

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



*2006 Annual Report
10th Anniversary*

Mission of the UCEF in the United States

The Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation teaches Americans about the academic and financial needs of Ukrainian Catholic educational institutions in Ukraine. In a sincere commitment to personal involvement and high standards, the UCEF works with these institutions hands-on to meet present needs and develop resources for the future. Through grant and endowment programs, distribution of books and teaching materials, and collaborative volunteer projects, emphasizing foreign exchange of students and faculty, we foster the communion of Ukrainian Americans with the Ukrainian nation and of Roman Catholics in the West with the largest Eastern Catholic Church.

2006 Financial Statement

Statement of Activities - Operating Account
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Support	
Contributions	2,418,091
Donated Books	3,694
Total Public Support	2,421,785
Allocations and Expenses	
Program Services	
Institutional Support (including endowments)*	1,516,414
Information & Education	142,701
Exchanges	77,694
Teaching Materials	25,854
Management and General	100,642
Fundraising and Newsletters	175,613
Total Allocations and Expenses	2,038,918
Amount pending program allocation in 2007	382,867

* Endowment funds prepare for the future. Costs in Ukraine are rising dramatically as the economy stabilizes, leaving the Church's educational institutions in greater need. Foreseeing this challenge, a number of individuals and parishes have contributed funds for the UCEF to endow scholarships and professorships in perpetuity. The UCEF Investment Account (including dividends, realized and unrealized gains, and investment fees), added with certain other interest, showed a gain of \$240,525 in 2006

Our accounting records and financial statements are audited by an independent certified public accounting firm. For a copy of our federal income tax return (Form 990), please contact the UCEF.

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Cover photo: The UCEF and institutions it supports have come a long way since the UCEF was started in January 1997. The top photo shows the inauguration of the new classroom building for theology students of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in September 2006. The lower photo shows the first post-war graduating class of the Lviv Theological Academy (now UCU) in 1999.

July 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:



In December 2006, the UCEF quietly celebrated 10 years of helping rebuild the Church in Ukraine.

Right from the start, the major focus of our mission has been to support the education of young Catholic seminarians, nuns, and lay students at the Ukrainian Catholic University. We believe that the most effective way to help the Church is to educate and form future generations of leaders who will serve the Church and their fellow man. Since 1997, hundreds of young graduates of the Ukrainian Catholic University have gone on to serve the Church in Ukraine and abroad, lead ministries, and serve in positions of responsibility in society.

But the UCEF could not turn its eyes from urgent needs in Ukrainian society, as well, and thus we have supported a number of other Church ministries which involve young people. For example:

- Our Bryon Brindel Fund sends young missionaries throughout Ukraine and to other parts of the former USSR during their vacations.
- We helped initiate the largest Catholic chaplaincy program in Ukraine. It began as a military chaplaincy program, but has since expanded to public universities and high schools, and now reaches *thousands* of young people.
- Thanks to a major donation in 2005 and 2006, we have supported Catholic orphanages and programs for orphans, assisted by students from the Ukrainian Catholic University.

These are just a sample. Thank you for the part you've played in supporting these worthwhile missions over the years!

Our primary focus continues to be on helping the Ukrainian Catholic University, which is a very young institution and yet has its roots at least back to the early 20th century.

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky headed the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 to 1944. Although the Soviet Union delayed Metropolitan Andrey's dream of creating a Catholic university for Ukraine in the first half of the twentieth century, his successor, Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, founded a prototype Ukrainian Catholic University upon his exile to Rome in 1963. This university was returned to Ukraine in 1994 after the fall of the Soviet Union and is the first Catholic university in the former Soviet Union. The Ukrainian Catholic University is a modern-day miracle, and stands like a beacon for Catholic values in a society that devalues Gospel values. It would not exist in the form it does today without your support. Thank you!

After ten years, we have much to celebrate. But we have even more yet to accomplish together, God willing. Let us go forward!

May God bless you!

John F. Kurey, Esq.
President

A DECADE OF REBUILDING THE CHURCH IN UKRAINE

Since the UCEF started operations in January 1997, the Church in Ukraine has seen many positive developments. Just a few of them are highlighted on these pages, with special attention given to the Lviv Theological Academy, now the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU), and Holy Spirit Seminary, which are among the institutions directly supported by the UCEF.

Vatican Recognition

The Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education in 1998 recognized the bachelor's degrees in theology granted in Ukraine, just in time for the Lviv Theological Academy's first post-war graduating class in 1999.



In the World, not of the World

Before Ukraine's Orange Revolution of 2004 (see photo), the degrees awarded by UCU were not recognized in the country.



Relations with the government have since improved, and in 2006 Ukraine's Ministry of Education finally recognized UCU's bachelor's degrees of theology, and also the bachelor's degrees in history.

Training Catechists

The Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute, led by Sr. Luiza Ciupa, SSMI, joined the UCU in 1998. Since then it has graduated hundreds of catechists, religious and lay people who are now teaching children and youth in Ukraine's public schools and at Sunday schools throughout the country, not to mention elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.



Summer Learning

The UCEF in 1997 started sending volunteers to Ukraine to help seminarians, religious, and other Catholic students improve their English at a summer program.

In 2006, UCU offered a dozen summer schools, including a course to learn how to paint icons offered in both the Ukrainian and English languages.



The Pope Gives His Blessing

No Pope had visited Ukraine since Pope St. Martin I died in exile in the Crimean peninsula in the 7th century.



With the help of Holy Spirit Seminary, UCU, and the UCEF, Pope John Paul II visited Kyiv and Lviv in 2001, voluntarily! At that time His Holiness blessed the university's construction sites.

And Pope Benedict XVI has been invited...

Helping the Disabled

The Emmaus Center now helps those with special needs and their families, a group once ignored in the USSR. One of the center's activities is a special pilgrimage to the major, international Marian shrine in Zarvanytsia.



Forming Priests for Dioceses and Religious Orders

In 1997, Holy Spirit Seminary was isolated in a hard-to-reach suburb of Lviv. In 2005, the seminary re-located to a thriving urban neighborhood. This gives the young men better access to pastoral opportunities in parishes, prisons, military bases, and other sites. It also gives them the chance to visit museums and libraries in Lviv. And, in addition to diocesan seminarians, Holy Spirit Seminary now forms young men from the Redemptorist, Basilian, Studite, and Orionine orders.



Glorifying the New Saints and Martyrs of the 20th Century

With the help of UCU's Institute of Church History, twenty-seven 20th century martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2001. And more causes are up for beatification and canonization.

Before that, no Ukrainian had been beatified or canonized since St. Josaphat in the 19th century. He was a martyr for the cause of Christian union.



Special projects for helping orphans and abandoned children

The seminarians, nuns, and other students of the Ukrainian Catholic University and Holy Spirit Seminary have an ongoing concern about the tens of thousands of orphans and thousands of abandoned children in Ukraine. The UCEF has supported their ministries in this area for years.

But in 2005 and 2006, the UCEF received major donations designated for this purpose, so that, in addition to supporting small, student-run projects, the UCEF awarded support to numerous Catholic projects for orphans and abandoned children throughout Ukraine.

Named after the anonymous donor, the Ginger Fund has supported more than 30 projects, some of which are described BELOW:



Basilian mission
throughout Ukraine

Caritas-Ukraine
*Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi, Donetsk,
Zaporizhzhia, Drohobych,
Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil*

Dobromyl State Orphanage
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Holdashivka Social Center
Vynnytsia Region

St. Nicholas' Mercy Town
Krykhivtsi (Ivano-Frankivsk Region)

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Vyshhorod District Hospital
Kyiv Region

Ukrainian Youth for Christ
Novii Rodzil, Lviv Region

Sr. Bernarda Arkatin of the Order of St. Basil the Great visits numerous children in orphanages in the summer.

The Catholic charitable organization Caritas helps street children with a van that visits them daily in two cities. In addition, the donation is supporting centers in five areas to keep kids from troubled families off the street.

The Student Charity Center of the Ukrainian Catholic University organized computer classes for orphans to learn job skills and also bought materials for the older kids to sew clothes for the younger.

Developmentally-delayed orphans learn basic daily skills and spiritual lessons at this center.

A parish in a small village organizes activities to keep social orphans off the streets.

The Sisters Servants of the Lord offer a hospitable refuge for the needy, including children off the street.

This small international religious community runs two successful orphanages with 20 children in each, one for boys and one for girls, and plans for growth.

A deacon ministers to underage convicts who are orphans and social orphans.

Laypeople travel some distances to visit children in numerous institutions.

The Basilian Sisters organize parishioners in activities with children in state-run institutions.

This Catholic hospital has a rehabilitation center for autistic children and their families to try to keep the kids out of institutions.

The Sisters needed a bus and a playground for the orphans that they take care of and the local children that come to them for catechism.

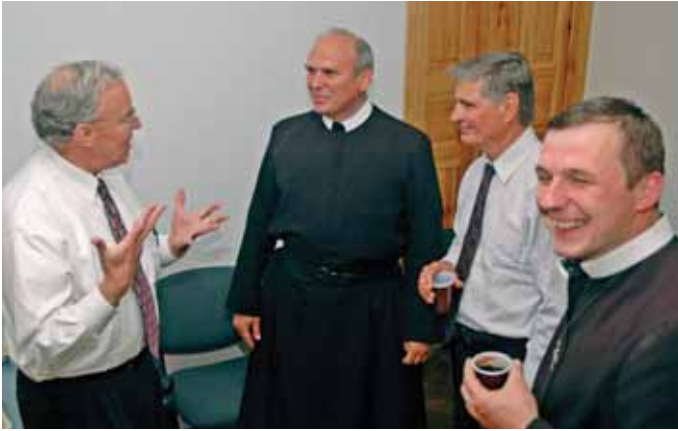
The Sisters run two small orphanages in the Ternopil Region. Full of projects, they are also finishing work on a building at which they're going to open a "family-type" orphanage, a new idea in Ukraine.

The Sisters needed beds and kitchen furniture for their orphanage.

A priest and church volunteers bring joy to orphans when they are sent to a hospital.

A grass-roots project, this group started a sheltered workshop for the developmentally disabled, who are usually abandoned by their families and forgotten by society in institutions.

Highlights of UCEF Activities in 2006



Volunteering to Manage Religious

The volunteers who help out various programs of the UCEF certainly go above and beyond the call of duty. Some help out the staff at the Chicago office. Others travel to Ukraine and teach at the Ukrainian Catholic University's English-language summer school. Charles Neubecker, treasurer of UCEF's Board of Directors (in photo, left), went to Ukraine to teach a special seminar on the fundamentals of management for Catholic religious in Ukraine, young and older, organized by UCU's Institute of Non-Profit Management.

Spreading the Word



In this great electronic information age, personal contact somehow becomes more and more important. Fundraising dinners and other events organized throughout the country by the UCEF were most important for informing the American public about the triumphs, challenges, and also the needs of Catholic education in Ukraine. Fr. Borys Gudziak,

rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, traveled to Philadelphia, the Cleveland area, and Florida in the spring. In the fall, he went to New York and Chicago, and vice-rector Myroslav Marynovych, a "veteran" of the Soviet gulag, spoke in the Detroit area. UCU graduate Sr. Teodora Shuliak (photo) also joined Fr. Gudziak for parts of the tours. Special thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of these efforts.

Missions are Major Focus for Seminarians, Lay Leaders

The young men of Holy Spirit Seminary and the nuns and laypeople who study at the Ukrainian Catholic University somehow manage to find time to engage in various mission activities, in addition to their studies. And the UCEF is proud to support these efforts.

Among the summer mission projects supported by the UCEF's Bryon Brindel Fund, a young seminarian and two young ladies who are members of the university's pro-life group traveled to eastern Ukraine's Donetsk Region to teach youth, and also adults, about moral values often forgotten in today's world. They went to social centers, private homes, and even hospitals to preach "the Gospel of life."

The leader of the Donetsk effort, Yulia Apollonova, seems destined for mission work. Though born in Russia, she returned to western Ukraine, the homeland of her maternal grandparents, because she wanted to study theology. She worked hard to learn the Ukrainian language, different from the Russian she grew up speaking. Apollonova said she "benefited from the spiritual atmosphere" she encountered while taking classes at UCU's Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute before she successfully passed the admissions examination for the university's regular day program.

Also, thanks to UCEF support, the young men of Holy Spirit Seminary have been running a military chaplaincy program for a number of years now. Fr. Stepan Sus, who was very actively involved as a student chaplain, is now the head of the diocesan office that has opened to coordinate this ministry. In 2006, the program expanded to include a new campus ministry for students at the Lviv Polytechnic, the largest school of higher education in far western Ukraine.



Donor Generosity

We wish to extend our deepest thanks to all of our donors in 2006 for helping rebuild the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine. Nearly 3,000 donors generously contributed to programs that benefit seminarians, students, and the faithful in cities, towns and villages throughout Ukraine.

The UCEF is most grateful to all donors. We regret that space permits us to list only those gifts of \$ 500 or more. Our sincere apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted from this list; if an error has been made, please notify us so that we may update our records.

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We recognize members who over the years have made major contributions to assure the glorious future of the Church in Ukraine which Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky foresaw.

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky was the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 to 1944. He led the Church through extremely difficult times: World Wars I and II, Austrian, then Polish, then Soviet, then Nazi, then finally again Soviet rule and the liquidation of the Church. He cared for the spiritual needs of his people and, coming from an aristocratic family, he used his material possessions to help the Ukrainian faithful, as well.

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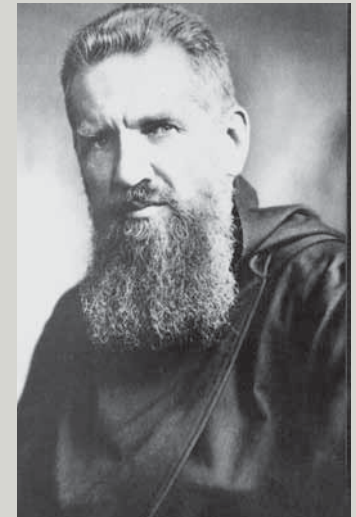
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