



SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE

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Celebrating 50 years! 1952 - 2002



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Launching into the Deep

Beginning the journey of the second half of Centennial celebrations, students, staff, Directors and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, must know and must proclaim a goal and vision for the future. To imagine or to suggest that the Institute must continue the course of its founders at the historical meeting in Regina in 1932, is extremely limited and totally restricted! And, to reject the objectives, hopes and expectations of the past, is immature and arrogant! Many of the restrictions of the past have been removed, goals have been redefined and many a vision has become more clear and urgent. Sheptytsky Institute has a glorious future, because it has left a commendable legacy and has and is willing to listen with the heart and to respond with the head.

A role to play

Sheptytsky Institute has a Prophetic role to demonstrate, both in the present and in the future. As was in the case of the chosen people, led out of bondage into freedom, threatened with extinction through their waxing and waning – they were sustained by the Prophets which God sent among His people. The Prophets of Old were God's chosen ones to His people. It was their goal to tell the people, who they are, to whom they belong and who belongs to them. Such is the goal of all who have ears to hear – as the ground work is set for centennial celebrations of the Institute.

Sheptytsky Institute must serve Ukrainian Catholic students of the U of S, and, also those in attendance at other schools of learning. It must be willing and able to accommodate Catholic students and others who are willing to live in the borders of the Institute. With the finest facilities for residency in the city of Saskatoon, the Institute must extend its caring concern for the nourishment of the spirit and the intellect!

The Institute must be a resource centre for spiritual, historical and cultural values. I should hope that space can be made available to display maps relating from where we came. Some eleven years ago, a people and a nation, destined to disappear from the face of the earth, arose on the map of Europe. Although a phrase is used that the Independence of Ukraine and the rising of the Church from the catacombs were without bloodshed, such is not completely correct! In the words of +Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, "Ukraine has offered in the almost fifty years of subjection, mountains of corpses and rivers of blood."

Reading material should be available on current and past issues of the Ukrainian Church and its one thousand plus years of Christian history; as well as subscriptions to some of the publications available on the North American continent.

Celebrations

The Ukrainian Catholic Church of Canada is celebrating a number of anniversaries – which must

be remembered and evaluated. Among them, one of top priority, is the knowledge of and veneration of the Most Most Reverend Bishop of Ukrainian Catholics of Canada, the Blessed Martyr Nykyta Budka, the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics of Canada. This year, we are observing the 90th anniversary of his assuming the Episcopal Office and the 125th anniversary of his birth!

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of missionary work of the religious community of St. Basil. Along with the Basilian missionaries,

we pay tribute to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Their dedication merits great admiration for their venture into Canada, which was ten years after the founding of their community.

In 1992, we observed the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada. It was not a rosy centennial of livelihood in the land of freedom. Coming from the area under rule of Austria, the First World War brought havoc on thousands of families who were torn apart with internment camps and noted as non-preferred immigrants and enemy aliens.

Spiritual Growth

For spiritual growth and

in appreciation of the Rite which was rooted on the banks of the Dneiper River in Kyiv, the Chapel must become a frequented centre of entrance! Designed in the rituals and sentiments of the east, flavored with Ukrainian traditions from the past, it must accept the present, keeping ever mindful that in seeking the Kingdom of God and his Justice, all other things shall be granted!

History

History is important for the assurance of a future. Unfortunately, much has been lost through a lack of records of the grandparents and generations

now gone into eternity. Many precious books and items are being discarded because it may seem that there is no one who understands or cares. These must be retrieved and retained in proper facilities. Among the treasures of Saskatchewan are the municipal and territorial editions of specific districts. Bring the past into the present! The Ukrainian Catholic Church of Saskatchewan is greatly indebted to Mrs. Anna Maria Kowcz Baran for compiling the church life of the Province. Hopefully, an update is forthcoming.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph Luzney

The First 50 Years!

From the time of the arrival of the first Ukrainian immigrants to Canada, in the late 1800s, the value of education brought on the need to establish centres of growth and learning to provide an environment which fostered the preservation of culture, customs and traditions.

In 1935, a humble home for boys who left their rural communities to further their education in "the big city", was built in the downtown area. When the Bursa could no longer accommodate the numbers of students, the challenge was met to build a new residence.

In 1945, this site, at College and Wiggins, was purchased. Five years later nearly \$400,000 was raised through Ukrainian Catholic parishes, church organizations and private donations – and, construction began.

Advancements through the years have seen: major renovations; becoming co-ed during the 1979–1980 academic year; housing the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre and library (top floor); a Ukrainian Catholic Campus Pastoral Ministry representative (**the only one in the world!**); and tv, games and compu-

ter rooms. The chapel is always open and a welcome place for personal quiet time, prayer and reflection. **The Institute is the only Ukrainian Catholic student residence in North America!**

Metropolitan Andrej Sheptytsky (1865–1944), for whom this residence was named after, led by example. He cultivated leadership skills in all aspects of his life – faith, family, community, and country. He took an active role in the establishment of educational and resource centres for youth – recognizing and supporting their abilities. Through his actions he showed that good leadership is not limited to one area or interest but, interwoven in all aspects of life. In today's world, good models of leadership are needed more than ever!



Under construction!
On the right, John Olynyk

Photos below circa 1954



Knights of Columbus Inc. and the Saskatoon Chapter presentation of \$4,000 to Sheptytsky Institute.

*Wednesday,
May 22, 2002*

SHEPTYTSKY INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

June 21-23, 2002

Wonder if Blessed Nicetas Budka or the late Andrew Roborecki, Bishop of Saskatchewan ever dreamed that Sheptytsky Institute would survive long enough to celebrate its 50th Anniversary of existence and service to the people of Saskatchewan and Canada? By the grace of God and the assistance of many good people, that was indeed what happened on June 21, 22 and 23, 2002 in Saskatoon. A total of 71 alumni and current and former board members, clergy and staff gathered at Sheptytsky Institute in Saskatoon to a weekend observance of this historic occasion. A total of 120 people attended the Anniversary Banquet held at St. George's Cathedral Parish Centre.

The weekend began with Registration and a Wine and Cheese social Friday evening, June 21st. Registrants ranging all the way from the days of the Bursa to more recent times re-established friendships and acquaintances, and formed new ones. A tastefully arranged display of artifacts, assembled by Henry and Iris Spilchuk, was the center of attention for many of the registrants during the course of the evening. A computer mouse pad featuring a picture of the Institute and the dates of the Anniversary were selected as a memento for the Anniversary. The enjoyable evening set a festive and positive tone for the rest of the weekend.

On Saturday morning, a dozen of the participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf at Moon Lake Golf Club while another half dozen visitors toured St. Volodymyr Park (near Pike Lake) and Wanuskewin (from a distance). Everyone gathered at Shep's for a Brunch prepared by the Institute staff. The afternoon was free for personal visiting and activities. Everyone gathered at St. George's Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. for the Anniversary Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda. The concelebrants were Rt. Rev. Mitrat Msgr. Rudolph Luzney, Rt. Rev. Mitrat Vladimir Mudri, Rev. Fr. Methodius Kushko, C.Ss.R. and Rev. Fr. Larry Kondra, C.Ss.R., assisted by Rev. Deacon Yurij Lazurko.

A Banquet and Program followed at St. George's Cathedral Parish Centre. The Saskatoon Plast Group opened the Banquet by singing "Our Father", entertained the Banquet crowd with a number of songs during the Program, and presented an excellent power point presentation on the life and achievements of our patron, The Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky. Head table guests included representatives from the Eparchy of Saskatoon, St. George's Cathedral, the Ukrainian Catholic Council of Saskatchewan, the city of Saskatoon, the provincial government, the Bursa students, Sheptytsky

Institute students and the Board of Directors. Mrs. Nadia Prokopchuk served as M.C. for the evening's events.

Sunday opened with a Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m., concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Larry Kondra, C.Ss.R. and



Friday evening registration and wine and cheese social - at Sheptytsky Institute

Rev. Fr. Morris Dzurman, C.Ss.R., and assisted by Rev. Deacon Yurij Lazurko. At 11:00 a.m., the bulk of the residents gathered at the Institute for a Brunch and farewell. A number of those attending remained at the Institute until well into the afternoon, enjoying the displays and reminiscing about "the good old days".

Time, geography and circumstances have all served to change and temper us into the individuals that people have come to know us as. The thread common to all the participants at this 50th Anniversary observance was an association of some sort with Sheptytsky Institute. It was amazing to see those facial expressions of recognition that 50 years or more could not erase in some instances. The retelling and re-living of history, such as it was, was most interesting. The common consensus was gratitude and appreciation for organizing this observance and making it happen. This will be another pleasant memory in our personal experiences.

M. G. Jeurka

President, Sheptytsky Society Board of Directors



The head table awaits banquet guests!



Participants of Divine Liturgy at St. George's Cathedral - Saturday



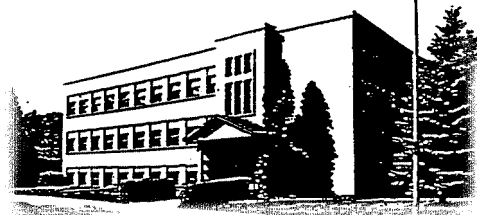
MC Nadia Prokopchuk; Dr. William Gulka giving opening comments



Unveiling of plaque recognizing corporate, individual and parish donations received during recent donation campaign - Walter Podiluk, Kelly Bernakevitch



Head table guests: Rt. Rev. V. Mudri, Paul Bunka, Deacon Yurij Lazurko, Dorothy Lazurko, David Forbes, MP, Dr. Stephen Worobetz, Jack Skrip, Dr. Theresa Zolner, Don Atchison, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph Luzney



Singing for their supper!

There were many laughs once the stories started!

If you have pictures of the reunion weekend to donate to the archives please forward them to Sheptytsky Institute. They might even get posted on our soon to be released web site!



And, the winner of the silent auction is..... Deacon Yurij and Dorothy Lazurko



Plast Ukrainian Scout Organization with power point presentation and sing-song.



We gratefully acknowledge sponsors of the 50th anniversary reunion

Monetary donations:
 Aim Electric; Competitive Plumbing; Richard Gabruch; Miners Construction Co. Ltd.; New Community Credit Union; Parker Quine Chartered Accountants; Walter, Edward & Joseph Podiluk; Teachers Credit Union.

Other donations:
 Anna Maria Kowcz Baran Scholarship Fund, *Ukrainian Catholic Churches of Saskatchewan* album; Collector's Choice, *Sunflowers* by A. Pilush print; Park Funeral Chapel, wine for the banquet; Prairie Sons, cassettes; Rayner Agencies, fire extinguisher; Serca Food Services Inc., fruit for the registration evening.



FOR SALE

Video recording of the reunion weekend.
 \$30 each.
 Contact the Institute to purchase yours.

Sheptytsky Institute – St. Thomas More College Management Agreement

On January 1, 1998, the Board of Directors for Sheptytsky Institute and St. Thomas More College entered into a formal Agreement whereby St. Thomas More College would manage the day-to-day affairs of Sheptytsky Institute. The Agreement was to be reviewed prior to January 1, 2003, at which time the two parties to the Agreement would indicate whether or not the Agreement was to be extended for another term.

About a year ago, informal discussions were initiated regarding the value, feasibility and future of the Agreement. As a result of many and various meetings, the Board of Directors for Sheptytsky Institute passed a motion at its regular meeting on May 25, 2002, indicating its desire to renegotiate the Agreement with St. Thomas More College. The Board of Directors for St. Thomas More College was notified of this decision, and responded with a motion from its Board accepting the decision of the Sheptytsky Institute Board.

As a result of further discussions, a Memorandum of Understanding was ratified by both boards. This Memorandum confirms the desire of both institutions to maintain and strengthen the partnership and relationship forged over the past five years, and to continue to work together when appropriate opportunities present themselves.

This spring, the Board of Directors for Sheptytsky Institute advertised for a half-time General Manager to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Institute. The new General Manager for Sheptytsky Institute is Mrs. Sylvia Baran. The Institute and St. Thomas More College will continue to work together in the areas of Campus Pastoral Ministry, technology, student councils, High School Liaison and recruitment, and Alumni activities. St. Thomas More College has agreed to provide financial and management consultative and support services when requested to do so.

The past five years have proven to be a positive experience for both the Institute and St. Thomas More College. Certainly, the Institute has benefited from the management expertise provided by the College. The Ukrainian Catholic Church now has a presence on Campus through the efforts of our Campus Pastoral Minister, Laurie Friesen, and the cooperation of the St. Thomas More Campus Ministry Team. The High School Liaison Team has provided exposure for Sheptytsky Institute throughout Saskatchewan's high schools. The Institute's association with St. Thomas More College has provided it with a special opportunity for an Eastern Catholic presence on Campus and in the academic community. The Board is grateful to the College for the special association it has enjoyed over the past five years.

Sheptytsky Institute hosted WYD participants

Sheptytsky Institute had the privilege of hosting two large busloads of 110 young pilgrims from Peace River, of the

Grouard-McLellan Archdiocese, Alberta, on their way and on their return from World Youth Day in Toronto. A finer

bunch could not be imagined or expected! Many expressed their wish to be a part of the Institution should their academic pursuits lead to the U of S. Their launching into the deep, as the WYD encouraged, was to be in touch with an Institution which has weathered a half century of service to young men and women, in quest of temporal and of everlasting happiness.

The pilgrims presented the Institute with a print of Jesus and his children and left us with the words "You are the salt and the light of the World."



Scholarships

Three Scholarships are available to residents of Sheptytsky Institute who are of Ukrainian descent, and who have completed one full winter term at the University of Saskatchewan. Selection is based on financial need and academic achievement.

Regush Memorial Scholarship
For a student of any College at the U of S
Donator: +Eva Regush

Petryshen Memorial Scholarship
For a student who is studying Ukrainian
Donator: +Wasyly Petryshen of Yorkton

Walter N. & Frances Hnatiuk Scholarship
For a student who is studying Ukrainian
Donors: Walter N. & Frances Hnatiuk, Saskatoon



Presentation of Regush Memorial Scholarship to Greg Lazurko by Walter Podiluk. December, 1999

For information on sponsorship of Scholarships or to make an endowment, please contact the Institute, (306)653-1711.



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. Panakhyda — 1p.m. Meeting

All are invited to attend!

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

Planned Giving

Share your good fortune with others and make sure your bequests are directed where you desire them to go and where they will continue to bear fruit even after you are gone.

Sheptytsky Institute has achieved 50 years of dedicated service and support to the students of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, the province of Saskatchewan and Canada. The Institute is adapting and changing to meet the future needs of our young people and our community.

Consider giving support to Sheptytsky Institute. With forethought and planning in advance, you can ensure that your wishes and intentions are matched to the Institute's future needs.

We will be happy to work with you to ensure that your gift, and how you choose to donate

your gift, will best achieve your goals and bring you satisfaction.

Your gifts can be directed to the following worthy areas:

- Renovations and improvements
- Ukrainian Catholic Campus Pastoral Ministry
- Student Scholarships
- Equipment and furniture
- Chapel
- Cultural-heritage program
- Education program

Options for planned giving include:

- Pledges and installment plans
- Gifts in kind
- Wills and bequests
- Life insurance

Be assured that five things will happen as a result of your gift:

1. A Divine Liturgy for the intentions of our benefactors will be offered each year.
2. Your gift will directly benefit our students.
3. Your gift will continue to benefit students, the benefactors of your generosity, long after you are gone.
4. A suitable memorial display will recognize donors of planned gifts.
5. Your contribution generates a direct tax benefit for you.

For further information, and assistance, in confidence and without obligation, please contact: Planned Giving Committee, Sheptytsky Institute, 1236 College Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0W4. (306) 653-1711.

Thank-you!

Wish list....

- piano, organ,
- bookshelves,
- sponsors for magazine subscriptions,
- sponsors for team sports and jerseys,
- donations for chapel renovations,
- scholarship sponsors...



St. Andrew's Chapel, located on the 2nd floor of the Institute is always open for personal quiet time, prayer and reflection.

Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Eastern Byzantine Rite are held throughout the University class term. This year Liturgies will be held at 4:00p.m. September 8 to December 15 and January 12 to April 6, 2003. Guests from the community are also welcome to attend.

Sheptytsky Institute A Home Away From Home

The only Ukrainian Catholic student residence in North America – where you can look after your body, mind and spirit

Sheptytsky Institute provides a safe non-smoking/non-alcohol environment for academic living. It has been an integral part of the Ukrainian Catholic community and the University of Saskatchewan for over 50 years! Other features include:

- ✓ furnished rooms
- ✓ single or double occupancy
- ✓ security entry system
- ✓ home cooked meals
- ✓ 24 hour snack centre
- ✓ laundry facilities
- ✓ phone & internet hook-up available in each room
- ✓ computer & study rooms
- ✓ Campus pastoral ministry person, Chapel and Ukrainian Religious Education Centre
- ✓ TV/lounge room
- ✓ games/recreation room

The Institute also offers accommodations during the months of May to August for short and long term visitors, summer students or sport/group camps. For further information, or to arrange a visit please contact the Institute (306)653-1711.

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