



Sheptytsky Institute

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On November 29, we officially closed celebrations of the 50 year existence of Sheptytsky Institute as a student residence. A Moleben was held at the Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish, Saskatoon, with Bishop Michael leading us in prayer.

Much has changed over these past 50 years but, surprisingly, much remains the same. The goal to provide an academic facility that reflects Christian values and ideals to our Ukrainian Catholic post-secondary students remains the same. How we achieve this goal may be different and our resident base may be quite varied from the way it was 50 years ago, but, all who call Sheps home have benefited from the personal environment that feeds the body, mind and spirit! We offer more than just a place to sleep and eat. Now we ask ourselves – 'Where will we be in 20... 30... 40... years?'

"So, what's new?" you ask. Come, visit, and see for yourself! In summary you will find:

- Currently, there are 55 residents at Sheps: 19 females and 36 males from across Canada, and beyond. They are of all ages and denominations forming

a mosaic working towards the same goal of making Sheps 'home'. An active SRC organizes student based activities and sporting teams; resident assistants provide a link to management; and, we all work together to highlight the cultural and educational aspects of Sheptytsky Institute. Students receive a monthly resident newsletter, and are encouraged to keep themselves up-to-date with what's happening where they live. We also like to keep them

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Celebrate 25 years of Sheps as a Co-ed Residence

informed about what is taking place around where they live, so – please forward us your community events!

- Alumni and friends are kept posted about SI activities via a mailout newsletter and, our Ukrainian Catholic faithful of Saskatchewan can read updates in this quarterly *Eparchial News*. The sheps.ca web site is kept updated with

current, upcoming and archival information. The web site also allows the opportunity for on-line registration for residency.

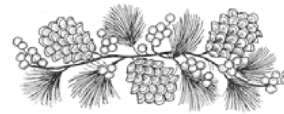
- As a unique student residence, Sheptytsky Institute is recognized by the University of Saskatchewan for what it has to offer. Sheps is included on the U of S residence web site and is an active participant of Experience US! and the Greystone Scholar sessions. We provide tours to visitors throughout the year.
- Sunday services continue in St Andrew the Apostle of Ukraine Chapel located on the 2nd floor of the Institute. Regular 11 a.m. Sunday services throughout the academic year provide the opportunity for uplifting our spirits and to learn more about our Eastern religious traditions through the Liturgy and homilies.
- During the summer there was a reassignment of space for the Eparchial offices of the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre and the Campus Pastoral Ministry-Youth Coordinator. A former storage area on the top floor was upgraded to a residence room.

Sheptytsky Institute has always benefited from the support of our community. Again, this year, we are very grateful to the support of Bishop Michael and the Eparchy, the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan Board of Directors, MSSS Board President William Berezny, Past President Dr. William Gulka, dedicated staff, community organizations, supporters and sponsors, alumni and of course, those who have faith in Sheps to be their home!

Maintaining a healthy environment for students is an important partnership with our community and an important aspect of university life. The significance of providing residence, especially smaller personable accommodation, is recognized for the benefits it offers its residents.

We give thanks to our patron, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, for all of our successes and we pray that he will guide us as we move ahead in our very important mission.

*Sylvia Baran,
General Manager*



From the MSSS Board of Directors, Sheptytsky Institute Staff and Residents, come wishes for a blessed Christmas season.

Від Миколая до Йордана – бажаємо Веселих Свят!

MSSS Board sponsors SI residents to attend Canadian Catholic Students' Association Western Conference at the University of Victoria

Jason Billay of PA and Dani Brischuk of Yorkton participated in the November 7-9 activities. They indicated that both had arrived in Victoria with vague expectations, but by the time they returned home to Sheps they knew they had received an abundance of gifts. The workshops gave participants a sense of rejuvenation - with the sense that the Holy Spirit was present. Jason said: "We were able to make new friends and strengthen our relationship with Christ..." Of the Board and community support received, Dani added: "We greatly appreciate all of the assistance and encouragement along our journey toward Christ."

Both reported on the wonderful hospitality of their hosts and the warm feeling of camaraderie. They now look ahead toward 2004, when the CCSA Western Conference will be held in Saskatoon.

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