

Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation

Rebuilding the Church in Ukraine

*“...the time has come for my departure.
I have fought the good fight to the end;
I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith.”*
— 2 Timothy 4:7

December 22, 2008

Dear Friend in Christ:

After six fulfilling yet exhausting years, I stepped down as President of the UCEF on December 2, 2008. I am no longer leading the activities of the Foundation, though I will remain a member of the UCEF’s Board of Directors and complete some outstanding tasks on behalf of the UCEF during the first six months of 2009.

Over the past six years, the Foundation grew steadily and became, to my knowledge, the largest source of financial support for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the entire world. This culminated in 2008 with the UCEF providing over \$1 million in financial assistance to the Ukrainian Catholic University and an additional \$500,000 for other parts of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. I thank our donors and other supporters for the support they have given to me and the UCEF staff to advance our common cause and vision. It made everything possible! I will especially treasure the friendships I have made over the past six years, and I look forward to continuing them.

On December 2, 2008, the UCEF Board—with my full support—decided to divide the duties of the UCEF President to create a volunteer Chairman of the Board position and a separate President/CEO position. The Chairman of the Board will lead the UCEF’s Board of Directors in setting the strategic direction for the UCEF, while the UCEF President/CEO will manage the day-to-day business of the Foundation and implement the strategy. Guy Camarata, a retired senior business executive with large corporations who has served on the UCEF Board of Directors for the past year, was elected as the volunteer Chairman of the Board. Daniel Szymanski, Jr., who has been employed by the UCEF for two years and whom I hold in the highest regard, was selected as the interim UCEF President/CEO. A search will be conducted for a permanent President/CEO in 2009. I ask that you extend to Guy and Dan similar cooperation and assistance as you have extended to me. Future contact or dealings with the Foundation should be arranged through Dan or the UCEF office.

Finally, I wish to state that these changes were made at my request and in response to my discernment of the Lord’s calling for me, and that Fr. Borys Gudziak is in full agreement with these changes. I will remain a friend and supporter of Father Borys,

Patron

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the UCEF, the Ukrainian Catholic University and the Ukrainian Catholic Church for years to come, and I ask you to also continue to support Father Borys' efforts and these worthy institutions. May God bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John F. Kurey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John F. Kurey, Esq.
UCEF President Emeritus