities and celebrations we have planned to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sheptytsky Institute. To all those associated with Shep's, have a great year.



**Dr. William Gulka**

## Ukrainian Catholic Campus Ministry

**C**ampus Ministry is basking in the glow of the energy created by World Youth Day! Of the 113 pilgrims the Eparchy of Saskatoon took to Toronto, 25% were University students. Because of their experiences, they are excited about their faith and about continuing the faith journey they began with WYD 2002.

We are in the process of starting a group for Ukrainian Catholic students and young adults. This group would focus on meeting spiritual, service, cultural and social needs, much like the Obnova group of past years.

Divine Liturgy is celebrated at St. Andrew the Apostle Chapel in Sheptytsky Institute every Sunday during the academic year (except long weekends) at 4:00 p.m. All students that attend are welcome to stay for supper after Liturgy. Since Rev. Myroslaw Tataryn is on sabbatical, the local priests and deacons are taking turns celebrating with us. We are in the process of upgrading our chapel to better meet our needs. This 4:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy also offers a good alternative to the later-day Roman Catholic masses that people from the Ukrainian Catholic community often attend.

Sheptytsky Institute is the new home to Liguori Circle, a group for Ukrainian Catholic young adults. Liguori Circle is facilitated by Andre Lalach, the Ukrainian Redemptorist Young Adult/Vocations Ministry coordinator. This group meets once per month to share faith and friendship. New to the group's activities this year is a service and outreach component.

On Sunday, November 3 we will have our annual celebration in honour of our patron, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel and will be followed by brunch in the dining room.

Coming up in November is the first "Twilight Retreat" which will be hosted at Shep's. This retreat, with an Eastern Catholic flavour, is facilitated by both the Roman and Ukrainian Catholic campus ministries.

Of course, with the new academic year, there are new students and much time is spent developing new relationships. One of the difficulties of campus ministry is locating and reaching out to Ukrainian Catholic students on campus. There is a lot going on that they may be interested in, but it is difficult to know who they are or how to contact them. If you, or someone you know, is a Ukrainian Catholic student that would appreciate being informed about and invited to upcoming social, spiritual and cultural events, please contact, or forward your contact information, to Laurie Friesen at Shep's or e-mail lfriesen@hotmail.com.

***Prayerfully submitted by: Laurie Friesen  
Ukrainian Catholic Campus Ministry  
University of Saskatchewan***

*The Ukrainian Catholic church dedicated the year 2001 in honour of our patron, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. He was a towering figure in the history of our Church, a man ahead of his times. Let us remember to pray that he may soon join the company of the saints.*



### **МОЛИТВА ЗА ПРОСЛАВУ СЛУГИ БОЖОГО МИТРОПОЛИТА АНДРЕЯ ШЕПТИЦЬКОГО, ЧСВВ**

Господи Ісусе Христе, Ти завжди нагороджуєш Твоїх вірних слуг не тільки особливішими дарами любови, але й вічною нагородою святих на небі, а в багатьох випадках і прославою на Твоїх святих престолах тут, на землі.

Покірно благаємо Тебе, зволь так прославити Твого покійного слугу Андрея Шептицького. Він протягом свого праведного життя, повного терпінь і досвідив, був добрим Пастирем свого стада й великим подвижником церковної єдності. А через його прославу й заступництво пошли й усьому нашому народові великий дар єдності й свободи.

В тій цілі благаю Тебе: уділи мені в своєму батьківському милосерді через посередництво Слуги Божого Андрея ту ласку про яку я Тебе покійно прошу.



### **PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD METROPOLITAN ANDREY**

Our Lord Jesus Christ – You always regard Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth.

We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love.

O Lord, in your mercy grant me the favour that I ask for through the intercession of the Servant of God, Andrey Sheptytsky. Amen

# Visit the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre!

Located on the 3rd floor of the Institute, this Eparchial resource centre contains an extensive collection of material that is used for religious education inservices, catechetical workshops and various other programs and retreats. Videos and other material can also be signed out!

Normal hours of operation from September to June, are Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am to 4:30pm. Sisters Pat, Bonnie and Marika would love to see you!  
Call 652-1718.

## ***Farewell!***

This summer we bid farewell to Henry Spilchuk who was in the position of Assistant to the Administrator. Henry is now dedicating more time on personal adventures. We express sincere gratitude for his contribution to the Institute and, thank him and his wife, Iris, for their involvement in the 50th Anniversary reunion organization!



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## **Renovation Fund**

In recent years, a major fundraising campaign was initiated to raise funds for renovations. Renovations included all rooms, public areas and washrooms. Now, the campaign continues! Upcoming renovations include improved lighting, resident furniture upgrades, chapel improvements, and repairs to the exterior of the building.

**Please consider making a donation! No amount is too small!**

A tax receipt will be issued for your donation.

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**Yes! I would like to support Sheptytsky Institute by making a donation to the Renovation Fund.**

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Installment plan is available and encouraged for those who are unable to contribute in total at any one time.

Please make cheques payable to *Sheptytsky Institute*.

***Thank-you for continued support!***  
***Дякуємо!***

## Student Life

**T**his year there are 53 students residing at Sheptytsky Institute: 35 males, 18 females. Of this group, 34 are new to our residence and the University of Saskatchewan! These students have come from as near as Saskatoon, from across Canada, and as far away as Indonesia.

The students are represented by an active *Student Residents' Council* who work on the development of recreational, social and cultural programs for the current academic year. The first events of the year provide an excellent opportunity for first year residents to get to know the veterans of Sheps and to get a realization of what living in residence is like.

This fall the residents have participated in a football league, ping-pong tournament, movie nights, pumpkin carving contest and bowling. Upcoming plans include a student dance, caroling at Christmas and a cultural/hockey trip to Edmonton in March. A fundraising raffle is being planned to help finance some of these events. Students are currently working on designs for Sheps clothing. This year T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase.

The students are also represented by a *Resident Assistant* who is available to fellow residents to hear and take care of minor problems, to pass messages on to management and to help solve disruptive situations. The RA helps ensure that all Sheptytsky Institute rules and regulations are followed. This year the representing RA participated in a one week training session before classes started. Offered through the U of S, for all resident RAs, these sessions covered such topics as first aid, awareness and intervention of possible unsafe situations, and security issues.

It is anticipated that all students do their part and share their talents in making Sheps a good place in which to live for themselves and for their co-residents!

Rest assured that plenty of school work is also being done!

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**Registrations are now being accepted for residency during the 2003-2004 academic year.**

Encourage students who will be studying in Saskatoon to seriously consider the benefits of living in small residence and to make Sheptytsky Institute their choice!

**Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan  
Notice of Annual Meeting  
Saturday, November 30, 2002**

The annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2002 at Sheptytsky Institute, 1236 College Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

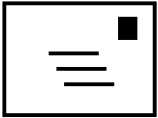
12p.m. Lunch — 12:45p.m. Panachyda — 1p.m. Meeting

All are invited to attend!

For further information, contact Sheptytsky Institute at 306-653-1711.

***Sheptytsky Institute is available May to August for short or long term visitors, summer students or group camps.***

The clean facilities, meeting room, activity area, chapel and excellent meal service have made the Institute a popular place for gatherings and large group accommodation. Give us a call!



**We want to keep in touch with you  
- our alumni and friends!**

Please forward changes or corrections to your name and address so the database can be properly updated.

Also, if you would you like to receive upcoming newsletters in electronic format (pdf), to help reduce mailing costs, drop us a line!

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