

## **History of the Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute, 2003-2013**

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The seeds for the Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute were planted on August 4th, 2001. On that day, Father Deacon Stacey Richter was ordained into the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church in Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church in Narol, Manitoba, a suburb of Winnipeg. At the reception following the ordination, a discussion took place regarding the need for an English-language Orthodox theological school to prepare men and women for service in the Archdiocese of Canada. Participants in the discussion were: His Grace Bishop Seraphim, Chancellor Very Reverend Father Dennis Pihach, Very Reverend Father Anatoliy Melnyk, Archdiocese Priest in Winnipeg, Reverend Father Mirone Klysh, OCA's Romanian Episcopate Priest in Winnipeg, and Spencer Estabrooks, a member of the parish served by Father Mirone.

Over the following months, the discussions continued between Father Anatoliy, Father Mirone, and Spencer. They were joined by Father Stephen Kennaugh, Parish Priest at Saint Nicholas in Narol, and Father Protodeacon Raphael Cole, parish deacon under Father Anatoliy. In a letter of June 25, 2002, Spencer requested the blessing of His Grace Bishop Seraphim for the acting administration of Blessed Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute. Director – Spencer Estabrooks; Chaplain – Father Anatoliy Melnyk; Secretary/Registrar – Father Mirone Klysh; Treasurer – Father Protodeacon Raphael Cole; Dean – Father Stephen Kennaugh.

His Grace Bishop Seraphim responded on October 3, 2002:

With this letter, I give officially the blessing for the establishment of the Blessed Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Its purpose would be to increase the level of education in English for the local and nearby faithful; to prepare readers and singers; to prepare subdeacons; and to prepare deacons for service in the Church. The Institute will be under the Omophor of the Bishop of Canada, and will report to him and to the local Dean (see Appendix).

The details of the blessing were elaborated with His Grace Bishop Seraphim and with Chancellor Father Dennis Pihach in meetings in Winnipeg on October 28, 2002, and October 30, 2002.

The next step in the process was to develop the curriculum for the Diaconal Program and the Reader's Program of studies. Meanwhile, the Institute offered two pilot courses: (1) A Reader's Course to be taught by Father Mirone on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. in the Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor Hall. There would be ten classes, starting on February 4, 2003, with a tuition of \$ 25.00 for the course. (2) "The Shape of the Early Church after the New Testament Period" to be taught by Spencer Estabrooks in the Church Hall on Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30P.M., beginning on February 6, 2003. Again, the tuition for the course was \$ 25.00. There were six registrants for the Reader's Course and seven for the other – two Orthodox and five non-Orthodox. As with the Reader's Course, so also Spencer's course consisted of ten classes.

Administration meetings on January 28, 2003, and February 27, 2003, approved the course outlines for the diaconal and reader's programs. It was agreed that the diaconal program would consist of twenty courses: Liturgics – four courses; Church History – three courses; Church Fathers – two courses; Holy Scriptures – three courses; Doctrine – three courses; Canon Law; Homiletics; Christian Education; Ethics and Spirituality; and Pastoral Theology and Counseling. The Reader's Program was divided into two parts. The first part included: Introduction, Hours, Great Vespers, Matins, Holy Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, and the changing parts for Holy Liturgy on Major Feast Days. The second part included: Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts, Holy

Week, Bright Week, Moleben, Holy Baptism and Chrismation, Holy Matrimony, and Funeral and Memorial Services.

On March 25, 2003, the administration decided that the formal start of instruction by the St. Arseny Institute would be in September, 2003. Accordingly, Father Anatoliy would teach Liturgics I, Father Mirone would teach Reader's I and Church History I, and Spencer Estabrooks would teach Church Fathers I, Scriptures I, and Ethics/Spirituality. These courses would be taught in classroom space provided by Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor in Winnipeg. They would be for twelve weeks, three hours per week, as well as by correspondence for those outside of Winnipeg. The tuition for the Reader's Course would be \$ 75.00 and for the other courses, \$100.00. Ten dollars from each tuition fee would go to cover costs of administration. Clearly, the instructors were motivated by the desire to help others serve the Church and not by the desire to make money!

On May 20, 2003, letters were mailed to the clergy of the Archdiocese informing them about the establishment, with Episcopal blessing, of the Blessed Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute. As stated in the letter:

Our goal is to facilitate the theological education and training of those who are called by God to service in the Church in Canada. We want to do this in a manner which addresses our context as Orthodox Christians in the Archdiocese and the country of Canada, at a minimal cost, and by means which fit our circumstances, numbers, resources, and mentality in this country. We ask for your prayers, your referrals of interested students, your public announcements of our existence and programs... Your help in any other ways, which you might think of, will be received with thanksgiving to God.

Thus, an invitation was extended to all clergy to become involved in all aspects of the work of the Institute. A response was received from Father Lawrence Farley, expressing an interest in and a willingness to help in the areas of Scriptures and Liturgics. Over the years, he has more than fulfilled his expression and has been a great blessing to the Institute.

At the administration meeting of the Institute on June 24, 2003, Father Stephen Kennaugh presented a report on the recent Archdiocesan Clergy

Assembly. He stated that the Chancellor of the OCA expressed the support of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA for the Institute. The administration decided to celebrate the formal opening of the Institute with a Moleben on August 24, 2003, in the Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor. His Grace Bishop Seraphim and the Archdiocesan Chancellor would be present. It should be noted here that in addition to regular administrative meetings, meetings were also held by the academic staff: Very Reverend Father Anatoliy Melnyk, Reverend Father Mirone Klysh, and Spencer Estabrooks. In attendance at such a meeting on August 6, 2003, was Dr. Lasha Tchantouridze, a university instructor. He became the first diaconal student, the first graduate of the diaconal program, and the first student/graduate to be ordained a deacon. Following his graduation, he joined the academic staff as the instructor in Church History. He also serves as the editor of the Institutes journal, *The Canadian Journal of Orthodox Christianity* ([www.joc.ca](http://www.joc.ca)).

From its very beginning, St. Arseny Institute was committed to cooperating with other theological schools in Canada, especially with the Faculty of Theology of Saint Andrew's College, University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg. With this in mind and with the blessing of His Grace Bishop Seraphim, a letter was sent to the College on September 3, 2003. For whatever reason, the College has never responded to the letter.

At an administration meeting on August 22, 2003, which approved the above letter, it was noted:

Father Anatoliy shared a Catechism, which was circulated by Bishop Arseny in 1928-1929. It was printed in *English*. It was decided that the Institute would reprint the Catechism, along with a biography of Bishop Arseny. Profits from the sale of the Catechism would go to the support of the Institute. His Grace Bishop Seraphim donated \$100.00 towards this project.

After much research and effort, this project came to fruition in 2005.

The first year classes of the Institute began on September 8, 2003, and were concluded on December 5, 2003. As noted above, Father Anatoliy taught Liturgics I, Father Mirone taught Reader's I and Church History I, and Spencer taught Church Fathers I, Scriptures I, and Ethics/Spirituality. There were fifteen registrations – twelve Orthodox and three non-Orthodox.

In the second term, starting on January 12, 2004, and ending on April 9, 2004, the following courses were offered: Church History II and Reader's II by Father Mirone, Liturgics II by Father Anatoliy, and Scriptures II, Church fathers II, and Doctrine I by Spencer. There were twenty-four registrations – nineteen Orthodox and five non-Orthodox, twelve local students and twelve correspondence students. For each term, tuition for the Reader's courses was \$75.00, and for the other courses, \$150.00.

A major item from the minutes of the administration meeting on September 22, 2003, was the decision to hold a memorial service for the patron of the Institute, Archbishop Arseny of blessed memory, on the day of his repose, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The service was to be held in the Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor. It would be followed by a reception for all local students and others in the community. The reception program would include the reading of the "Life of Archbishop Arseny."

One of the basic needs for an educational institution is a website. In this regard, the Institute was blessed by the expertise and assistance of Petr Boitchouk, who created and maintained the website (<http://www.saintarseny.ca/>). At present, he continues to assist as a consultant. Petr, eventually, became a diaconal student, a graduate, and an ordained deacon.

On May 1, 2004, the completion of the first formal year of instruction by St. Arseny Institute was celebrated with a Vespers and a Thanksgiving Moleben in Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor. A reception followed in the church hall. At the reception, three students were conferred "Reader's Certificates:" Spencer Estabrooks, Gleb Melnyk, and Dean Burnett. Shortly thereafter, all three were tonsured as readers. The guest speaker at the reception was Right Reverend Father Dr. Oleh Krawchenko, who spoke on the topic: "Orthodox Missions and Education in Canada."

The change in the name of the Institute from Blessed Arseny to Saint Arseny resulted from an e-mail from His Grace Bishop Seraphim that the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA had approved such a change. As of April 19, 2004, the official name of the Institute became: "Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute."

By the spring of 2005, all twenty courses in the diaconal program and both parts of the Reader's program had been taught locally in Winnipeg. At the same time, all courses became available to students in Canada and the United States by correspondence.

From the beginning to the present, one of the major concerns of the Institute's administration was to get financial support for the work of the Institute. Though its work had been blessed by His Grace Bishop Seraphim, except for one year, the Institute has not received direct financial support from the Archdiocese of Canada with regards to the cost of administration. As noted above, the instructors have sacrificed their time and efforts, in order to provide an opportunity for students to acquire theological education at a very reasonable cost to them. Over the years, appeals have been made by the Institute to the parishes of the Archdiocese for financial support. Sadly, the results have been very disappointing.

For the past several years, through the prayers of Saint Arseny and by the Grace and Love of God, an anonymous donor has covered the annual administrative costs of the Institute. Without his generosity, the members of the administration would not receive the minimum compensation they receive for hours of work.

Thankfully, the Institute has had better results in appeals to non-Orthodox for donations for student bursaries. Special gratitude goes to Cropo Funeral Chapel in Winnipeg, which has made it possible for the Institute to offer financial assistance to students. The funds received from the Fellowship of Orthodox Clubs in America should also be mentioned. In 2004, they decided to focus on fund-raising for a purpose or purposes in Canada. The funds were given to His Grace Bishop Seraphim, who directed them to the Institute for use as a "Library Fund."

At its administration meeting on June 6, 2005, it was noted that one of its founding members, instructor and chaplain, Father Anatoliy Melnyk, was being transferred to Montreal. Nevertheless, he continues to supervise and teach the Liturgics courses. His role as chaplain has been assumed by Father Stephen Kennaugh.

One of the brief but fruitful events in the life of St. Arseny Institute was its affiliation with the Faculty of Theology of The University of Winnipeg. It began with a meeting on December 15, 2005, between Subdeacon Dr. Lasha Tchantouridze and Spencer Estabrooks with representatives of The University of Winnipeg Faculty, which was fruitful.

The next step in the process was a meeting between the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. James Christie, and the Institute administration. This meeting took place in the Holy Trinity Orthodox Sobor Hall on February 20, 2006. The meeting with Dean Christie explored a variety of options for the staff and students of the Institute as part of the Faculty. Most important was the assurance by the Dean that the academic staff of the Institute all were qualified to teach courses for the Master of Divinity program at the university. The minutes of that meeting conclude:

It was clear from the discussions that the Faculty of Theology of The University of Winnipeg is open to creative proposals that will benefit the Faculty and the Institute. With the blessing of His Grace Bishop Seraphim, the Institute will continue the discussions with the Faculty of Theology and the Cooperative.

The Cooperative was a reference to the Winnipeg Theological Cooperative, of which, the Institute had become a member. Members of the Cooperative were several denominational theological institutions in Winnipeg.

Following this meeting, the Registrar of the Institute, Father Mirone Rlysh, prepared a "Draft Proposal of Affiliation of Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute as an "Adjunct Institute" of The University of Winnipeg Faculty of Theology." The draft proposal was submitted to Dr. James Christie, Dean of the Faculty, on June 12, 2006. A counter-proposal prepared by the Faculty Registrar, Dr. Paul Campbell, was sent to the Institute on June 26, 2006. The counter-proposal was accepted by the Institute at its administration meeting on June 26, 2006, pending its approval by His Grace Bishop Seraphim. At the same time, the administration of the Institute approved a proposal for transferring its library to the university library.

In order to finalize the details, a meeting was held at the Faculty, involving Dean Christie and Registrar Campbell of the Faculty and Director Estabrooks and

Registrar Father Mirone of the Institute. At this meeting, it was agreed that the final form of the affiliation would be signed by the president of the university and His Grace Bishop Seraphim.

The signing of a "Covenant of Agreement between St. Arseny's Orthodox Christian Theological Institute and the Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg" took place at the university on August 31, 2006. In addition to President Dr. Lloyd Axworthy and His Grace Bishop Seraphim, the document was signed by Dean James Christie and Director Spencer Estabrooks (See Appendix).

Following the signing of the agreement, the Institute administration developed a curriculum of courses for the Master of Divinity Degree for the approval of His Grace Bishop Seraphim and the Faculty of Theology. The curriculum was based on the curriculums of St. Vladimir's and St. Tikhon's Seminaries. At the same time, the courses were designed to parallel the courses offered by the Faculty of Theology. Prior to the approval of the full program of studies, arrangements were made with the Faculty for the Institute to offer two courses in January, 2007: (1) "Church Fathers" to be taught by Father Andrew Jarmus, who had become a member of the academic staff of the Institute, and (2) "An Overview of Orthodox Spirituality and Ethics and Foundations of Orthodox Doctrine" to be taught by Spencer Estabrooks.

On December 23, 2006, His Grace Bishop Seraphim informed the Institute: "With this Letter, I am giving the blessing and approval of the proposed curriculum. May the Lord continue to provide the resources, through the prayers of St. Arseny of Winnipeg." On February 27, 2007, Registrar Dr. Paul Campbell notified the Institute of the approval of the proposed curriculum by the Theology Academic Council of The University of Winnipeg: "In keeping with the spirit of our discussions, it pleases us to confirm our approval of the Institute's Master of Divinity program, within the Faculty of Theology...we welcome the contributions...which will be provided by the staff and students of St. Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute...It is an honour for us to share on this significant spiritual and educational partnership in Christian vocation."

Having received approval of its Master of Divinity program from His Grace Bishop Seraphim and the Theology Academic Council, the Institute offered five



courses in September, 2007: (1) Ethics (8 students); (2) Scripture (4 students); (3) Church Fathers (3 students); (4) Church History (2 students); (5) Pastoral Theology (1 student). The only Orthodox student was Kevin Wigglesworth (currently deacon), who did not register for all of the courses. The other students were from the Faculty of Theology, as per the affiliation agreement. It soon became apparent that the fact that Faculty students enrolled in the Institute courses became a concern for the Faculty staff.

The following courses were offered by the Institute in January, 2008: (1) Church History; (2) Church Fathers; and (3) Scripture. Again, along with Subdeacon Kevin Wigglesworth, many Faculty registered for the Institute courses. As a result, the staff of the Faculty raised the issue with the Dean, who, contrary to the affiliation agreement, informed the Institute that Institute students would be required to take a number of "core courses" to be taught by the Faculty staff and not by the staff of the Institute.

Serious discussion of the issue began in April, 2008. Following informal discussions, a meeting was arranged with Dean Christie on May 12, 2008, which was postponed by the Dean until May 30, 2008. Representing the Institute were: Director Spencer Estabrooks, Registrar Father Mirone R. Klysh, and Instructor Father Deacon Dr. Lasha Tchantouridze. The Dean was accompanied by the new Registrar, Dr. John Lenshyn. Dean Christie expressed his support for the work of the Institute; however, he stated that he had received some negative comments about the Institute from Father Cyprian Hutcheon and Dr. Richard Schneider, an Orthodox priest and an Orthodox theologian from eastern Canada. It should also be noted that originally it was Dr. Schneider who suggested to Dr. Christie an affiliation agreement between the University of Winnipeg and St. Arseny Institute. Father Mirone responded that only Archbishop Seraphim had the power and the authority over the work of the Institute and was very supportive of its efforts. It should be noted here, that, in a letter to the Dean on June 10, 2008, His Eminence Archbishop Seraphim stated that Father Hutcheon and Dr. Schneider "were not qualified to indicate anything such as this on behalf of the Archdiocese itself." The end result was that Dr. Christie stated that he would inform the Faculty staff that the Institute staff were qualified to teach Master of Divinity courses. Apparently, this was a complaint of the staff. The matter of the "core courses" and "parallel courses" was to be worked out with Dr. Lenshyn.

For the moment, it appeared that the affiliation agreement would remain as it was signed on August 31, 2006. At the same time, one wondered how much consultation took place between the Dean and the Faculty staff prior to the affiliation coming into force. The problem between the Dean and his staff became clearer at a meeting between Dean Christie, Spencer Estabrooks and Father Mirone Klysh. Having been reminded of his expressed support previously of the Institute staff, he stated that he "will advocate on behalf of the St. Arseny staff before the Faculty staff, who feel threatened by the presence of the Institute in the Faculty." He committed to reporting back to the Institute by October 17, 2008.

Over the next few months, two meetings were held between Spencer and Father Mirone on behalf of the Institute and Dean Christie and Dr. Walker Jones on behalf of the Faculty. One could conclude that Dr. Walker Jones was representing the views of the Faculty staff. At these meetings, Dean Christie, contrary to his commitment to advocate on behalf of the Institute, advocated on behalf of the Faculty staff. He, literally, demanded that the students enrolled in the Institute must take "core courses" from the Faculty staff and Institute courses had to be approved by Faculty staff. In response, the Institute representatives noted that both demands were contrary to the affiliation agreement, especially the demand for a Faculty staff to approve Institute courses, which had the full support of Faculty students. It was pointed out "academic freedom. did not allow for one qualified instructor to approve a course taught by another qualified instructor.

On February 27, 2009, Dean Christie "crafted" a letter to the Institute Registrar in which he attempted to persuade the Institute to agree to his demands regarding the affiliation agreement. As noted by Director Spencer in the Institute administration minutes of March 9, 2009, "the letter 'crafted' by Dean Christie failed to deal with the issues of core courses and academic freedom of the Institute staff." What qualified the Faculty staff to evaluate and pass judgment on Orthodox theological courses with regard to their content? At this meeting, the Institute administration decided that there was no basis for any further discussions with the Dean. Nevertheless, the Institute would continue to abide by its commitments in the agreement.

Not surprisingly, in a letter of June 5, 2009, Dean Christie informed the Institute: "By this letter, the Faculty of Theology of The University of Winnipeg serves notice that it will exercise its option to terminate the agreement between the Faculty and St. Arseny with the provision of six months notice. This termination will, thereby, take effect as of the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year."

In response to Dean Christie's letter, His Eminence wrote a letter to President Dr. Lloyd Axworthy on 4 August 2009. The Archbishop noted that the Faculty was attempting to unilaterally make changes to the affiliation agreement. He, also, questioned the manner in which he was informed of the termination by the Dean: "According to the Affiliation Agreement, the agreement will become operative when signed by President Lloyd Axworthy for the University and Right Reverend Seraphim... on behalf of the Institute. Therefore, I would have expected to receive any termination notice directly from you and with your signature."

As noted in the termination letter, the Institute's affiliation with the Faculty of Theology ended in September of 2010. During the period of its affiliation, the Institute taught its courses to two Institute students and fourteen Faculty students, one of whom registered for six courses, one for four courses, one for three courses, and the rest for one course.

It should be noted, that, during the time of the affiliation agreement, the Institute continued to offer the Diaconal Program and the Reader's Program to students in Canada and the United States. During its ten years of existence, the statistics regarding student registrations, tonsures, ordinations confirm that the work has not been in vain. The Institute has accepted, with Episcopal blessing, fifty-eight students in the Diaconal Program, of whom, eleven have been ordained Deacons, Sixty-nine students have registered for the Reader's Program, of whom, twenty are tonsured readers. In addition, twenty-three other Orthodox students and ten non-Orthodox students have taken courses as non-diaconal students. The administration and academic staff remain the same, except for the office of treasurer. Because of health concerns, Perry Pawliuk has replaced Father Protodeacon Raphael Cole.

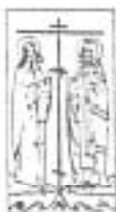
The St Arseny Institute ended its affiliation with the University of Winnipeg, but continued to work as usual, training and educating the students.

Father Anatoliy Melnyk of Montreal has played the most crucial role – he has attracted a donor who has supported the work of the Institute with considerable donations for several years. The donor, who has remained anonymous, has provided the funds to start an online phase of Orthodox Christian education in Canada. Currently, St Arseny Institute is developing the first ever online seminars in Orthodox Christian Theology in Canada, and will start accepting the first students in 2014 (<http://onlineclasses.saintarseny.ca/>).

As St Arseny Institute looks forward to its next decade of service to God and His Holy Orthodox Church, it is humbled and excited by the new opportunities that are shouldered and financially supported by a number of dedicated individuals across Canada and the United States. May Almighty God grant them and their families health, happiness, and many, many years!

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## Appendix



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Spencer Estabrooks  
Dear Spencer,  
Christ is in our midst

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You have been good enough to wait patiently all this time with regard to the request for a blessing on the proposed Institute in Winnipeg. I have waited, in part, because I wanted to ascertain that Father Anatoly Melnyk would be able to stay in Winnipeg. I also wanted to see how other matters would develop in Winnipeg before embarking on a project such as this.

With this letter, I give officially the blessing for the establishment of the Blessed Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Its purpose would be to increase the level of education in English for the local and nearby faithful; to prepare readers and singers; to prepare subdeacons; and to prepare deacons for service in the Church. The Institute will be under the Omophor of the Bishop of Canada, and will report both to him and to the local Dean.

With archpastoral blessings and love in Christ, I remain yours,

the unworthy

+SERAPHIM

Bishop of Ottawa and Canada



C:\ Chancellor Archpriest Dennis Pilach  
Dean Priest Rober Kennaugh

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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WINNIPEG  
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

31 August 2006

Details outlining the affiliation of  
Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute  
as an "Adjunct" Institute of the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Theology

1. The Institute will be entitled to offer all of its graduate level courses within the auspices of the Faculty;
2. The instructors for the Institute courses will be approved by the Institute Administration; University standards for instruction as well as compensation will apply; furthermore there will be occasions when Institute instructors offer courses in the Faculty under direct adjunct association with the Faculty;
3. In the Faculty Calendar, the Institute courses will be clearly identified with the Institute, but number codes will accord with Faculty course descriptions, and new course numbers and descriptions will be developed to reflect particular Institute educational priorities;
4. Courses advertised in connection with the Institute will be open to all registered students of the Faculty;
5. Institute students will apply for admission to the Faculty in the conventional categories, as "Regular", "Occasional" or "Special" Students;
6. Course fees will be paid in accordance with the Faculty's schedules, unless under separate arrangement with the Institute;
7. Institute students will be obliged to fulfill all the requirements of the Institute;
8. Institute students may apply for "Regular" student status in the M.Div. or B.Th. streams of study;
9. Degrees in Theology are conferred by the University of Winnipeg;
10. Institute students may take courses for credit through the various methods offered such as: classroom, correspondence, interactive distance education;
11. In addition to the Institute courses, Institute students may register for other courses offered through the Faculty;
12. Institute students who are registered in degree programs will be eligible for all applicable bursaries and awards connected to the Faculty;

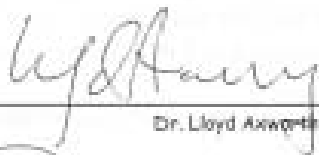
13. Institute students are to have the same rights and privileges and obligations as all other registered students of the University of Winnipeg;
14. The affiliation of Saint Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute and the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Theology will be operative when signed by President Lloyd Axworthy for the University and by the Right Reverend Seraphim, Bishop of Ottawa and Canada, Archdiocese of Canada, Orthodox Church in America, on behalf of the Institute;
15. This affiliation agreement may be annulled by the Faculty or by the Institute with six months notice in advance, to take effect at the beginning of the subsequent academic year. Amendments to this affiliation agreement may be proposed by the Faculty or the Institute and must be approved by each.
16. For information: arrangements between St Arseny Institute and the University of Winnipeg library with respect to library holdings and related policies, are to be attached to this document.



Rt. Rev. Seraphim, Bishop of Ottawa and Canada  
Archdiocese of Canada, The Orthodox Church in America



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Director, St Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute



Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President, University of Winnipeg



Rev. Dr. James Christie, Dean, Faculty of Theology  
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The signing ceremony of an association agreement between St Arseny Orthodox Christian Theological Institute and University of Winnipeg's Faculty of Theology. From left to right: Dean James Christie, University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy, His Grace Bishop Seraphim of Ottawa and Canada, and St Arseny Institute Director Spencer Estabrooks. University of Winnipeg, August 31 2006.