



## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION

### *UCFSask NEWSLETTER*

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**Glory Be to Jesus Christ. Glory Be Forever:** We prayerfully hope that you are coping well with the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our intention to publish the UCF Newsletter two to three times per year to inform the Parishioners of the Eparchy of Saskatoon with the various happenings and activities in the Foundation and within our Eparchy. This edition will deal with the following topics:

#### ***“SHARE THE SPIRIT” 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW***

***Lottery License - #LR20-0030***

The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (UCFSASK) will again be conducting the “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw. The draw date will be made on Friday, December 4, 2:00pm at the Foundation’s Office at 214 Avenue M S, Saskatoon SK. Detailed information concerning the lottery and your lottery tickets are enclosed with this newsletter.

Participating in this “Share the Spirit” Lottery will provide you with the opportunity to support our mission in assisting our Eparchial Ministries and parish communities to continue to be vibrant and to sustain them into the future. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to assist our Ukrainian Catholic families throughout the province.”

In addition, purchasing the lottery tickets also provides you with the opportunity to support your favorite Ukrainian Catholic Parish/Mission or a designated Eparchial Organization in the Eparchy of Saskatoon; and also to assist UCFSASK in promoting the cultural, social, educational and spiritual initiatives, policies, and objectives of the Eparchy of Saskatoon among Ukrainian Catholics in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Please consider the purchase of the “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Ticket. We thank you graciously and humbly ask for your support. The winner of the 2019 “Share the Spirit – 50/50 Lottery draw won \$29,220.00 (2018 - \$29,440.00). For more information on the Lottery, please contact the Foundation office at (306) 653-0138, ext. 223 (collect).

#### ***ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL***

Considering the COVID-19 pandemic began in March of this year, the Foundation cancelled the 2020 Annual Eparchial Appeal, or rather, postponed it to the spring of 2021. The Board recognized that the focus for our parishioners should be on helping their parish get back to financial stability.

However, it is our full intention to conduct the Annual Eparchial Appeal in the spring of 2021. Funding for the Eparchial Ministries is now more crucial than ever before as the Eparchy has lost access to funds that they had previously received for the ministries. Your support for the Eparchial Appeal will be more critical than ever before. More information will be forthcoming in early 2021.

#### ***GRANT FUND***

When the Eparchy of Saskatoon sold the Sheptytsky Institute the proceeds of sale were used to establish the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Grant Program. The investment income generated by this fund will provide grant funds to Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations.

UCFSask will consider applications for grants from Parishes/Missions under the auspices of the Eparchy of Saskatoon and from Eparchial Organizations approved by the Eparch for projects/initiatives that align with the Foundation’s mission and purpose, which is to promote and enhance the cultural, social, educational and spiritual initiatives, policies, and objectives of the Eparchy among Ukrainian Catholics in the Province of Saskatchewan.

In 2019, the Foundation distributed \$21,240 to parishes throughout the Eparchy for various projects and initiatives.

In 2020, the Foundation has already distributed \$54,000.00 of these grant funds to provide support to parishes during the COVID-19 pandemic. The remaining balance left over to distribute in 2020 is \$17,000.00.

***Parishes/Missions or Eparchial Organizations wishing to apply for a grant should complete and submit their “grant application form”, to the Foundation Office by 5:00pm November 30, 2020***

For further information concerning the UCFSask Grant Fund and how to apply for this grant, please visit our website at [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org), and click the “GRANT” tab, or contact the UCFSask office at: (306) 653-0138, ext 223 or email at [admin@ucfsask.org](mailto:admin@ucfsask.org).

### ***HERE AND THERE TIDBITS***

- We have taken on a project to update our parish family database, and in particular your email address. We would like to save the environment and send this newsletter to you via email. Please send us your email to [admin@ucfsask.org](mailto:admin@ucfsask.org). THANK YOU.
- If you are seeking ways to reduce your taxable income for 2020, please consider a donation to the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan. We would be most grateful to receive your donation through our website [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org). Here are the ways you can choose to donate:

Once on the webpage, click on the “Donate” button and proceed accordingly

If you prefer to send a cheque please make it payable to the ***Ukrainian Catholic Foundation***, 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK, S7M 2K4



Or you may scan the QR Code to donate using your mobile device.

Even if you are not seeking ways to reduce your income tax, the Foundation would still be most grateful for your gift. A charitable receipt for income tax purposes will be issued in early 2021.

- UCFSask’s Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Saskatoon. Please refer to our website: [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org) for more details and information.

### ***EPARCHIAL MINISTRIES***

In each of our newsletters, we will take the opportunity to provide you with information on the various Eparchial Ministries and Eparchial Organizations. In this issue, we would like to highlight the **[Family and Life Office](#)**.

Under the direction of Deborah Larmour, the objectives of the Family and Life Office include the following:

- Defending the sacred dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.
- Promotion of the sanctity of lifelong marriage between a man and a woman, as an expression of love that is free, total, faithful and fruitful; and,
- Support for the family as a Domestic Church and a School of Holiness, witnessed through all the stages of life, which begin and end with the family. These foundational beliefs are based on a Sacramental life grounded in the teachings and spirituality of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. These objectives are addressed with a fourfold action plan including education, advocacy, outreach, and prayer.

Some of the programs offered through the Family & Life Office are:

- “Crown Them with Honour & Glory Marriage Preparation Program: This is a Ukrainian Catholic marriage preparation program specifically designed to focus on our traditions and spirituality and deals with contemporary issues facing marriage today.
- Dying Healed: Make Time for Life: This seminar explores the question of Euthanasia and the power of presence on emotional and rational spiritual healing
- Family Support Referral & Spiritual Direction Services: Providing counselling support to families in crisis from a spiritual or religious perspective and direction.
- Discovery of the Unity of Life and Love: This is a series of 9 podcasts on the Theology of the Body and reflections considering our faith on marriage and family.

The above are some of the popular programs offered through the Family & Life Eparchial Ministry. ***These programs are available to Parishes and Parishioners in the Eparchy.*** If you have any questions or would like to engage Deb in anyway, whether it would be for advice, or to ask her to come to your Parish to present one of programs listed above to you in person you may contact Deborah Larmour at 306-653-0138, Ext 228, or by telephone at 306-222-1475.