

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION  
AGENDA FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING LINK**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**

**TIME OF MEETING:**

- **7:00PM- Access to Zoom Meeting Link**
- **7:30PM- Annual General Meeting Commences**

**REGISTRATION: MEMBERS MUST PRE-REGISTER VIA EMAIL AT ([ADMIN@UCFSASK.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@UCFSASK.ORG)) OR BY TELEPHONE (306-653-0138, EXT 223) BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 - 3:00PM.**

**A ZOOM MEETING INVITE LINK WILL BE SENT TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE MEETING BY THE DESIGNED TIME.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Confirmation of the Number of Voting Delegates
4. Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary
5. Introduction of Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Board of Directors – **Page 2**
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8. Presentation of Reports
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  - 8.2 – Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. (*Note: Audited Financial Statements presented in a separate document not attached to the agenda but posted on our website: [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org) (under the Annual General Meeting Link)*)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - 10.1- Approval of Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – No Changes to the Bylaws Considered at this Annual General Meeting.
  - 10.2– Appointment of the Auditor for 2026.
  - 10.3– Other, as identified by the Membership
11. Election of Board of Directors
12. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2025 - 2026**

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**EXECUTIVE:**

Chair: Bob Friesen

Vice-Chair: Glen Lekach

Secretary: Doreen Rathgeber

Treasurer: Peter Federko

**EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR**

**Most Reverend Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.**

Term Expiring: Permanent

Board Committee: Grant Fund Committee

**APPOINTED DIRECTORS BY BISHOP MICHAEL SMOLINSKI, C.Ss.R.**

**Consultors' Representative**

**Father Andre Lalach**

Term Expiring: 2027

Board Committee: Grant Fund Committee

**Finance Council Representative**

**Glen Lekach**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee; Grant Fund Committee

**Eparchial Pastoral Council Representative**

**Doreen Rathgeber**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee; Finance Committee

**Director at Large**

**Perry Kjargaard**

Term Expiring: 2027

Board Committee: Fundraising Strategies Committee

**ELECTED DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE MEMBERSHIP**

**REPRESENTING SASKATOON DEANERY:**

**Allan Cannon**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Fundraising Strategies Committee

**REPRESENTING SASKATOON DEANERY**

**Bob Friesen**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee & Fundraising Strategies Committee

**REPRESENTING YORKTON DEANERY:**

**Peter Federko**

Term Expiring: 2027

Board Committee: Executive Committee & Finance Committee:

**REPRESENTING YORKTON DEANERY:**

**Vacant**

Term Expiring:

Board Committee:



**MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday May 7, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**In person & Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom Meeting Facility**

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**Registered Attendees:** Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., Very Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Rev. André Lalach, Bob Friesen, Alan Cannon, Perry Kjargaard, Marusia Kobrynsky, Glen Lekach, Iris Owchar, Doreen Rathgeber, Morris Smysniuk, Norbert Wasylenko.

1. **Call to Order.** Bob Friesen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and ensured that everyone present was registered.
2. **Opening Prayer.** Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski led those present in the opening prayer.
3. **Confirmation of the Number of Voting Delegates.** Number of delegates – 12 delegates registered and present.
4. **Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary.**

**Motion #1:** Nomination of Bob Friesen to act as Chair for the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation. M: Morris Smysniuk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Glen Lekach. CARRIED.

**Motion #2:** Nomination of Iris Owchar as Recording Secretary for the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation. M: Glen Lekach. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky. CARRIED.

5. **Introduction of Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Board of Directors**

Bob Friesen introduced the Board of Directors of the Foundation – 2023-2025

- Ex-Officio Director: Most Rev. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.
- Appointed: Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Glen Lekach, Doreen Rathgeber, Martin Hryniuk
- Elected from Deanery: (Saskatoon) –Bob Friesen, Alan Cannon
- Elected from Deanery (Yorkton) - Terry Shalley, Holly Paluck

6. **Adoption of the Agenda.**

**Motion #3:** To adopt Agenda as circulated. M: Glen Lekach 2<sup>nd</sup>: Doreen Rathgeber. CARRIED.

7. **Adoption of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation Annual General Meeting Minutes held on April 18, 2024.**

**Motion #4:** To adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation that was held on April 18, 2024, as circulated. M: Iris Owchar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky. CARRIED.

## 8. Presentation of Reports

### 8.1 Report from the Board of Directors

Bob Friesen, Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2023-2025 reviewed the Report from the Board of Directors with those present; Bob reviewed some of the highlights of the past year and expressed his satisfaction and gratitude for the achievements of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation.

**Motion #5:** To accept the Report from the Board of Directors as presented. M: Bob Friesen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Wasylenko. CARRIED.

### 8.2 Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Morris Smysnuik reviewed the Financial Statement Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Question: What does the Saskatoon Community Foundation charge the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation for management of the investment that is held with them?

The Saskatoon Community Foundation charges 1% based on the value of the investment fund. Norbert Wasylenko provided additional information with an explanation concerning the investment structure of the fund.

**Motion #6:** To accept the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal period of January 1, 2024, to year ended December 31, 2024, as presented. M: Morris Smysnuik 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Wasylenko. CARRIED.

## 9. Old Business – None.

## 10. New Business

**10.1 - Approval of the Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – No changes to the Bylaws considered at this Annual meeting.**

**10.2 - Appointment of the Auditor for 2024.**

**Motion #6:** To engage Baker/Tilly PQSK LLP to audit the financial records for the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation for the year 2025. M: Glen Lekach. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Perry Kjargaard. CARRIED.

Question: What were the audit fees charged to the Foundation for 2024?  
\$5,000 was the payable fee with an additional \$750 payable for the Charity Return.

**10.3 - Other, as identified by the Membership**

N/A.

## 11. Election of Board of Directors

Bob Friesen identified the following Board of Directors elected by the faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon:

- Saskatoon Deanery: Alan Cannon (Term expiring 2026)
- Saskatoon Deanery: Bob Friesen (Term expiring 2026)
- Yorkton Deanery: Terry Shalley (Term expiring 2025)
- Yorkton Deanery: Holly Paluck (Term expiring 2025)

Bob Friesen identified the following members for election:

- Yorkton Deanery: Terry Shalley (Term expiring 2025)
- Yorkton Deanery: Holly Paluck (Term expiring 2025)

Terry Shalley and Holly Paluck have chosen not to run for re-election. Bob Friesen thanked Terry Shalley for his time and support for the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (2013-2025). Bob Friesen also thanked Holly Paluck for her time and support of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (2023-2025)

Three calls were made to the floor for nominations to the Yorkton Deanery.

**Motion #7:** Motion to cease nominations M: Iris Owchar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Ivan Nahachesky.

Hearing no nominations from the floor, the following nomination were put forth:

**Motion #8: M.:** Bob Friesen 2<sup>nd</sup>:: Glen Lekach nominated Peter Federko to the Yorkton Deanery, term expiring 2027. CARRIED. Peter Federko elected on behalf of the Yorkton Deanery in absentia.

**Motion #9: M.** Glen Lekach 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Ivan motioned that authority be give to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy in the Yorkton Deanery and appoint a Board member at its discretion. CARRIED.

Bob Friesen identified the following Board of Directors appointed by Most Rev. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R. and their terms of office:

- Representing the Consultors: Rev. André Lalach (Term expiring 2027)
- Representing the Member at Large position: Perry Kjargaard (Term expiring 2027)
- Representing the Finance Council: Glen Lekach (Term expiring 2026)
- Representing the Eparchial Pastoral Council: Doreen Rathgeber (Term expiring 2026)

**Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed representatives!**

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky thanked the Board of Directors for all the efforts made in the area of fundraising and investment management of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation.

## 10. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer.**

**Motion #10:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. M: Glen Lekach.

Meeting closed with prayer led by Rev. André Lalach.



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Bob Friesen, Chair



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Iris Owchar, Recording Secretary

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!**

**Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to present an overview of the year 2025 through the information provided in this Annual Report.

The activities undertaken by the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan in 2025 were as follows:

- Annual Eparchial Appeal
- “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw
- Disbursement of Funds from the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Grant Fund
- Support to Parishes through the Parish Offertory Program
- “A Classic Christmas IV” Fundraising Dinner

### **2025 Annual Eparchial Appeal**

The Foundation conducted the Annual Eparchial Appeal in 2025 under the theme “*Becoming Beacons of Hope*” inspired by Jubilee Year. As funding to the Eparchy of Saskatoon from other external sources continues to decline, the Eparchy now relies more than ever on the Foundation to raise funds to help meet their needs. The Annual Eparchial Appeal is a key fundraising initiative that supports the Eparchy in providing essential services to Parishes, Eparchial Organizations who contribute to its mission of the and most importantly, to the faithful it serves.

The 2025 Appeal supported the following funding initiatives:

- Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre
- Eparchial Communications Office
- St. Matthew Clergy Society
- Bishop Roborecki Foundation
- Chancery Office Support

St. Matthew Clergy Society was established to provide the Clergy of our Eparchy a supplemental provincial plan for health and dental benefits, life insurance and retirement support. The Faithful of the Eparchy share a responsibility to ensure help ensure the well-being and security of our Clergy.

The Bishop Roborecki Foundation joined the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation’s broader fundraising effort rather than conducting their own independent campaign. This Foundation plays an important role in supporting seminarians and ongoing education of clergy.

The Chancery Office Support continues to be a key initiative of the Annual Eparchial Appeal. In recent years, the Eparchy’s traditional sources of revenue have been significantly challenged. As a result, it has become necessary to seek additional sources of revenue to sustain essential programs and services, including Covenant of Care and other vital ministries that support Parishes and the Faithful of the Eparchy. The Eparchy now finds itself needing to reach out to the Faithful through the Annual Eparchial Appeal to fund these programs and initiatives.

The 2025 Annual Eparchial Appeal raised \$129,243, which is a notable decrease from the \$153,792 raised in 2024.

**2025 Annual Eparchial Appeal Distribution**

• To Bishop Roborecki Foundation	\$8,913.73
• To Eparchy of Saskatoon	\$86,896.29
• To Parish Rebates (6 Parishes)	\$8,433.00
• To Ukrainian Catholic Foundation	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$129,243.02</u></b>

The following is other statistical information from the 2025 Annual Eparchial Appeal:

• Number of Parish Families Donating to the 2025 AEA	468
• Number of Parish Families in the Eparchy	2,098
✓ Percentage of Parish Families in the Saskatoon Deanery	1,038 (49%)
✓ Percentage of Parish Families in the Regina/Yorkton Deanery	1,060 (51%)
✓ Average Donation per Parish Family Donating to 2024 AEA	\$276.16

• **Parish Participation in the 2025 Annual Eparchial Appeal**

✓ Total Number of Parishes in the Eparchy	70 Parishes
✓ Number of Parishes in the Saskatoon Deanery	29 Parishes (41%)
✓ Number of Parishes in the Regina/Yorkton Deanery	41 Parishes (59%)
✓ Total Number of Parishes Participating in the 2025 AEA	50 Parishes (71%)
✓ Total Number of Parishes Participating – Saskatoon Deanery	21 Parishes ((72%)
✓ Total Number of Parishes Participating – Regina/Yorkton	29 Parishes (71%))

Note: Participation means as long as one Parish Family from the Parish donated to the Annual Eparchial Appeal, that Parish was considered as “participating”.

Over the past ten years, the Annual Eparchial Appeal has raised a remarkable **\$1,375,998 in support for** the Eparchial programs and initiatives, Eparchial Organizations, and for Parishes and the Faithful across the Eparchy.

**“THANK YOU”** hardly seems sufficient to express the Foundation’s deep, heartfelt gratitude to all who have generously supported the Appeal throughout this past decade. Your commitment has made a lasting impact. We sincerely hope and pray that you will continue this spirit of generosity by supporting the 2026 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

## 2025 “SHARE THE SPIRIT” 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW

The Foundation conducted a “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw from October to December, with the draw taking place on December 5, 2025. The “Share the Spirit” Lottery provides the Faithful of the Eparchy - and now a broader community - an opportunity to support the spiritual, educational, cultural and social initiatives of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. All proceeds raised through the “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery are directed to the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

For the first time since the lottery’s inception, the 2025 draw was conducted online using the RaffleNexus platform. The goal to moving online was twofold: 1) Expand participation beyond the Faithful of the Eparchy; 2) Modernize the ticket purchasing process to improve accessibility and efficiency.

Recognizing that some individuals might not be comfortable purchasing tickets online, the Foundation also implemented a manual ticket order system, allowing participants to complete a paper order form and mail it to the Foundation using a postage-paid envelope.

Despite the introduction of the online platform, 60% of all ticket purchases were made through the manual mail-in system. This indicates strong familiarity and comfort with traditional methods among many supporters. The challenge moving forward will be to encourage a gradual shift toward online purchasing, which is more efficient for both participants and the Foundation.

Over the past seven years, the Designated Beneficiaries Program, which allocated to **parishes** and Eparchial organizations named on the ticket \$5.00 for ticket sold, generated \$103,215 for designated parishes and Eparchial organizations. However, the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) did not permit the continuation of this program for the 2025 lottery. The following is a financial summary of the lottery.

Year	Total Sales	Winner’s Portion	Designated Beneficiary’s Portion
2018	\$58,880	\$29,440	\$14,720
2019	\$58,440	\$29,220	\$14,610
2020	\$65,800	\$32,900	\$16,450
2021	\$65,440	\$32,720	\$16,360
2022	\$57,440	\$28,720	\$14,360
2023	\$59,040	\$29,520	\$14,760
2024	\$47,820	\$23,910	\$11,955
2025	\$34,875	\$17,437.50	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$447,735</b>	<b>\$223,867.50</b>	<b>\$103,215</b>

### Winners:

2018 - Steve Schabel (Foam Lake)

2020 - Greg & Lori Hudye (Kamsack)

2022 – Paul & Helen Gingara (Nipawin)

2024 – Helen Adamko (Saskatoon)

2019 - Gary Sereda (Saskatoon)

2021 – Lawrence & Ursula Popovitch (Bruno)

2023 – Larry & Shirley Danylyshen (Prince Albert)

2025 – Glorian Shawaga (Alvena)

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN GRANT FUND.**

The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation Grant Fund was established from the proceeds of sale of Sheptytsky Institute. The investment income generated by the Grant Fund will provide grant funds to Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations approved by the Eparch (Bishop) of the Eparchy of Saskatoon (Eparchy). The purpose of the grant fund program is to provide financial grants to organizations within the Eparchy approved by the Bishop. Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations need to submit applications to the Foundation to request for funds from the grant fund.

The Foundation distributed at total of **\$102,779,55** in 2025. The Board of Directors reviewed 35 grant applications of which 34 were approved for funding with one application withdrawn. Due to a high number of applications and the total amount requested, the Board allocated funding based on a percentage of the requested amounts.

The list of Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations receiving the grant funds are as follows:

<b>PARISH/ EPARCHIAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED</b>
<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Parish – Saskatoon</b> (Replacing Flooring in Church Proper)	\$16,000.00
<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Parish – Saskatoon</b> (LED Lightening Upgrade in Church Auditorium)	2,760.00
<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Parish – Saskatoon</b> (2025 Vacation Bible School)	\$1,500.00
<b>Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish - Saskatoon</b> ("Cantoring with Confidence" Program)	\$2,500.00
<b>St. Michael's Parish – Alvena</b> (Cemetery Safety & Improvement)	\$975.00
<b>Ascension of Our Lord Parish – Wakaw</b> (Chain-Link Fence Around the Cemetery) (Bell Tower & Priest's Room Floor Repair)	\$4,875.00 \$215.25
<b>Sokol Parish – Wakaw</b> (Repair to Church Roof) (Repair to Church Outhouse)	\$2,250.00 \$266.50

<b>St. Julien Patronage of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish – Wakaw</b> (Replacing Windows in Church Hall Kitchen)	\$717.50
<b>St. George’s Parish – Prince Albert</b> (Liturgical Budget Programming)	\$5,000.00
<b>Holy Spirit Parish – Orlow</b> (Replace Siding on Church & Electrical Upgrades)	\$8,000.00
<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Parish – Rosthern</b> (Church Structural & Safety Improvements)	\$2,700.00
<b>All Saints Parish – Nipawin</b> (Safety Improvements on Church Stairs)	\$1,200.00
<b>Descent of the Holy Spirit – Adamiwka</b> (Replacement of Windows & Doors in Church Building)	\$1,050.00
<b>Sacred Heart Parish – Vonda</b> (Church Foundation/Entry Step Upgrade)	\$800.00
<b>St. George’s Cathedral – Saskatoon</b> (Altar Servers Vestments) (Rectory Roof Repair Project)	\$240.00 \$2,280.00
<b>All Saints Parish – North Battleford</b> (Repair of Roof on Church Building)	\$662.00
<b>Sacred Heart Parish – Ituna</b> (Parish Hall Upgrades)	\$2,850.00
<b>St. Basil’s Parish – Regina</b> (Parish Rectory Kitchen Renovations) (Church Boiler)	\$4,275.00 \$8,000.00
<b>St. Athanasius Parish – Regina</b> (Parking Lot Rebuild) (Complex Furnace & Hot Water Heater)	\$7,125.00 \$6,000.00
<b>Sacred Heart Parish – Norquay</b> (Eavestrough Replacement on Church Building)	\$528.00

<b>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Moose Jaw</b> (Replacement of Church Building Air Conditioner)	\$2,221.60
<b>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – Wishart</b> (Replace Church Roof) (New Furnace for Church Building)	\$2,800.00 \$1,200.00
<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sheho</b> (Bell Tower Upgrade)	\$733.70
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord – Preeceville</b> (Replacement of Church Roof) (Bell Tower Upgrade)	\$2,206.00 \$570.00
<b>St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Camp – Pike Lake</b> (2025 Summer Camp Programming)	\$2,500.00
<b>Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada</b> (National UCWLC Congress in Saskatoon)	\$1,000.00
<b>St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Camp – Pike Lake</b> (Camp Kitchen Facility Upgrade)	\$6,779.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$102,779.55</b>

## **OTHER INITIATIVES**

### **PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM**

Parishes that do not have their own online system to collect donations can participate in the Foundation's Parish Offertory Program. Established in 2020, this program allows parishioners to make online donations to their parish using the Foundation's secure credit card platform. The Foundation then remits the funds collected, minus a nominal administration fee, to the Parishes designated by the donor.

In 2025, through the Parish Offertory Program, the Foundation collected and distributed \$13,343.00 to Parishes 2025.

Parishes interested in establishing their own credit card donation system are encouraged to contact the Foundation for guidance. For those without such a system, the Parish Offertory Program remains an effective way to offer parishioners the ability to make online donations using their credit card.

### **“A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS IV” FUNDRAISING DINNER EVENT**

The Foundation held its 4th annual fundraising dinner entitled “A Classic Christmas IV” held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, in Saskatoon. Thanks to the support of many organizations and individuals, “A Classic Christmas IV” was a very successful event. For the record, the following are some highlights:

**Venue:** Cathedral of the Holy Family Hall in Saskatoon.

**Entertainment:** Johner Brothers & The Johner Boys. Wally Wandzura, Bill Gulka & Marcial Indzeoski provided entertainment to the guests before dinner.

**Food/Dinner:** Catered by Touch of Ukraine Restaurant - Saskatoon:

**Sponsorship:** The financial success of this event was made possible because of the very generous and kind support of our sponsors. The sponsorships for this event are as follows:

**Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000**

- Murray Sadownick Realty Inc

**Entertainment Sponsors: \$3,000**

- St. Basil's Manor Senior's Residence (Regina). They have provided sponsorship for each of the four dinners.

**Dinner/Wine Sponsors: \$2,000**

- Dr. Stephen & Michelene Worobetz Foundation
- Baker Tilly SK LLP (Saskatoon)
- Rayner Agencies and Sutherland Beer & Wine Store

**Friends of UCF Foundation Sponsor: \$1,000**

- Glen Lekach, Miller Thomson LLP (Regina)
- Jim & Brenda Novakowski
- TCU Financial Group & TCU Wealth Management (Saskatoon)
- Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) Saskatoon
- St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish (Yorkton)
  - ✓ St. Mary's Parish Council
  - ✓ Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada
  - ✓ Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood – St. Volodymyr Branch
  - ✓ Knights of Columbus – Father Achiel Delaere Council \$5182

**Patrons of UCF Foundation: \$500**

- Most Reverend Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.
- Knights of Columbus – SS. Peter & Paul Council #11775 (Saskatoon)
- O & O Decorating Ltd (Taras & Christine Nahachewsky (Saskatoon)
- Richardson Wealth – Lalach Management Counsel – David Lalach (Saskatoon)
- St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation
- Synergy Credit Union
- Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada
  - ✓ Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Branch (Saskatoon)
  - ✓ SS. Peter & Paul – Saskatoon Branch
- Werezak's Pharmacy – Mike & Zenya Werezak (Saskatoon)

**Sponsorships Under \$500**

- Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood
  - ✓ Bishop Roborecki Branch (Saskatoon)
  - ✓ Eparchial Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood
- Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada – St. Athanasius Branch (Regina)
- St. George's Ukrainian Senior Citizens Centre (Saskatoon)
- Musee Ukraina Museum (Saskatoon)

**Silent Auction:**

There was a good assortment of excellent, appropriate, and appealing items generating review in the amount of \$4,209.00 The Silent Auction Sponsors were as follows:

St. George's Cathedral UCWLC	Accomplished Drycleaners
Jonathan Abrametz, The Barrister Group LLP	You Spa Esthetics
Rita Smysnuik	Kim Morrall & Kristin Smysnuik
Ukreations Gift Store – Prince Albert	Iris Owchar
St. George's Parish Prince Albert	Windmill Flowers
George's Parish UCWLC Prince Albert	Diane Leontowicz
Great West Brewery	Touch of Ukraine
Smiley's Buffet & Catering	Select Roses
The Keg Restaurant	Marusia Kobrynsky
TCU Financial Group & TCU Wealth Management	Cobs Bread-Cory Commons Bakery

Tocara Jewelry – Jamie Newton  
Francis Kreiser & Laura Beaudin-Kreiser  
Alan & Iris Cannon  
St. George’s Parish Knights of Columbus #8655

Synergy Credit Union  
Muséé Ukraina Museum  
Universal Church Supplies  
Sask-Tel

### **Financial Considerations**

There were 220 tickets sold at \$125.00 per ticket. Each ticket sold to an individual received a charitable receipt donation for \$50.00. The “A Classic Christmas IV” Fundraising Dinner Event raised just over \$38,443 for the Foundation.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** must go to all who helped in any way to make this a very successful event:

- To all our event, entertainment, dinner, and silent auction sponsors.
- To the facility, entertainers, and caterer.
- To the volunteer crews who helped with the set-up, take-down and clean-up of the decorating and facility.
- To all who purchased tickets to this event.
- To the Fundraising Strategies Committee and staff for planning, organizing, and selling tickets to this event.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I would like to extend a very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to the Board of Directors and Board Committees for their commitment and dedication to the Foundation. Your contribution has made a significant difference to the success of the Foundation. The Board of Directors and Board Committees are as follows:

#### **Evergreen Director:**

Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R – Eparch of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

#### **Directors Elected by Ordinary Members: (Date Term Expiring in Brackets)**

Representative from the Saskatoon Deanery: Alan Cannon (2026)

Representative from the Yorkton Deanery: Peter Federko (2027)

Representative from the Saskatoon Deanery: Bob Friesen (2026)

Representative from the Yorkton Deanery: Vacant (2027)

#### **Directors Appointed by Eparch:**

Representative from Consultors: Very Reverend Andre Lalach (2027)

Representative from Finance Council: Glen Lekach (2026)

Representative from Pastoral Council: Doreen Rathgeber (2026)

Representative Member-at-Large: Perry Kjargaard (2027)

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Committee**

Bob Friesen – Chair, Board of Directors  
Glen Lekach - Vice-Chair Board of Directors  
Doreen Rathgeber – Secretary  
Peter Federko - Treasurer

### **Grant Fund Committee**

Glen Lekach – Chair  
Bishop Micheal Smolinski, C.Ss.R  
Very Reverend Andre Lalach  
Norbert Wasylenko (Board Appointee)  
Kim Worona (Board Appointee)

## **STAFF**

Executive Director – Morris Smysnuik  
Office Administrator – Iris Owchar

### **Audit & Finance Committee**

Peter Federko, Chair  
Doreen Rathgeber

### **Fundraising Strategies Committee**

Bob Friesen – Chair  
Allan Cannon  
Perry Kjargaard

## FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The Foundation remains prayerfully hopeful that the Faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon continues to support its mission. Our Eparchy continues to face financial challenges as it strives to sustain the Ukrainian Catholic Faith in Saskatchewan. As a result, the Eparchy is now more dependent than ever on the Foundation to raise funds to support its initiatives and programming that is so vital to the Parishes, Eparchial Organizations and the Faithful of the Eparchy.

Now more than ever, it is vital that we nourish the spiritual needs of all the people in the Eparchy. We are called to share, as we are called to share, not of obligation but out of love, so that the abundance of some may help to remedy the needs of others. Let us all work together to build God's Kingdom within in our Eparchy by following Christ's example to serve each other and our community.

To strengthen this mission, the Foundation is renewing and expanding its commitment to the Legacy Giving program. Legacy Giving provides individuals, families or organizations the opportunity to leave a lasting gift through the Foundation to the Eparchy or to their home Parishes. Such gifts help ensure the sustainability of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Faith in Saskatchewan and support the Eparchy in continuing to provide leadership, guidance and faith formation for many generations.

I would also like to extend, acknowledge and offer heartfelt gratitude to Iris Owchar, our Office Administrator, for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Foundation. Iris' contribution to the Foundation, and, through it, to the Eparchy is truly immeasurable. Her commitment, dedication and devotion have been instrumental in the success the Foundation has achieved over the past decade. Iris will be retiring on June 30, 2026, and we wish for her God's Grace & His abundance of Blessings another new chapter in her life. May God grant you many, long, happy, healthy and prosperous years. **Mnohoya Lita!!!**

And finally – Morris Smysnuik. Morris has been involved in the development and leadership of the Foundation since day one. Wearing a variety of hats, Morris' contributions are countless. He too is stepping down from his position as Executive Director and will be extremely hard to replace. Morris, it has been an honor to work alongside you. Your tireless energy, compassion, strategic insight and modest and humble leadership have not only advanced our mission but have also touched the lives of everyone here. You've built more than Foundation offering fundraising programs for Eparchial needs—you've built trust, hope, and a lasting legacy that will continue to grow long after your tenure. **Mnohoya Lita!!!**

## SUMMARY

I think we should be immensely proud of what the Foundation has been able to accomplish in these challenging times and I am very humbled by the dedication of our Board, and the strong support of the Clergy and Eparchial Family. I believe that the work that our Lord has placed before us is worthy of our strongest efforts and those efforts are evident throughout our Eparchy!

THANK YOU does not begin to express the appreciation that the Foundation has for all who generously support our fundraising initiatives. We hope and pray that you will continue to support the Foundation's initiatives in 2026.

Respectfully,



Bob Friesen  
Chair, Board of Directors

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025 (JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025)** are posted as a separate link on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation website [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org), under the "Annual General Meeting Link".