

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love,
a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for
evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to
this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3: 8

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The name “Sheptytsky” is synonymous with the desire for reconciliation among Christians. Naturally, then, associates of the Sheptytsky Institute have worked in the area of ecumenism throughout the years. In particular, the Kyivan (Kievan) Church Study Group began its work, in part, because of the initiative of Fr. Andriy Chirovsky. Other professors of the Sheptytsky Institute followed his lead. And in the early 1990s, Fr. Andrew Onuferko translated the Vatican’s Ecumenical Directory into Ukrainian. The resource has been crucial for educating a new generation of Church leaders in Eastern Europe.



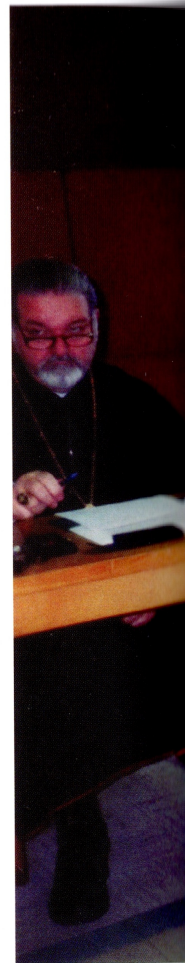
The first meeting of the Kyivan Church Study Group, in Oxford, England, Summer 1992. Fr. Andriy Chirovsky was particularly instrumental in organizing the first gathering. Left to right: Fr. Galadza; Fr. Oleh Kravchenko; Fr. Luykx; Fr. Onuferko; Oxford University’s famed scholar, Bishop Kallistos (Ware); Fr. Ephrem Lash; Bishop Basil (Losten); Fr. Chirovsky; Archbishop Vsevolod (Majdansky) Fr. Serge Keleher; Fr. Myroslaw Tataryn; Dr. Borys Gudziak



Bishop Kallistos and Archbishop Vsevolod at the Sheptytsky Institute in April, 1993 during a meeting of the Kyivan Church



Above: His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople receives Fathers Andriy and Peter in his office in 1996 after a meeting of the Kyivan Church Study Group.



Above right: Dr. Roman Yereniuk (middle) of St. Andrew's College, Winnipeg, during a meeting of the Kyivan Church Study Group at the Sheptytsky Institute. Bishop Basil (Losten) is seated to his right.



Top: In 1996, the Kyivan Church Study Group met in Halki, the site of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Theological School (closed by the Turkish government). Four associates of the Sheptytsky Institute participated: Frs. Luykx, Onuferko, Galadza and Chirovsky. The future Bishop Borys Gudziak is on the far right.



Above: In 1997, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops appointed Fr. Galadza to the North-American Orthodox Catholic Theological Consultation. This photo was taken during the Toronto meeting in 2013. At the centre of the photo: Archbishop Joseph Tobin, CSsR, Catholic co-chair; Metropolitan Soterios of the Greek Orthodox Church, who hosted a luncheon for the members of the Consultation at his offices; Cardinal Thomas Collins, co-host of the luncheon; and Metropolitan Methodios, Orthodox co-chair of the dialogue. The Consultation has produced several groundbreaking statements since its creation in 1965.

