YOUR LEGACY – EDUCATING NEW GENERATIONS OF ETHICAL AND MORAL LEADERS FOR A NEW UKRAINE
Since its establishment in 1997, the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (UCEF) has been assisting the growing needs of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Ukraine. It continues to ensure that the University has the financial resources to educate new generations of young people to overcome the devastating effects of communist ideology and to build a Christian foundation for a free and prosperous Ukraine.

In the past 20 years, UCEF legacy donors have generously left over 8 million dollars in their estate gifts to benefit UCU, thus enabling this unique Catholic university to become one of the most respected educational institutions in Ukraine.

Legacy gifts have had a major impact on the growth of UCU and the development of its academic programs, providing funds for student scholarships and the construction of a state-of-the-art campus for students, faculty and the community. Estate gifts have also helped establish the University’s endowment.

**BY PLANNING YOUR LEGACY TO SUPPORT THE INSPIRING MISSION OF UCU THROUGH UCEF, YOU CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FUTURE OF UKRAINE.**
“Today, before us, stands a chance to fulfill our dream of a world-class Ukrainian university, for which our great founders, Metropolitan Andrey and Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, labored much.

I kindly invite you to support the university with your legacy gift.”

Most Rev. Borys Gudziak,
Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia and President of UCU
“Raise temples of learning, burning with the spiritual strength of our Church and our people. Remember that the fullness of life in the Church and in our people is not possible without our own scholarship.”

Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj,

“The Testament”
THE JOSYF SLIPYJ LEGACY SOCIETY

is named in honor of Patriarch Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1944 to 1984. He was persecuted and imprisoned by the Soviet regime in Siberia, but managed to survive 18 years of labor camps and was freed thanks to the intercession of St. Pope John XXIII and U.S. President John F. Kennedy. Josyf Slipyj was the first Rector of the Lviv Theological Academy and the founder of the Ukrainian Catholic University.

As an accomplished scholar and prophetic leader, Josyf Slipyj envisioned the Ukrainian Catholic University to be a center of learning, research and ideas, an institution that possesses a spiritual and intellectual power to influence and elevate all aspects of Ukrainian cultural, religious, and public life. In his written spiritual testimony, known as “The Testament,” he emphasized the tremendous value of education and learning, and called upon his followers to build his legacy and support the mission of UCU.

Members of the Josyf Slipyj Legacy Society continue to support this great vision. Through their legacy giving, they ensure that UCU has resources for future needs and growth. As a result, they influence generations of students, helping them to become civic, religious and professional leaders and champions for human dignity, moral and democratic values, transparency and positive changes in Ukraine and the world.

CONSIDER JOINING A GROUP OF HIGHLY DEDICATED AND LIKE-MINDED VISIONARIES OF UCU IN THE JOSYF SLIPYJ LEGACY SOCIETY!
“This is a ‘shout-out’ for the Ukrainian Catholic University. It is my pleasure to have been a participant, from 1998, in the rebirth of the University in Lviv and watch it grow and inject its educational models and spiritual meaning into the formation of a modern Ukraine. There has been incredible progress to date and I would like my legacy gift to UCEF to be earmarked for the endowment fund.”

Joanne Celewycz,
member, Josyf Slipyj Legacy Society
BENEFITS OF JOSYF SLIPYJ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:

- Official recognition by receiving the Society Membership Certificate and Society pin during a public or private ceremony;
- A permanent listing in UCEF’s Annual Reports;
- An exclusive opportunity to experience the vision and impact of UCU and visit significant places of Josyf Slipyj’s life and ministry by traveling to Lviv, Ukraine;
- An invitation to special Society gatherings or spiritual retreats led by UCU’s President, Archbishop Borys Gudziak, or other UCU dignitaries.

How to join the Society?

To become a member, send a written note or an email to UCEF, Attn: Yuliya Komar, Donor Relations and Planned Giving Manager, stating that you are considering including or have already included the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation in your estate plans.

The next step is to complete and sign a UCEF confidential legacy commitment form. You may provide a copy of relevant provisions in your will or a copy of other documentation about your legacy gift. Once the documentation is received by UCEF, you will formally join the Society.

JOSYF SLIPYJ LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS MAKE AN INSPIRING INVESTMENT AND A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION FOR UCU’S FUTURE VITALITY AND ADVANCEMENT.
“UCU is the bastion of Christian education and research in different branches of knowledge. Young minds have the opportunity to discover and discern ‘the way, the truth, and the life’. They in turn will graduate to become the builders, the evangelizers, and the leaders of Ukraine. I pray that my financial endowment will become one of many building blocks of a truly Christian foundation of a free and democratic Ukraine”.

Martha Wiegand,
member, Josyf Slipyj Legacy Society
THOUGHTFUL WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your legacy commitment will ensure that the Ukrainian Catholic University continues to serve the Church and society in Ukraine and beyond for the glory of God, the common good and human dignity for many generations to come.

You may leave your legacy gift **unrestricted** and UCEF will direct funds where the need is greatest. Or you may designate your gift to establish scholarships or support the area of study at UCU that you deeply care about.

**Fund for UCU’s Strategic Initiatives**
By directing your gift to this fund, you will allow University leadership to prioritize academic and capital needs, fund new programs, and address future challenges.

**Fund to support UCU students and faculty**
The heart of a great university is the encounter of talented students with excellent professors. A gift to this fund will ensure that UCU is able to provide scholarships and financial aid to students who require financial assistance and that UCU has adequate resources to engage and empower an excellent faculty.

**Endowments**
Any field of study at the university can be strengthened by an endowment. Examples of existing endowments include endowed professorship, lecturer or student scholarship funds. These endowments are invested in accordance with an agreement between UCEF and the donor, and the annual return on the investment is used to support the specific program.
Giving options to provide support for UCU’s future through UCEF:

A bequest in
- a will;
- a living trust;
- other non-charitable trust.

A beneficiary designation of:
- retirement plan;
- life Insurance;
- securities;
- bank account;
- Charitable Remainder Trust.

Important legal information about including UCEF in your will or in the beneficiary forms:

Legal name: Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation
Address: 2247 West Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622
Federal Tax ID: 36-4126296

Please consult your attorney, financial advisor or tax advisor when making estate plans.

THROUGH A BEQUEST OR OTHER PLANNED GIVING INSTRUMENT, YOU CAN MAKE A MORE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION FOR UCU’S FUTURE THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.
“I greatly appreciate the opportunity to study at this beautiful university, belong to this incredible community, discover new dimensions every day, and all this thanks to the Gregory and Paulina Bac scholarship!”

Khrystyna Holod,
UCU student of cultural studies, expressing gratitude towards Luba Bac, Josyf Slipyj Legacy Society member, who established an endowed scholarship fund in memory of her parents to support UCU students in need
Contact us to request additional information or to arrange a confidential conversation:

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