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### TO THE GRADUATES

As you go forth from St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School, I wish you well in all that you do. I am proud of you and hopeful for you. You take with you the powerful weapon of the Ukrainian Catholic faith to wield against the world's adversity. Guard it well! This you may do if you but heed this advice—be strong, be brave, be true!

VERY REV. STEPHEN POBUTSKY, Pastor and Founder

### ALMA MATER

To you our Alma Mater

We raise our hearts

In deep appreciation as our lives part.

To you, St. John's, we will be true

When life calls us far from you.

Oh, school, beloved, school of our youthful days,

You have loved and watched over us always.

Farewell, then, our dear St. John's

Now our years with you must end.

With your colors of gold and blue

We'll remain loyal and grateful to you.

### DEDICATION

To His Excellency Most Reverend

CONSTANTINE BOHACHEVSKY, D.D.

Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese in U.S.A., a brilliant scholar, tireless and energetic religious worker, founder of the Ukrainian Catholic Schools in U.S.A., His magnetic personality and His keen interest in the lives and education of the Ukrainian Catholic people of the Diocese.

It is, then, with the most sincere affection and with deepest reverence that we give to Him His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, this publication.

THE VERY REVEREND PASTOR, SISTERS and GRADUATES.

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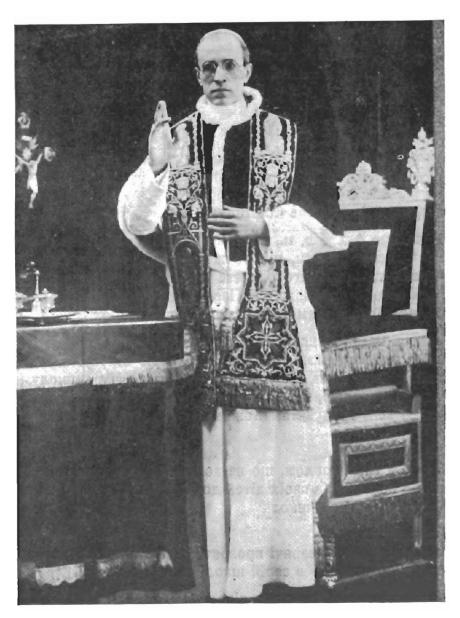
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ПОДВИЖНИКОВІ й ОСНОВНИКОВІ

Рідного Шкільництва в Америці —

о. СТЕФАН ПОБУЦЬКИЙ, Парох.



Gloriously Reigning Pontiff, Pope Pius XII, The 262nd Successor of St. Peter

No. 702

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### BISHOP'S CHANCERY OFFICE 815 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia 23, Pa.

7-ого мая, 1946

До Високопреподобного Отця Совітника С. Побуцького Пароха в Дітройт, Міш.

Високопреподобний Отче Совітнику!

На письмо з д. 4 ц. м., в якому повідомляєте мене, про "традуейшен" восьмої кляси, що торжественно відбудеться в неділю 2-го червня та що приготовляєте до друку пропамятну книжку "з нагоди цего історичното для Парохії діла" подаю до відома, що я радію цим історичним торжеством Вашої Парохії.

Радію з Вами, Основником цеї школи,

Радію з Добродіями, що вивінували цю школу.

Радію з Родичами, що поклали свої надії на ту школу.

Радію з молоддю, що будує свою будучність на Христовій вірі. Бажаю всім градуантам Божих ласк, добра і щастя.

Тай сумую.

Сумую з тим народом, що не дозрів до зрозуміння ідеї рідної школи, що не посилав своїх дітей до рідної школи, що не виховував своїх дітей в своїй школі.

Ше надіюсь!

Все надіюсь, що незрячі прозрять, далекі почують, тверді зрозуміють ту правду, що в своїй школі своя будучність.

І всі возьмемось за одно діло: Будувати, жертвувати, вивіновувати свої школи. Посилати своїх дітей до своїх шкіл. Шасть Боже!

† КОНСТАНТИН, Епп.



His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney Archbishop of Detroit

### Українська Американська Цілоденна Школа основа кращої будучности

Слово Впр. о. Совітника Стефана Побуцького, Пароха, на градюейшен восьмої кляси цілоденної школи св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті, Миш., дня 2-го червня, 1946

Від пятнайцять літ, коли наш Високопреосвящений Владика, Кир Константин Богачевський, Епископ Ординарій Української Католицької Церкви в Злучених Державах Америки, розпочав рішучу акцію за основанням цілоденних парохіяльних шкіл в кожній парохії, парохія св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті відкликнулася на зазив свого Владики і за вожою помоччю довершила великого діла. В серпні 1941 року, пять літ тому взад, наша Парохія св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті закупила для школи два будинки, а з початком вересня тогож року за призволом і апробатою шкільних властей відкрила і розпочала відразу чотироклясову цілоденну школу св. Івана Хрестителя з правом прилюдности. До школи вписалося 45 дітей. Від того часу ми додавали кожното року один ґрейд аж до восьмого ґрейду.

Сьогодня, неділя, 2-го червня, 1946 року, остане памятним днем для Українців-католиків міста Дітройту, а саме відбудеться велике і радісне торжество — градюейшен восьмої кляси Цілоденної школи св. Івана Хрестителя. На це історичне свято особисто прибули їх Ексцеленція Високопреосвящений Владика Кир Константин, щоб промовити до цего молоденького цвіту, надії нашої Церкви і народу та роздати дипльоми всім ученикам і ученицям, що покінчили з успіхом восьму клясу. За цю Божу ласку для нашої парохії нехай буде слава, честь і поклін Гоеподу Нашому, Ісусу Христу.

Основання української католицької цілоденної школи при церкві св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті в році 1941, заслугує на особлившу увагу, бо цим доконано великого переломового діла. Хто энає тяжкі тодішні обставини і великі довги дітройтської парожії в тому часі, цей належно оцінить труднощі при основанні цеї цілоденної школи, бо до того часу цілоденна школа в Дітройті виглядала на фантазію. Та показалося, що за співділанням ідейних людей, навіть дітройтські труднощі можна перебороти і дійти до наміченої, Божої і культурної ціли нашого Високодостойного Владики. Це повинно бути заохотою для всіх тямущих Українців-католиків в Дітройті посилати свої діти до цеї Української Американської Цілоденної Школи. Тільки така школа придержить наших дітей при вірі батьків, при релігії, при нашім пречуднім обряді і при моральних засадах, освячених традицією з рідного краю та виховає наших дітей на добрих українських горожан Америки.



їх Ексцеленція ВПреосв. Кир Константин Богачевський His Excellency Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D. Bishop Ordinary of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA

Основуючи цілоденну школу в Дітройті, ми доконали те, що вже літа тому треба було зділати, що по церкві, по храмі Божім є першою найбільшою пекучою потребою нашої української католицької громади в Дітройті. Бо школа виховує будучих громадян. Яка школа таким за десять чи двайцять літ буде і громадянство. Як школа сьогодні виховає нашу молодь, так за десять-двайцять літ буде виглядати наша родина, наша церква, наші організації і взагалі наше життя на землі Вашін тона.

Ми, Українці, мусимо тимбільше дбати про свою рідну цілоденну школу і про шкільне виховання наших дітей, бо це є нашим святим обовязком виховати наші діти на добрих христіян, на чесних людей, добрих горожан і на вірних синів і доньок своєї прадідної Церкви, наших батьків і свого рідного народу. Американська публична школа, хочби найліпша щодо науки ріжного знання, цего виховання нашим дітям дати не може. Американська публична школа має свої великі недостачі. Вона не навчає правд святої Віри і не дає дитині твердої основи на ціле життя, якою є лише мораль оперта на релігії.

З цих причин наша парохія в Дітройті по приміру інших народів в Америці оснувала свою цілоденну школу, в котрій ціле виховання так спрямоване, щоб дитина день-в-день набиралася духа Божого, страху Господнього, моралі, побожности, святости, пошани для законів, для старших та послуху і любови своїх Родичів і всего того, що нам дороге і святе. Так вихований син чи донька будуть потіхою і розрадою своїм родичам, будуть безпечні перед спокусами зіпсованого світа, а тим самим і самі вони будуть в своїм житті щасливі та других ущасливлять. Таке виховання дає наша цілоденна релігійна школа, ведена нашими дорогими і добрими Сестрами.

Кромі цего ми, Українці-католики, маємо свій окремий прадідний, стародавний, український східний Обряд. Цей наш Обряд є прекрасний, чудовий, і другі католицькі народи подивляють його красу, богацтво, поетичність і повату. Деж інде можемо ми наших дітей навчити свого рідного обряду, своїх молитов, своїх церковних пісень, любови свойого богослуження, своєї батьківської Церкви, як не в своїй українській цілоденній школі? Хто лішше навчить і прищіпить їм любов до релігійних і народних практик, як не свої рідні українські священики і Сестри-учительки, як не своя рідна цілоденна школа?

В нас, Українців, є своя матірна милозвучна мова і своя стара, богата, культурна та героїчна історія. Ми маємо чим почванитися та маємо на що бути гордими. Наші славні українські пісні, наші хори, наша поезія й література виховують в цілоденній школі молодь в почутті краси та в традиції наших прадідів, в любові до спадщини предків наших. А наша тисячлітна історія вчить нашу молодь шанувати себе самих, вчить героїзму, жертвенности, любови до своїх людей і пожертвовання для українського народу. А деж інше наша українська дитина спі-



His Excellency Most Rev. Ambrose Senyshyn, O.S.B.M., Auxiliary Bishop of Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of U.S.

знає і полюбить то всьо, що своє, рідне, батьківське і материнське, як не в своїй рідній, українській, католицькій, цілоденній школі?

Ця наша рідна цілоденна школа св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті вчить наших українських дітей того всього, що американська публична школа. В публичних школах вчать читати, писати і рахувати, вчать історії, землеписи, природознавства. В нашій цілоденній школі навчається тих самих наук а кромі цего ще Віри святої, пізнання Бога і Його святих заповідей, моралі, знання свого обряду, молитися і любити молитву, часто приступати до святої Сповіди і святого Причастія; вчать церковного і світського українського співу, рідної мови і історії українського народу. Дітвора нашої цілоденної школи бере активну участь в святих богослуженнях, молитвах і співах. Вони виховуються і виростають на добрих дітей Церкви і народу.

Світ заживе щастям, коли люде будуть молитися, до церкви учащати, сповідатися і заповіди виконувати. З цілоденної української школи вийдуть справжні вірні святої Церкви і дійсні горожани нашої любої Америки на довгі грядучі покоління. Вона забезпечить розвиток нашої Української Католицької Церкви і громади та наших народних товариств-організацій в Дітройті на дальші покоління, коли вже нас, теперішното покоління, не стане між живими. Основанням цеї школи ми положили кріпкі підвалини під нашу будуччину в наших дітях. Ми сповнили зазив нашого Високодостойного Владики, Кир Константина. Ми сповнили наш довт супроти рідної Церкви і народу.

Почин увінчався успіхом. — Українська Цілоденна Школа в Дітройті є доконаним фактом. Сьогодня відбувається перший градюейшен восьмого грейду цеї школи. На цім одначе ми не сміємо стати. Цілею нашою тепер є здвигнути відповідний і величавий будинок для цеї школи з всякими вигодами для дітвори, а також приміщення для нашої молоді, для наших ветеранів, бібліотеку і музей. Тому всі тямущі громадяни Українці, всі сестрицтва, брацтва, товариства, відділи Союза Українок, клюби молоді і старших, клюби горожан і народні доми в Дітройті, жертвуйте на цю ціль, на свою школу, часть свого майна, свої жертви, щоби ця школа була так вивінована, як це годиться добрій школі у чесній, розумній, шанукчій себе і дбаючій за своє молоде покоління, українській громаді в Дітройті. Бо то Ваша і Ваших дігей школа. Тому дбайте за її розвитск як за око в голові.

В сьогоднішний день, день історичний перших градюантів цілоденної школи св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті, з глибини мого серця я молю Всевишнього Бога і благаю:

Господе Ісусе, Спасителю Наш! Ти що сказав; не бороніть дітям приходити до мене, бо їх є Царство Небесне, Ти, що воскресив молод-ця з Наїн, Ти, що повернув життя доньці Яіра, Ти, що живучи був на землі особлившою любовю все огортав всіх дітей, всю молодь, благослови нашу цілоденну школу, наших діточок і нашу Дітройтську Укра-

їнську Католицьку Громаду.

Просвіти її світлом Твоєї Божої науки, загрій її серце любовю до всего, що Боже, красне і святе.

Зедини її разом в одну велику родину з одною душею, одним серцем, одним бажанням, посвячувати весь свій труд, всю працю для Бога і Вітчини.

Благослови, Боже, мій рідний Український Нарід тут і там за морем, що переслідуваний ворогами страдає. Держи Иоло у своїй всесильній а милосердній Десниці. Дай Иому волю, дай Иому долю, дай доброго світа! Світлом науки і знання Ти його, Боже, просвіти, на многі і благії літа!

о. СТЕФАН ПОБУЦЬКИЙ, Парох.



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Philemon Tarnavsky, Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of the U. S. A.

Боже благослови цвіт нашого народу, хай росте, процвітає бо з цього цвіту овоч достигає на славу Божу і добро народу.

о. ФИЛИМОН ТАРНАВСЬКИЙ



Rt. Rev. Msgr.
Carroll F. Deady
Superintendent of Schools

### PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

May 9, 1946

Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church 4123 Clippert Avenue My Dear Father Pobutsky:

Heartiest congratulations to you and to the Ukrainian people of St. John's Ukrainian Parish for the successful establishment of the parochial school.

It must give you all a great sense of satisfaction to see your first graduating class leaving the school with a good Catholic preparation for life.

Very truly yours,

RT. REV. CARROLL F. DEADY

Superintendent of Schools.

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Very Rev. Consultor Stephen Pobutsky,
Pastor of St. John's Church, Detroit
Dean of Detroit-Chicago-West Deanery, of the
Ukrainian Catholic Diocese

# Ukrainian Catholic Education for Ukrainian Catholic Children

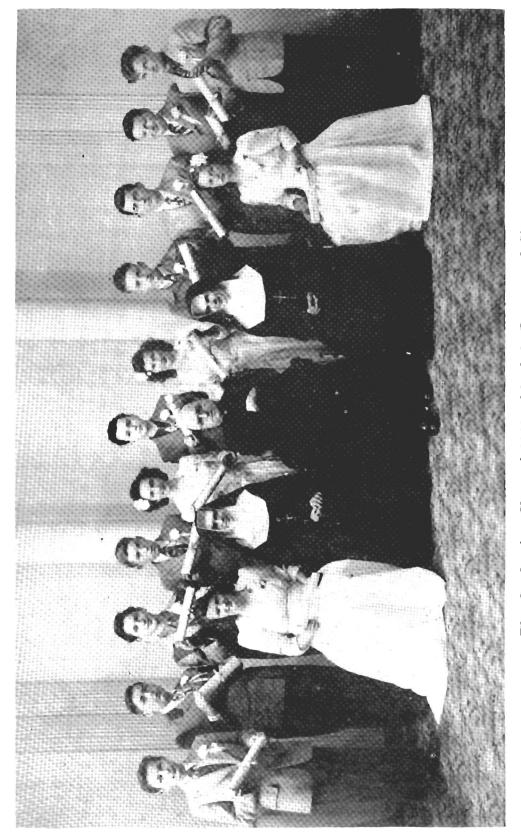
### **PASTOR'S ADDRESS**

The Catholic Church, by divine appointment, is the teacher of all mankind. It was by God's command that the Catholic Church embarked upon a career of education. Not from any state or nation, but from Jesus Christ Himself, did she receive her holy charter; the most magnificent and most comprehensive charter ever given to any institution: — "Going therefore, teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days to the consummation of the world."

This divine commission given to the Apostles and through them to their successors, the Bishops of the Catholic Church, could never be carried out effectively without the establishment of parochial schools. The Catholic Parochial School is the means which the Church uses to teach her children the truths of God. The Catholic parochial school, therefore, is the right arm of the Church. The mere teaching of some catechism once or twice a week, the mere learning on the part of the children of a few facts concerning the Church and her doctrine would never serve to bring about the observance of all things that Christ has commanded. For the Catholic religion is more than a set of propositions to be known. It is essentially a life to be lived, and as such it permeates and affects every phase of existence.

The teachings of the Catholic Faith should be implanted in the hearts of children from the earliest youth. This is the only assurance of a well-rounded education that takes into consideration that man has a body and a soul. Three factors exercise a vital influence upon the individual: — the home, the Church, and the parochial school. Our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States continues Christ's work and His primary purpose by establishing schools. Our own St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School maintains and upholds these Catholic traditions and ideals. It teaches not only reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the regular academic subjects, but also things religious and spiritual, namely — the love of God, the love of our fellowmen, the teachings and commandments of the Holy Catholic Church. It also teaches our children to love, cherish, and preserve our glorious Ukrainian Rite and traditions.

Why is it advantageous and beneficial for Ukrainian Catholic parents to send their children to their own Ukrainian Parochial school? The answer is



The Graduating Class of 1946 with their Pastor and Sisters



Seventh and Eighth Grades-26 Pupils and their teacher Sr. Bernarda



Fifth and Sixth Grades-20 Pupils and their teacher Sr. Thomas



Third and Fourth Grades-23 pupils, Sister Dionisia their teacher



First and Second Grades-15 pupils with their teacher Sr. Florence

very obvious. In his first week at the Ukrainian Catholic School the child, scarcely past babyhood, learns more in those few days than some of the most solemn philosophers have discovered in a lifetime of groping. The child learns about God Who made him "to love Him and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next." In other words, he begins to learn the purpose of life. He hears this and learns this every day; it is the beginning and the end of every study, the foundation of all his classes. For instance, in later study, he learns that history is more than a casual list of dates and a string of factual items: — it is the story of God's dealings with men and the progress of His Church in a stubborn world. In geography, too, he learns that the mountains, rivers, and lakes, the beautiful handiwork of His creation, glorify God. In addition, our beautiful Ukrainian language, Ukrainian history and literature, the Ukrainian arts, embroidery, and our Ukrainian Church and national songs and music.

The children are taught and reminded to practice their religion every day. They assist at Mass before classes. They learn to begin and end their work with prayer. They are taught the beautiful routine of Catholic devotion and they assume our ancient Ukrainian Catholic practices with easy grace. Holy water consecrates their entering and leaving the classroom. The crucifix catches and stops their wondering gaze. This religious atmosphere during the life of our young boys and girls is most vital to their well-being and the development of their characters. Some individuals claim that a public school education is sufficient. But a public school education for Catholic children is not complete, because it lacks the fundamental religious and spiritual training which is the very essence of Catholic living. What the public schools teach, they teach well. They have high standards, and a teaching body of integrity, but they do not and cannot, because of restriction, teach the most vital spiritual and religious truths.

The religious and academic training and instruction of the Ukrainian Catholic Parochial School will not only help our youth to become fine, upstanding Catholic individuals, but it will enable them to hold to our own Ukrainian ideals, to be a credit to our country, a source of pride to their parents, and champions for the glory of God. To serve God and country is the aim of every true and loyal Catholic youth.

Sad to relate, some of our Ukrainians have the strange and foolish notion that when they send their child for catechism study for a few weeks prior to receiving first Holy Communion, that child will have sufficient religious instruction for its life-time. After the child has received first Holy Communion, they neglect their obligation regarding further religious training. In fact, some parents and their children even neglect their regular attendance at Mass on Sundays. How can a child with such a limited religious background be expected to become a good Catholic and a good Church member during later years? Parents who have the welfare of their children at heart should not neglect their duty and obligation to educate their children



Altar Boys.—Служачі при Престолі хлопчики Церкви св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті зі своїм Парохом Впр. о. Совітником Стефаном Побуцьким

in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith by sending them to their own parochial school.

Through the zealous efforts of the Pastor, and the cooperation of the faithful parishioners, our St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Parochial School was established in 1941. For five years, through its pastor and sisters, our School has taught the essentials of a grammar school education. But more than this, they have taught the meaning and purpose of life. They have prepared the child for the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. They have taught them the meaning of the Mass and how to pray at Mass. They have taught them how to pray in private—that daily they may have God's help. All this has been the work of years, a labor of love, a duty to God fulfilled.

Graduation means a change of schools, of teachers. It should mean the beginning of a Catholic high school education. It means that the foundation has been laid, but that the work of the future must be Ukrainian Catholic. If a boy or girl is unable to attend a Catholic high school, graduation does not mean the end of religious instruction but rather, the continuation of what has been done in the years gone by, and this instruction always comes from the Church through the priest.

The graduate says good-bye to the elementary school. He or she says to the priest and sisters, "Thank you for what you have done. God bless and keep you." And the school answers, "We have made a beginning for you. We have taught you the essentials. Graduation does not mean completion. It means beginning, a beginning that must be as Catholic as the past, for God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him."

My Dear Graduates! Today, June 2, 1946, our Parish is proud to hold in your honor its first eighth grade graduation. This date marks a very important event in the history of St. John's Parish. Today, you who have completed the eight grades will receive your coveted diplomas which our School fondly awards you. You will be singularly honored on this occasion, because His Excellency, the Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., Bishop of the Ukrainian Diocese in the United States, will personally confer the diplomas. This is truly a memorable day, and we are proud of each and every one of you.

We are proud, too, that our School has maintained the high ideals of Catholic education, and meets the strict standards of both the Archdiocesan and public school board authorities. Our fondest hope now is that we may be able, in the near future, to construct a new, large, modern school building so necessary in our Parish. We hope, with God's help and the whole-hearted cooperation of our parishioners, to achieve this goal, so that our school may continue its success and progress. God Bless You and Guide You All!

VERY REV. STEPHEN POBUTSKY, Pastor.



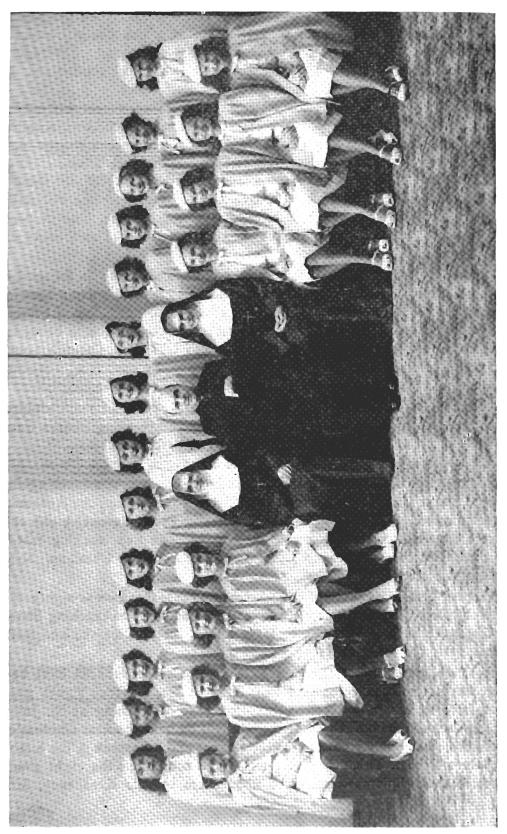
Ukrainian Catholic Boy Scouts of America of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Detroit, Michigan, with their Pastor, Scout Master, and Scout Committee, 1946

# History of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School

St. John's Ukrainian Parochial School was brought into being September 4, 1941. Naturally, it did not just "spring" into existence. It was the finished product of the untiring efforts, fervor, and noblest interest in Ukrainian Catholic education of our beloved pastor and the School's founder, the Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky. This school now stands as an active monument of his hopes and desires. While taking over his pastoral duties in St. John's Parish in December, 1938, our energetic, Very Reverend Pastor had realized the great need of a Ukrainian Catholic Parochial School, for the training of our youth. One of the factors that made the task especially difficult was the immense neglected debt of over \$90,000.00 on the parish properties. But with the zealous and efficient work of the Pastor and with the financial aid of the good Ukrainian Catholic parishioners, two buildings were purchased, and our parochial school began its existence with the attendance of forty-five children, from kindergarden to the fourth grade, inclusive. The classes were conducted by four teaching Sisters of the order of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The teaching Sisters were: Sister Vitalia, Sister Gerard, Sister Gabriel, and Sister Adriana.

As the realization of an all-day school for St. John's parish was taking form, another problem loomed before our good Pastor. This problem concerned the membership of the School. It was necessary for him to convince the Ukrainian parents to send their children to their own St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Parochial School. It was necessary for him to go from house to house and literally plead for the registration of prospective pupils.

At the same time, still another problem arose, and that was connected directly with the upkeep of the School, such as furnishings, salaries, books and educational equipment. It was also necessary to enlarge and remodel every classroom and to make other improvements in order to meet the approval and inspection of the Board of Health and the Board of Education. The financial problem involved was successfully met by the Very Reverend Pastor with the noble cooperation and help of the GOOD parishioners. Bazaars, plays and other entertainments helped to cover the expenses. His Eminence Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, also graciously came to our Pastor's financial aid at this time with a temporary loan of \$3,000, although previously the Archdiocese had already taken upon itself our large parish debt. This \$3,000 loan was returned to the Archdiocese within TWO months time. His Eminence was pleased that the \$3,000 loan was returned so promptly inasmuch as the parish was also able to pay its regular yearly



The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Detroit, Michigan

commitment on the parish debt that year.

All the striving, all the effort and labor connected with the establishment of the School have been worthwhile, for the School has progressed with high honors. It has become an institution of which every Ukrainian Catholic can well be proud. Every bit of effort and energy was directed toward the welfare of the School. Much gratitude is due the Pastor and the Sisters who are a well-trained and capable teaching staff.

With the help of God's grace and blessings, the first school year opened on September 4, 1941, with forty-five Ukrainian Catholic children enrolled. On opening day Holy Mass was offered by our Very Reverend Pastor for a successful school year. This Mass was attended by all the school-children and their parents. Under the care and adroit supervision of our beloved Pastor, the Very Reverend Consultor, Dean and Father Stephen Pobutsky, that important first year was a successful and notable one. The students eagerly attached themselves to the newly organized school and made exceedingly fine scholastic records.

Sunday, November 21, 1941, was another memorable day to be marked down in the history of our St. John's Parish. This was the solemn blessing and dedication of the school building by His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D. His Excellency delivered a beautiful, inspiring sermon in Ukrainian on the education of Ukrainian Catholic youth. The Right Reverend Monsignor Carroll Deady, Superintendent of Parochial Schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit, delivered the address in English.

In September, 1942-43 (the second scholastic year), fifty-six children were enrolled. That year a fifth grade was added. The teaching Sisters were: Sister Vitalia, Sister Gerard, Sister Timothy and Sister Anastasia.

In September, 1943-44 (the third scholastic year), there were seventytwo children enrolled. That year a sixth grade was added. The teaching Sisters were: Sister Gerard, Sister Timothy, Sister Theresa, and Sr. Anastasia.

In September, 1944-45 (the fourth scholastic year), seventy-eight children were enrolled. A seventh grade was added. The five teaching Sisters were: Sister Bernarda, Principal, Sister Dionisia, Sister Damiana, Sister Thomas, and Sister Emiliana.

In September, 1945-46 (the fifth scholastic year), there were eighty-four children enrolled. The eighth grade, the last, was added. The teaching Sisters were: Sister Bernarda, Principal, Sister Thomas, Sister Dionisia, and Sister Florence.

The school years under the principalship of Sister Bernarda have been very successful and have come to a very happy close. Thirteen eighth grade students have successfully reached this final year of learning at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School. On June 2, 1946 will be held the first Graduation, which marks a very important and historic event and milestone in the history of St. John's Parish. Thirteen pupils who have completed the eight grades will receive their diplomas, conferred upon them by His Excellency, Most



Цілоденна Рідна Школа при Церкві св. Івана Хрестителя в Дітройті, Міш., в 1946, р., зі своїм Парохом Впр. о. Совітником С. Побуцьким і Сестрами Учительками

Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., our beloved Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese in the United States.

Such is the noble, pioneering history of our Parochial School! St. John's has striven to cultivate within its students good Ukrainian, Catholic, and American ideals. Our parishioners have every right to be proud of their School, to support it and to rejoice in its great progress and success. May God continue to bless our efforts!

### Principal's Message to the Graduates

It has become my singular pleasure and honor to pay tribute to you, dear graduates, on this most glorious day of your life, namely your first graduation. This day is also a day of rejoicing for me.

You, my dear graduates, have now arrived at a milestone in the road of life. It is a mark of entry into the world, where you will go to seek greater knowledge. St. John's School has guided you in every possible way to help you set your first steps on this path of true knowledge.

You, who have attended this Ukrainian Catholic School, are indebted to your Very Reverend Pastor, teachers, and parents. The guidance received in St. John's School had a very definite aim — to help you to meet the problems of everyday living. Your Catholic School education has molded you into honest, upright, God-fearing, and God-loving American Catholic young people.

Today is a day of rejoicing for the graduates. You have a right to rejoice because you have successfully completed one phase of your life. Now you are ready to proceed into the world, eager for new opportunities. Through your studies at St. John's you have become aware of your destiny as Ukrainian Catholics and your responsibilities as citizens. You are well rounded in your knowledge of your duty to God, to your nation, to your neighbor and to yourself.

In closing, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to our Very Reverend and dear Pastor for his fatherly guidance, advice and care which made this occasion possible.

SISTER BERNARDA, S.S.M.I.



Українська Католицька Цілоденна Школа при Церкві св. Ів. Хрестителя в Дітройті в 1943 р.

### Our Graduates

STEPHEN JOSAPHAT POBUTSKY, son of the Very Reverend and Mrs. Stephen Pobutsky. Stephen was born on March 5, 1934 in Auburn, New York, and was baptized by His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., at SS. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church at Auburn. Stephen is the youngest of the graduates and is a very intellectual and artistic fellow with a pleasing personality. He is a talented musician (violinist), and is also an enthusiastic philatelist and coin collector, having had coin and stamp exhibits at the local public library. His ambition is to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious Father and become a Priest.

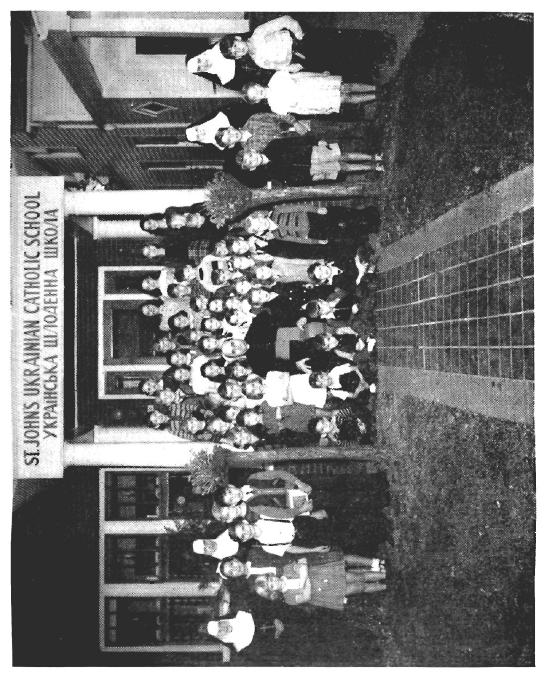
MELVIN WILLIAM NIPIUK, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nipiuk, was born June 30, 1931, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Melvin is commonly known among the boys as "Goldilocks" because of his curls. Melvin's two dimples also add much to his charming looks. Melvin is a great accordion player, and often plays at school entertainments. Melvin's ambition is to become a pilot, but we all know he'd make a better ballet dancer.

ANDREW IVAN HRADOWSKY, son of Mr, and Mrs. Andrew Hradowsky, was born in Detroit, December 26, 1933, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. His willingness to cooperate has won Andy many a friend in school and outside of school. Andy has decided to go to U. of D. High School to further his studies. Although Andy's favorite subject is English, he may probably turn out to be a mathematician. It's quite hard to tell what Andy's future has in store, but he has vowed he'll never be an undertaker.

PAUL EUGE... GARDY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gardy, was born in Detroit, October 20, 1931, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Paul is the eighth grade graduate who has farthest to come to our School. He came to St. John's four years ago. Paul is studious, and is a silent comedian. His life's ambition is to become a doctor.

OLGA MARIE GAWA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gawa, was born in Detroit, June 24, 1933 and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Olga entered St. John's school when it was first opened in 1941. Olga was chosen valedictorian of the 1946 class. She is a talented musician and has quite a flair for acting. In the school play, "The Best Day of My Life," Olga played the major part. Olga speaks Ukrainian perfectly. She likes to play baseball, and is a very active member of our Sodality group.

JULIA DOROTHY BRYACH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dmytro Bryach, was born January 20, 1931, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Julia has attended St. John's for three years. She had



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formerly lived in Pennsylvania. Julia has a rather unusual ambition, as she says she might like to become a policewoman.

NANCY JULIA POPOWICH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Popowich, was born in Detroit February 25, 1932, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. And who is this girl with the smiling eyes who has attended St. John's for only one year? Well, this is Nancy. One would recognize her by her pleasant personality. Nancy is very studious and religiously inclined. She has a sister studying in Sloatsburg. Nancy's life ambition is to grow an inch taller.

OLGA KOBLECK, daughter of the late Mr. Frank Kobleck and Mrs. Barbara Taske, was born in Detroit, December 29, 1929, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Olga is tall and sturdy, very pleasant and studious. This is another girl with a winning smile. Olga is also an able athlete and a leader in every activity. Olga plans to attend Sloatsburg Academy.

ROBERT MICHAEL LAZUR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lazur, was born November 18, 1931, and was baptized at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Monessen, Pa. Robert is a friendly, pleasant chap who also plans to attend U. of D. High School. He is a favorite with both boys and ——!! He's always willing to help his mother. Robert's life ambition is to become a doctor.

NESTOR MARTIN LIPISCHAK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lipischak, was born in Detroit, January 2, 1932, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Nestor came to St. John's in the fourth grade. His favorite subject is mathematics, and his great talent lies in art. The ambition of his life is to become a painter and a musician.

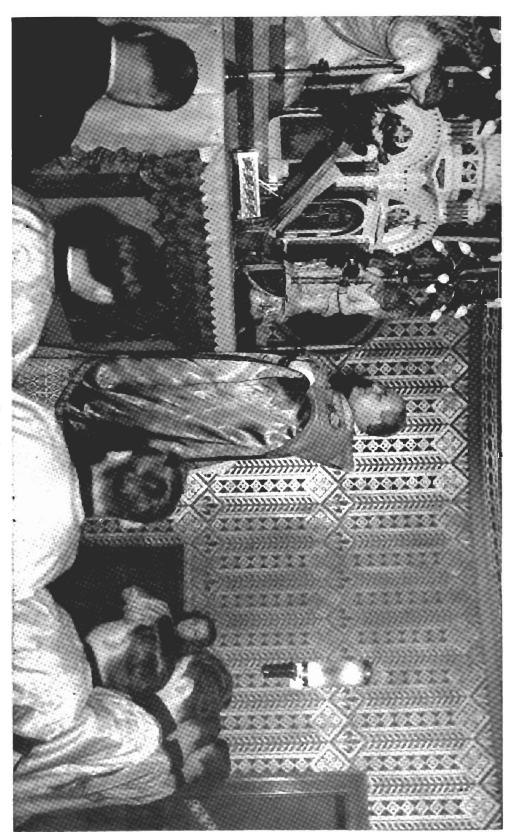
HAROLD STANLEY DUBOWSKY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dubowsky, was born in Detroit, February 20, 1933, and was baptized at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Harold came to St. John's in 1941 to be a fourth grader. His hobby is tidying up around the house. His life's ambition is rather undecided, but Harold is mechanichally inclined.

AUGUSTINE B. MACK (Macyshyn), son of Mr. Harry Macyshyn and the late Mrs. Macyshyn, was born in Detroit November 3, 1931, and was baptized at Holy Redeemer Church. Augustine enrolled at St. John's in 1942. He plans to further his studies at U. of D. High School. Although Augustine is somewhat mechanically inclined, his ambition is to become a light-weight boxing champ.

JOHN EDWARD PLINKA, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Plinka, was born November 13, 1932 and was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church. John enrolled at St. John's as a fourth grader. John likes math, but we think he prefers best of all to enjoy sundaes and sodas at Ed's drugstore. His life's ambition is to become a tennis champion or an acrobat.



First Holy Communion of Theresa Pobutsky in Auburn, N. Y., June 1937, with her brother Stephen Josaphat, then 3 years old. Now, at 12, Stephen is graduating from St. John's Ukr. Catholic School



His Excellency, Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D. celebrating low Mass at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, February 18, 1946, on the occasion of his Canonical visit to the parish



Its Excellency Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky is shown here distributing Holy Communion to the returned Veterans of St. John's Post 403, Detroit, Mich.



Post of Ukrainian Catholic Veterans 403, of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Detroit, Mich., with their Chaplain and His Excellency, Bishop C. Bohachevsky



First Holy Communion at St. John's Ukr. Catholic Church, Detroit. Very Rev. S. Pobutsky, Pastor

### WE CAN

(CLASS POEM)

Many a time we've read this line:
"They can because they think they can"—
These glowing words from a poet's pen
Proclaim the thought that makes the man.
We can because we think we can,
By this strong truth we've reached the goal
Of firm beliefs and pure ideals,
Of worthy lives and breadth of soul.

Encouraged in our search for truth
By loving teachers staunch and kind,
We leave to face an alien world,
Strengthened and purified of mind.
We thank them for their helpful words,
Their prayers for us, their patient trust,
We promise them we shall be true
To their precepts; we can, we must!

To parents can we aptly pay
The debt of gratitude we owe?
We hope today to make them proud
And in some little measure show
That we are bent to carry on
This work in us that they began,
To make our lives but worthy gifts
Of loving thanks; we must, we can!

To St. John's, farewell!
Your sons and daughters gather'd here
Pledge earnest loyalty today,
And offer, Alma Mater dear,
A grateful pray'r for all you've given
To make us each a worthy man;
To constant be to all your truths
We hope we shall; pray God, we can!

## CLASS SONG '46

Lying near Detroit's clear waters
And its ripples blue,
Stands St. John's Ukrainian Grade School
Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward Loud its praises sway. Hail, to thee, pride of our parish, We salute you today!

The red, white and blue, and the blue and gold,
The flags we love to see;
Fair to us above all others,
Now and in our memory.

The Graduates bid a hearty welcome to all. We hope you will find pleasure in reading these articles, as you glance over these pages. We, thirteen young men and women have arrived at a milestone in the road of life. This milestone represents eight long years of anticipation. It also marks our entry into our greater world, where we go to seek further knowledge. Therefore, to our successors, the Seventh Grade, we the Graduates extend our wishes of luck and happiness for the coming year.

Farewell and best wishes to all.

THE EIGHTH GRADE.

## Ukrainian Veterans

Sunday, Feb. 17, 1946 was a day that will long be remembered in the history of our parish. St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Veteran Post 403 of the Catholic War Veterans was formally inaugurated. The Post consists of 65 members and is the fourth Catholic Veteran Post to be organized in the city of Detroit.

His Excellency Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky honored us with his presence, while making this Sunday his canonical visit to our parish.

The activities for the day began at 8:15 a. m. with His Excellency celebrating a special Mass for our Veterans who were all in uniforms and received Holy Communion. The ceremony was very impressive. Pictures were taken during the Mass and also at the Installation ceremonies in the afternoon, two of which were published in THE WAY.

At 2 p. m. a Moleben to the Sacred Heart and a Panakhida were held for our deceased servicemen. His Excellency Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky was assisted by Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky, our good Pastor, and our neighboring priests, Fr. S. Shehansky and Fr. Kozchisko.

After Vespers the Veterans assembled in the Parish Hall where the Installation of Officers took place. The following program was the order of the day: the opening of ceremonies by Commander Stone, of the Ascension Post 413 Catholic War Veterans; Advancement of Colors; the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," followed by a prayer for our departed comrades.

The presentation of our honorary guests was next in order. After this, the Post Charter was presented to John Krokowsky, Post Commander, to formally institute the new organization.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by the 40-8 Ritual Team of the American Legion. Then two beautiful poems were recited, "Our Dead" and "Where Poppies Grow in Flanders Field."

Mrs. C. Romanski was presented an American Flag in memory of her son who was lost in this war. Taps were sounded and the program was concluded with a prayer by Father Pobutsky, Chaplain.

The following officers were installed: Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky, Post Chaplain; John Krokowsky, Commander; Nicholas Charney, 1st Vice Commander; Thomas Poloway, Jr., 2nd Vice Commander; Walter J. Hayes, 3rd Vice Commander; John Koval, Adjutant; Louis Dobryden, Finance Officer; Elgin Motluck, Judge Advocate; Michael Senyshen, Welfare Officer; Harry W. Malaniak, Historian; Walter Szewchuk, Jr., Officer of the Day; Michael Bahrie, William Kulaga, Peter Mozurkevich, Trustees.

All the Veterans wish to thank their Pastor and Chaplain the Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky, who organized them into the Veteran Post and whose endless efforts and whole-hearted cooperation made the Post possible and installation a success.

HARRY W. MALANIAK, Historian.

# ПРОГРАМА

### НА ДЕНЬ ГРАДУАЦІЇ

1.	Марш Абсольвентів (Grand March)
2.	Привитання Абсольвентів Впр. о. Сов. Ст. Побуцький (Pastor's Address—Very Rev. Stephen Pobutsky)
3.	Шкільна Пісня — "Альма Матер" Абсольвенти (Class Song: Alma Mater"—Graduates)
4.	Вступне Слово Стефан Побуцький (Welcome Address—Stephen Pobutsky)
5.	Квартет "Любовію Чистою Палай" Абсольвентки (Quartet—"Sacred Heart Hymn"—Graduates)
6.	Святочна Промова
7.	Скрипкове Сольо Стефан Побуцький (Violin Solo—Stephen Pobutsky)
8.	Пращальна Промова
9.	Xop "O Мати Божа"
10.	Сольо "Берізка" Іван Бояр (Vocal Solo—"The White Birch"—Ralph Bayer)
11.	Роздавання Дипльомів Абсольвентам і промова— ВПреосв. Кир Константин Богачевський
	(Distribution of Diplomas and address-
	His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop C. Bohachevsky)
	Piano accompaniment—Miss Stephanie Andrusiewicz



## Welcome Address

### By Stephen J. Pobutsky, Class of '46 — June 2, 1946

Your Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop, Right Rev. Monsignor Deady, Superintendent of Detroit Catholic Schools, Very Rev. Pastor, Rev. Fathers, Dear Sisters, Parents Guests, and Friends:

The Faculty of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School has vested in me the honor of making this Welcome Address today on the memorable occasion of the first Eighth Grade Graduation. In the name of our graduating class, I bid you welcome.

This Day is a day of rejoicing for us. We thirteen boys and girls have arrived at a milestone in the road of life. This milestone represents eight long years of study and preparation. All of us shall henceforth bear the principles instilled in us in our beloved St. John's.

I bid you welcome on behalf of all my classmates, the members of the Graduation Class of 1946, and we extend our gratitude to you who honor us today by your presence.

Our deepest gratitude, however, is to Your Excellency, our Beloved Bishop, for founding and patronizing the Ukrainian parochial schools in our Diocese; to you, Very Reverend Pastor, for having worked so incessantly and faithfully to make St. John's the fine school that it is, and for having made possible this Graduation Day; and to you, our good Sisters, our teachers, for your patience and efforts in our behalf.

We, the Eighth Grade Graduates, realize our good fortune in having attended a Ukrainian Catholic School. The guidance received in this School will be our beacon light on the road of life. We shall always cherish fond memories of our years at St. John's.

We are confident that St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School will always guide its young students and train them, as it has trained us, in religious, scholastic, and patriotic principles, and in devotion to God and our country.

This is indeed a memorable and joyous day! To all of you here who have come to share our happiness, I bid a most hearty and sincere welcome!

# St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School Detroit, Michigan

June 2, 1946, is, indeed, a day of great significance for Detroit Ukrainian Catholics. On this day the first graduation exercises of the All-Day Ukrainian School of our Parish are held. For this reason alone, June 2 would be important, but there are other reasons. This day marked the fulfillment of a dream many of us Ukrainians had. It marked the culmination of diligent work and the realization of a goal — our Ukrainian Catholic School. For many, this was indeed a day of reward, and especially was it so for our good Pastor, the Very Reverend Consultor and Dean, Father Stephen Pobutsky, who has labored so diligently to bring this about.

The thirteen graduating children who make up the first graduation group have indeed a signal honor. They, no less than their parents, have sacrificed at one time or another some comfort in order to attend classes at the Ukrainian Catholic School.

The first graduation class of thirteen graduates may look small to some — small in number, but to this group belongs the great honor of being the FIRST. The honor is greater because there are only a few to share it. To gain this honor all of the children and their parents have given up conveniences. It might have been more convenient to attend a nearby school; it might have been more pleasant at times to attend school with the neighbors' children! It might have been easier for parents to send their children to a neighboring school. Undoubtedly there were other conveniences both parents and children alike gave up for the sake of a Catholic-Ukrainian-American education.

Those parents who persevered in sending their children to the Ukrainian Catholic School have demonstrated a greater love for their religion and their traditions. In giving their children an education, they have not deprived them of either the religious or the traditional aspects. They HAVE PRE-SERVED in their children the things they held most dear, for it is in the earliest years of life that the most durable impressions are made. By giving their children Catholic-Ukrainian schooling, they have not neglected the American, but have indeed acted in the best American tradition, for America is founded upon concepts of freedom — freedom of belief, freedom of worship, freedom of opportunity.

As good Americans we should endeavor to give to America that which in us is the most beautiful, the most beneficial. As Ukrainian Catholics we can add to American culture by living exemplary lives as Catholics. As Ukrainians, only we can give to America the beauty of that which is Ukrainian. We can do neither if we do not cherish what we have. If we lay aside our religion

and our Ukrainian Catholic traditions, we can contribute nothing to the melting-pot of American culture. Instead of contributors, we become borrowers. A true American citizen makes some worthy contributions to the welfare of his neighborhood, his community, his country.

For the opportunity the United States gives us to live as we like; for the security we have as inhabitants and citizens of this great land; for the comforts that are found only in America, we are expected to give in return the best that is in us. America wants each and every one of us to get the best possible education, to use all the opportunities we have to improve ourselves both as individuals and as a national group, and to share in all the priviliges, that she, too, may benefit from us. We owe it to the country of our choice to do as is expected of us.

We are not expected to forget, give up, or change our Catholic religion; rather, we are expected to know and live by our Catholic religion. We are not expected to be ashamed of, to deny, or to change our Ukrainian nationality; rather, we are expected to know and to cherish our Ukrainian Catholic Rite, our traditions, customs, and Ukrainian language. A person who knows one language may be a good American, but he who knows two or more languages can be a better American. It is the duty of every good Catholic Ukrainian to live up to what is expected of him as a good American citizen, and as such it is his sacred duty to love and to preserve his heritage.

It is one of the precepts of education in the United States of America that for the greatest good of the country, the church, the school, and the home must work together harmoniously for the common good. The common good of the American nation depends upon the groups of which it is composed. America thrives upon the differences of the many nationalities gathered here. Each and every nationality has imparted some of its own characteristics to the American nation. Not the least of these have been the Ukrainian Catholics.

But we have only begun. We are awakening. We shall preserve our Catholic religion, our Ukrainian Rite, our culture, and our traditions. To do this we are going to build a greater and better Ukrainian Catholic school in our St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Detroit. Each and every one of us will see to it that the generations that follow us get the best we have to offer. We shall learn anew to love and to cherish our Ukrainian heritage and to share the best that is in us with other people of this great country. We shall work for God and Church and Country. Thus and only thus, can we even begin to repay the great debts we owe America, our chosen land, our cherished land — the land of the free.

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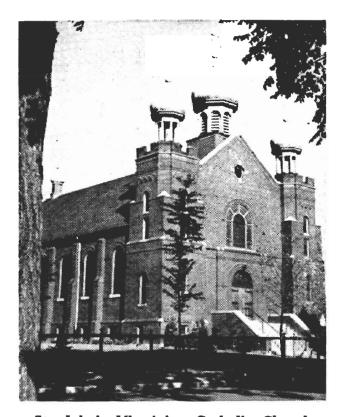


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