

CONVENTION REPORT

The League of Ukrainian Catholics held its 63rd National Convention at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel in Stamford, CT on October 5, 6, and 7, 2001. The response and participation of the conventioners was heart warming. The convention was a huge success and many people expressed their thanks and said they enjoyed the convention.

The LUC General Business session was held on Friday, October 5th. The results of the National Board elections are : President, Hilary Kinal; Vice President, Janina Everett, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Nickolas Kotow, Corresponding Secretary, Sister Cecelia Sworin, SSMI; Membership Director, Michael Labuda; Religious Director, LeeAnn Makar; LUC Action Editor, Niagara Frontier Council presidents shared reports of good works and activities that take place in their areas.

A Ukrainian Mardi Gras was celebrated Friday evening; the dress code was Ukrainian dress, costume; masks and beads were presented to the conventioners. Dolores Baranyckyj of Niagara Frontier Council was crowned Queen and John Kost of Garden State Council was crowned King for best costumes. Music and dancing was the highlight of the evening; it was a fun night for all.

The Most Reverend Basil Losten celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Basil College Chapel with the seminarians on Saturday morning; a Communion Breakfast prepared by the catechists was enjoyed by all. The Ukrainian Museum and Research Center were toured after breakfast.

Back at the hotel, workshops were well attended. Bishop Basil Losten spoke on the Holy Eucharist; Rev. Jonathan Morse spoke on "New Directions for Catechesis"; Right Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky spoke on his perspective of the Papal visit to our church in Ukraine.

A banquet and ball was held Saturday evening. Deacon Albert Forlano, keynote speaker, topic was "A Call to Beauty": the call to the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Divine Liturgy was celebrated again at St. Basil College Chapel and followed by a Sunday Brunch at the hotel. The conventioners had a great time at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel and were well pleased with the accommodations and delicious food.



If you do not fill the minutes of your life with thoughts of God, the years will slip by, and when you need Him the most you may be unable to feel His presence.

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Moonlight floods the whole sky from horizon to horizon, How much it can fill your room depends on its windows.

2001 Burse Awards

The Burse Awards of the League of Ukrainian Catholics are meant to provide for the education of seminarians, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. There are nine established burses, and the awards depend on the income earned by the Burse endowment funds. In 2000 and 2001, the awards were \$500 each. Because of the situation in the St. Nicholas Eparchy of Chicago, burse awards were offered, but not accepted in both 2000 and 2001. Each burse award is given in the name of an honoree to the nominating entity. The Burse awards, honorees, and entities were:

Patrick Bilon Burse- Monk Joachim Maxymkiw- Holy Transfiguration Monastery (2000); Reverend Mihai Dubovici- Stamford Eparchy (2001)

Bishop Jaroslaw Gabro Burse- Brother Januarius Lukavei- OSBM Fathers (2000)

Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn Burse- Sister Camilla Danylosh- SSMI (2000); Seminarian Oleg Kachur- St. Josaphat Eparchy (2001)

Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky Burse- Sister Andrea Nagurney- OSBM Sisters (2000); Sister Bernardine Symionow- SSMI (2001)

Martianna Zebron Burse- Sister Tatianna Mary Dragan- MSMG (2000); Brother Eugene Chomyn- OSBM Fathers (2001)

Bishop Soter Ortynsky Burse- Seminarian Matthew D. Schroeder- St. Josaphat Eparchy (2000); Sister Maria Kelly- MSMG (2001)

Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky Burse- Seminarian Mikhail Tchepak- Stamford Eparchy (2000); Reverend Theodore Zientek- Holy Transfiguration Monastery (2001)

Bishop John Stock Burse- Sister Luba Beley- OSBM Sisters (2001)

Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk Burse- Deacon Andriy Rabi- Philadelphia Archeparchy (2000); Reverend Mark Fesniak- Philadelphia Archeparchy (2001).

The Sister John Paskevich Memorial School Endowment Fund award of \$500 was made in 2001 to Saint George Ukrainian Catholic School in New York, NY. National Board received a very nice Thank You note from Sister Monica Lesnick, OSBM, Principal, thanking the League for their support. The first award from this League endowment fund was made in 1991 to St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic School in Austintown, OH, where Sister John was then teaching.



No God, no peace, Know God, know peace.

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Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained.