



# Sheptytsky Institute

## Alumni & Friends Newsletter



♫ Spring 2003 ♫

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### *Dear Alumni and Friends,*

After more than two years of administrating two eparchies, St. Nicholas, Chicago and our Saskatoon one, I will be relieved of St. Nicholas on June 4, 2003. In the next four years, that is, before my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, the year of my retirement, I will try to be more proactive in the life of our Sheptytsky Institute. I do want to thank the Sheptytsky Institute Board, staff and all who have helped to make Sheptytsky Institute what it is today.

Last year Sheptytsky Institute celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with due solemnity and pomp. As we begin the next fifty years we ought to take a serious look at the role that the Sheptytsky Institute should play in the future. Besides



being a Ukrainian Catholic Residence for University students, a chapel for our liturgies, a place for the catechetical centre, and offices for Ukrainian Catholic Youth and Campus ministry, I suggest that the Institute should have a greater impact on the academic life of the university. We definitely would need qualified people to undertake this new venture. Ukrainian studies, such as in Toronto and Edmonton, certainly would be a great venture in the future. The building is available, classrooms could be provided, but what is lacking are the academicians who would undertake the challenge! For example, Fr. Borys A. Gudziak left the comforts of the United States and undertook the gigantic task of resurrecting the Ukrainian Catholic Theological Academy of Lviv and after the initial successful few years has brought the

Academy to the status of being the first Ukrainian Catholic University of Ukraine! We need many more courageous professionals to step forward and do the right thing for our beloved Sheptytsky Institute in Saskatoon and all the Ukrainians of Saskatchewan.

With Rt. Rev. Rudolph Luzney, I too petition our very own bishop-martyr Nykyta Budka to direct, assist and support all who will set the course for our Sheptytsky Institute for the future.

***Yours in the service of Christ and His Church***

***Most Rev. Michael Wiwchar, C.Ss.R***

***Eparch of Saskatoon Eparchy***

## Back Again

This would be my third time on the Board and the second time in the chair, but, Dr. William Gulka was very persuasive. He was relinquishing the chair and volunteering for a more challenging venture in Ukraine.

And so I return to find a number of long-serving members on the Board. Their dedication is commendable. I also find new members full of enthusiasm in search of new initiatives.

The expanded Campus Pastoral Ministry is challenging and promising. As a board we strive to enhance opportunities for our youth to become prominent citizens and more importantly that they be worthy heirs of the traditions of our Eastern Church.

As stewards of Sheptytsky Institute, our mandate is bound to the mission of our Eparchy. In addition to providing essentials managerial and administrative functions, we are responsive to adjuncts which bear upon the image and role of the Institute in the community.

We still have a debt to retire. A modest investment would be an expression of moral support. With your help we can sustain Sheps as a "home away from home" for our youth on campus. Please consider becoming a member of Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society.

A thank-you to the Board for their co-operation and their expression of confidence in my chairmanship. In particular, I want to thank our General Manager, Mrs. Sylvia Baran for keeping me well informed and the Vice-chair, Mrs. Nadia Prokopchuk for being there to stay me on course.

To the students, may you be successful in your studies and have a great summer.

**William Berezny**



### **A few words from Alumni and Friends.....**

"Since the Sheptytsky Institute was my first pastoral assignment upon my return from Rome in 1955, the Institute holds a special place in my heart."

*Bishop Michel Hrynchyshyn, CSsR, France*

"We hope you will continue the good work for and with Ukrainian Catholic Youth."

*Merv & Lorraine Samborsky, Saskatoon*



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## 2002 - 2003 Sheps Family

**F**rom September to April, 52 students called Sheptytsky Institute “home”. Six residents registered as Ukrainian Catholic; 14 were of Ukrainian heritage; 19 were Roman Catholic. They were an active, enthusiastic and diverse group who shared many experiences and long study hours. Still, they found time to participate in a wide range of activities, as the Student Centre of the web site shows.



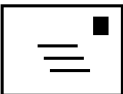
### Where they came from...

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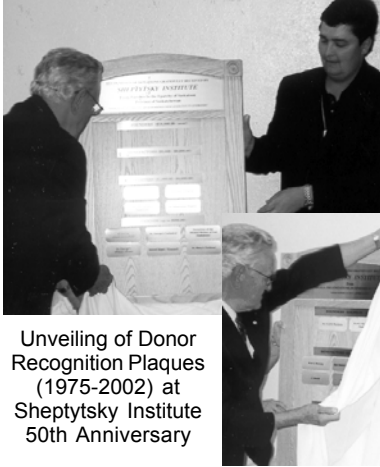
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Your gift has a positive effect on the lives of our residents and our community who uses Sheptytsky Institute - no matter the method or amount of the donation. With your gift we are able to offer scholarships for worthy academics and support and maintain upgrades to programming and aesthetics of our facility.

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*Figures at December 2002*

*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these lists.*

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**Дякуємо!**

## Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan Annual Meeting

**Saturday, November 29, 2003, Sheptytsky Institute**

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

*May the memory of our departed alumni be eternal!*

*Please submit their names to the Institute. (653-1711; sheps@sheps.ca)*

## 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.

# The Establishment and Official Opening of the Metropolitan A. Sheptytsky Institute

*A flash back in time - taken from a dissertation by Dr. Joseph Lozinsky.  
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The idea to find a replacement for the overcrowded and aging Shashkevych Bursa was not a new one. The purchase of the house to establish a temporary home for the Shashkevych Bursa was realized in 1937, but nobody at the time envisaged the advent of another world war, a war that would set back plans to obtain a permanent home for the Bursa. In the meantime the debt had to be paid off on the house.

In the April 1, 1944 issue of the *Future of the Nation* there appeared a two-page 'proclamation' by UCB to build a new students' residence in Saskatoon to replace the Shashkevych Bursa. This new structure was to be an 'Institute' or a learning and teaching establishment, and not a 'bursa' or a boarding school.



The decision to start collecting funds for the new institute was made by the UCB executives at the provincial level in 1944. It was also decided to build a brick structure capable of holding at least 100 students.

At the October 8 convention of the UCB Provincial executive, in which delegates from Edmonton and Winnipeg attended, the decision was reached to start the construction of the institute at the earliest possible moment. As a result of a fiery speech given by the Rev. Joseph Korba, the UCB, UCWLC and the UCYC delegates managed to donate \$3,500.00 in cash.

Soon after, excursions to various parishes took place in order to raise funds. Through the efforts of the clergy, parishioners and members of Catholic Action, the sum collected by 1950 was in excess of \$30,000.00. Another \$25,000.00 was raised by the members of UCYC with their carnivals, while their bazaars took in over four thousand dollars.

The new Institute took three years to build at a cost of some \$400,000.00. One room alone cost \$275.00 to furnish. The six City lots on which the Institute now is located, originally cost \$1,665.00 when purchased in 1945. Due to a post-war scarcity of building materials, the actual construction did not take place until 1950. The cornerstone was laid in October of 1952 and the building was completed the following year. Located at the corner of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue, the Sheptytsky Institute is just across the street from the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Much voluntary help went into the construction of the building. Mention should be made of such help coming from the Ukrainian people of the Alvena, Laniwci, Rosthern, Bruno and other districts of the province, as well as from the Ukrainian youth.

The official opening of the new Sheptytsky Institute took place on Sunday,

August 16, 1953 at the University of Saskatchewan Griffiths Stadium. Bishop Andrew Roborecki officiated.

[The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix printed:] *The Bishop . . . pledged the institute for the purpose of education. The Institute was not for university students alone but for young and old alike. Evening classes and lectures would be held for those of the faith who wanted to continue their studies. . .*

Some three thousand people were in attendance at the official opening. The guests included both religious and civic dignitaries. Mr. E.M. Hall was the guest speaker. Other guests included Their Excellencies, Bishops Hermaniuk of Winnipeg and Klein of Saskatoon, Abbot Gertken of Munster, the Rev. Fathers F. Ruh, J. Bala, O. Kupranetz, P. Kryworuchka, S. Bachtolowsky, K. Olynyk and U. Harbusevych, and Deacon K. Lotytsky, I.C. Nollet, MLA, Professor Simpson, Alderman Cairns, Dr. Baltzan, P. Worobetz, E. Zarytsky and others.

The schedule of events for the official opening included: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Griffiths Stadium; 12:00 noon, dinner at the University of Saskatchewan gymnasium building for 600 guests; 4:00 p.m. blessing of the building, with the building being officially opened by Alderman Cairns, followed by a UCWLC tea and book and magazine display; 7:00 p.m. Vespers at St. George's cathedral, followed by a concert at 8:30 at St. Mary's Hall at which time Archbishop O'Neill of Regina was present.

The ceremonies were under the direction of a committee composed of UCB, UCWLC and UCYC members. P.M. Kolodey and Rev. P. Kryworuchka were in charge of the committee, while the concert and the choirs were under the direction of E. Zarytsky.

[The Star-Phoenix also reported:] *The Institute is named in memory of Metropolitan A. Sheptytsky, deemed the greatest of the Ukrainian educators. The three story building will house . . . Ukrainian Catholic university students .... There are 70 bedroom suites, a chapel, two auditoria and a kitchen. There will be classes in the Institute in conjunction with and in addition to university classes. There will be evening classes in the fall and winter. The building, begun in 1949, was completed by voluntary labor and financed by donations from Ukrainians.*

It was decided to change the name of the new Institute. Although the name of Markian Shashkevych lives on in the memory of the original Bursa and in the memory of the students who resided there, it was thought to be an appropriate gesture to honor a heroic clergyman who had visited the early Ukrainian settlements in Canada, and who gave his life for his beloved Church and country.

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Lozinsky, Joseph (1981). *The Markian Shashkevych – Andrew Sheptytsky Institutes 1935-1980, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada*. Munich, German Federal Republic: Ukrainian Free University.

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святих християнських родин.

Дай нам таких батьків, які голосно й  
відверто признавалися б до божественної  
Твоєї Євангелії і до Твоєї служби.

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Дай нам таких дітей, які були б потіхою та славою батьків і  
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