



## 2018 Christmas Report

*Submitted by: Norbert Wasylenko, Chair*

We are pleased to report that the BISHOP ROBORECKI FOUNDATION Inc. continues its mission to offer financial support to the Eparchy, for the education of seminarians and others who will serve for the benefit of our Eparchy. For this purpose, the Board of Directors at the November 14, 2018 meeting, approved a disbursement for \$22,775.00. Currently, the following seminarians are in various stages of their vocational discernment.



### Jonathan Lashyn

Jonathan was born and raised in Saskatoon, SK. He is the oldest in his family and has two younger brothers and three younger sisters. Growing up he was home-schooled and attended Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatoon, where he was an Altar Server for many years. Prior to starting at Holy Spirit Seminary, he attended Merrimack College (via a hockey scholarship) in North Andover, MA, U.S.A., where he received a degree in Exercise Science. His hobbies include sports and reading. Currently Jonathan is enrolled at the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary & Newman Theological College, in Edmonton, AB.



### Matthew Lashyn

Matthew was born and raised in Saskatoon. Growing up he attended Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatoon with his family. In 2010 he moved to Wilcox SK to attend high school at the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame for Grade 11 and 12. After high school, he attended the University of Saskatchewan and completed a degree in Electrical Engineering in May of 2017. In September of 2017 Matthew entered Holy Spirit Seminary in Ottawa to begin formation as a seminarian for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. As of September of 2018, he has been living at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv, (Ukraine) where he is spending a year of cultural and language studies. Matthew plans to return to Canada in 2019 and continue studies and formation for the priesthood at Holy Spirit Seminary, in Edmonton.



### Ivan Simko

Ivan Simko was born in 1991 in former Yugoslavia. Soon afterwards his family fled the country due to war and ended up settling in Saskatoon, SK where he grew up with four younger siblings. Coming from a family with strong faith and Ukrainian-Rusyn heritage, Ivan was raised in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition. He spent some time in Italy with the Focolare Movement for spiritual formation, where he felt pulled to start discerning priesthood. Before entering the seminary, Ivan completed a degree in mechanical engineering and worked in Humboldt, SK for a couple of years postponing his discernment. In 2016 Ivan attended World Youth Day in Poland, inspiring him to enter the seminary sooner than later. With the blessing of

Bishop Bryan, and the support of the Eparchy of Saskatoon, he is now in his second year of formation. He is also engaged to Lesia Kinach and asks for your continued prayers and support as he journeys through his discernment of both vocations. Currently Ivan is enrolled at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary & Newman Theological College, Edmonton, AB.

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The Mission of the Foundation is to bring awareness to our faithful that financial support is needed on an annual basis for the recruitment and education of our candidates. Most do not have the financial resources to support their studies. To this end, His Excellency Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, has set aside the month of **January** as the month for the faithful to make their annual contributions to the Bishop Roborecki Foundation. **Please refer to your January Parish Bulletins for details.** Donations can be made to your parish, which will receipt the donations, and then forward these donations to the Bishop Roborecki Foundation Inc., 214-Avenue M South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 2K4.

Direct donations or Bequests to the Foundation are encouraged and very welcome. Simply contact one of our Board of Directors for details (<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/organizations/roborecki-foundation/>). Your financial support will ensure the Foundation continues to maintain its mandate in perpetuity, to educate and provide much needed priests and deacons to minister to our Faithful in the Eparchy of Saskatoon.

All donations, together with the 2018 Year-end Financial Statement, will be published in 2019.

***During this Nativity Season, let us ask our Loving God to continue bestowing his choicest Blessings upon all our faithful.***

**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЕТСЯ!                      СЛАВИТЕ ЙОГО!                      CHRIST IS BORN!                      LET US ADORE HIM!**

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