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Acquire education, my brothers and sisters!  
Strive for it earnestly – cherish it!  
For learning is nothing other than the  
recognition of truth, and it is precisely  
the teaching of Christ that is truth.

*Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky*



In 1986, the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (MASI) was conceived as a solution for some of the most urgent issues facing the Eastern Churches. The need: an institution of higher learning where the Eastern Christian tradition – in dialogue with Western thought – would be studied in its varied forms. The purpose: to provide leaders confident of this tradition's power to change lives today.



The Sheptytsky Institute was founded by Father Andriy Chirovsky as a summer program within Chicago's Catholic Theological Union (CTU). The Union is North America's largest Catholic school of ministry. In 1990 the Institute moved to Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. There it became responsible for creating a comprehensive program in Eastern Christian studies – from the bachelor's level to the PhD. Today it is negotiating a relocation to Toronto.

## The Institute's Patron – Archbishop Andrey Sheptytsky

Metropolitan Archbishop Andrey Sheptytsky was the leader of the Greco-Catholic Church in Galician Ukraine for almost half a century (1900–1944). His life radiated heroic virtue. A dynamic pastor of aristocratic background, Sheptytsky used his wealth to fund a host of projects – from clinics to museums. He was also



Opposite: Portrait of Sheptytsky by Fr. S. Kindzeriavsky-Pastukhiv.

Left: A giant in so many ways. Sheptytsky among his fellow monks at the Studite monastery in Univ, Ukraine, where the Sheptytsky Institute inaugurated a summer theology program in 1996.

Top: Sheptytsky in the late 1920s. After 1929 he was completely unable to walk.