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## INTRODUCTION

Rev. Michael Horoshko (1912-2002)

Michael Horoshko was born on March 3, 1912 in Drozdowychiy Horodok, Lviv, Ukraine. When he graduated from the Gimnasium (High School) in 1932, western Ukraine was under Polish administration. As a student, he took part in underground nationalist political meetings. He studied for the priesthood at the Ukrainian Catholic Theological Academy in Lviv, graduating in 1937. He was ordained on May 30, 1937 at Zhovkva by Bishop Basil Ladyka for missionary work with the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. With five other Ukrainian Catholic priests, Rev. Horoshko arrived in Montreal on July 12, 1937. His first assignment in 1937-1939 was Hafford, Saskatchewan.

Father Horoshko became actively involved with the local Ukrainian community and in October, 1938, he founded the Ukrainian Catholic Youth (UCY) movement. From 1939 until 1941, Father Horoshko was the parish priest in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and he also served other Ukrainian communities in northern Saskatchewan. Later, in 1941-1942, he studied at St. Michael's College in Toronto. He also worked among the Ukrainian Catholic youth, organizing UCY branches in Toronto. He continued his studies at the University of Saskatchewan during 1943-1944 and was a lecturer at the Markian Shashkevich Institute.

On May 31, 1944, Rev. Horoshko responded to his Bishop's call for volunteers from among the clergy to serve as Chaplains in the Canadian Armed Forces and on June 22, 1944, he was officially enrolled in Regina, Saskatchewan. Rev. Horoshko received his military training in Brockville, Ontario and graduated from the officers' training course on August 26, 1944. He arrived in England on October 18, 1944 and was stationed at Queen Victoria Barracks in Aldershot. Since the Ukrainian Canadian servicemen and women were serving in all Canadian units, he began a schedule of visits throughout England that included units of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Navy. In London, he soon established contacts with the Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Association (UCSA).

For Christmas and Easter celebrations, Rev. Horoshko made special arrangements for Ukrainian Canadian soldiers to attend religious services at the UCSA Club in London which were the best attended events at the Club. He regularly visited hospitals where he met with wounded soldiers. Rev. Horoshko also performed funeral services at the gravesites of Ukrainian soldiers buried in various military cemeteries in England.

On September 21, 1945, Rev. Horoshko received permission to visit Ukrainian Canadian soldiers on the continent. He visited Canadian units in Holland, Belgium and Germany. In addition to holding religious services, he also visited military cemeteries and blessed the graves of Ukrainian Canadian soldiers.

In the British zone, he met for the first time Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons who were in a desperate situation and feared being forcibly repatriated to the Soviet Union. He intervened with

the Allied military authorities when possible and did his best to assist the refugees. He returned to England on November 4, 1945. He continued his schedule of visits to Canadian units waiting for repatriation to Canada. He celebrated Ukrainian Christmas at the UCSA Club in London and on January 11, 1946, he received instructions for his return to Canada. He returned through the United States and visited Ukrainian communities in New York and Philadelphia. In Canada, he visited Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Calgary where Rev. Horoshko was officially discharged from the Canadian Army with the rank of Captain on March 3, 1946.

In 1947 he was Rector of the Sheptytsky Institute where he continued his university studies and he received his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto. In 1948-1949 he attended Columbia University. Rev. Horoshko returned to his work as a parish priest and was assigned to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Sudbury, Ontario. During this period, the Communist Party of Canada was very active among the Ukrainian communities in northern Ontario and Quebec and Rev. Horoshko conducted a determined anti-communist campaign in these communities speaking at local service clubs and voluntary organizations. He later served in parishes in Kirkland Lake (1950-1951), Windsor (1952-1960) and Montreal (1960-1961). In 1961, he began to organize St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1969-1970 he requested a leave of absence. During the 1970's he had disagreements with the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States and served in various parishes including St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in New Britain. In 1983, Rev. Horoshko became the pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. He was named Pastor Emeritus in 1990. After he retired, Rev. Horoshko visited his surviving family and friends in Ukraine whom he did not see since he left in 1937. He particularly enjoyed visiting friends and military comrades in Canada. Rev. Horoshko maintained his membership in the Ukrainian Canadian Veterans' Association. He lived in retirement in Mahanoy City and later at the Seaton Manor Nursing Home where he passed away on May 31, 2002. His funeral was held on June 4, 2002 and he was interred at the parish cemetery, Mahanoy City.

Rev. Horoshko donated his papers to the National Archives of Canada in 1988 and his "Mass Kit" with his church vestments were donated to the Canadian War Museum.

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1	3	Hramota (Certificate)	1926
1	4	Personal documents	1930-1937
1	5	School reports	1924-1937
1	6	School identification documents	1932-1933
1	7	Polish military record	1933-1934
1	8	Affidavits and related documents	n.d., 1932-1938
1	9	R.M.S.Alaunia - menu	July 11, 1937
1	10	Polish Passport	1938
1	11	Military Book of Service (Canadian Army)	1944
1	12	Death certificate - Maria Horoshko	1975
1	13	Correspondence - Ukrainian Orthodox Church	1971
1	14	Academic record - University of Toronto	1947
1	15	Passports - Canadian	1965, 1976
1	16	Transfer to United States -Correspondence and related documents	1960-1961
1	17	Income tax - United States	1962-1977

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1	18	Leave of absence	1969-1970
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1	19	Notebook	n.d.
1	20	Notebook	n.d.
1	21	Student Notebook	n.d.
1	22	Notes - miscellaneous	n.d.
1	23	Notebook - Bazar	1936
1	24	Notebook	1937
1	25	Notebook	1938
1	26	Notebooks - Sermons	1938
1	27	Diary - notes	1937-1939
1	28	Diary - notes	1940
1	29	Diary - notes	1941
1	30	Diary - notes	1942
1	31	Diary - notes	1942
1	32	Diary - notes - Sudbury	1945-1946
1	33	Diary - notes	1946-1947
1	34	Diary - notes	1948
1	35	Notebook	1945
1	36	Address book	
1	37	Address book - England and western Europe, Canada	1944-1946

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1	39	Speech - Okum na mynule Ukrainy	1938
1	40	Speeches and articles	1940-1943
1	41	Notes and notebook	1943
1	42	Notes	1943
1	43	Speeches	1943
1	44	Ideology of the UCY	1943
1	45	Correspondence and notes	1943-1944
1	46	Notes	1946
1	47	Membership list - Toronto	1947
1	48	Speech	1950
1	49	Articles - historical notes	n.d.
1	50	Notes -25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1967

**CHAPLAIN - CANADIAN ARMY SERIES**

2	1	Weekly Reports	1944
2	2	Official Reports	1944-1945
2	3	Weekly Reports (Lists of Names of Greek Catholic Soldiers)	1945
2	4	Notes, Lectures and Related Material	1945
2	5	Memoirs	1944
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2	7	Memoirs (Copy)	1944-1946
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2	9	Memoirs	1946
2	10	Article - The Case of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (Ruthenian - Uniate) under Soviet Russia	n.d.
2	11	Report - Ukrainska Tserkva v Nimechchyni - (Ukrainian Church in Germany)	n.d.
2	12	Report - UPA i Bulbivtsi	n.d.
2	13	Memoirs of a Ukrainian Priest in a German Concentration Camp (in Ukrainian) by Fr. Semen Izhyk	n.d.
2	14	Report - Ukrainska presa	n.d.
2	15	Report - Politychni hrupy	n.d.
2	16	Report - Vidrodzennia Pravoslavni Tserkvy na Ukraini pid chasi Druhoi Svitovoi Viiny	n.d.
2	17	Report - Nova taktyka Soviitiv proty emihratsii	n.d.
2	18	Report- Ukrainian emigration in Germany	n.d.
2	19	Report - UHVR - Ukrainskoi Holovnoi Vyzvolnoi Rady	1944
2	20	Circular - Information Service UHVR	1945
2	21	Reports - General	1945
2	22	Letter - UPA	1945
2	23	Reports - Ukrainian Catholic Church in Eastern Ukraine	n.d. 1945-1950
2	24	Report - Ukrainian Political Prisoners in Nazi Concentration Camps	1945
2	25	Report - S. Froliak: Report of Trip to British Zone, Germany	1945
2	26	Menu - Christmas Dinner - Chaplains	n.d. (1945)
2	27	Report - Visit to POW Camp	1946

**PARISH AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES - NOTES  
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2	28	Kirkland Lake and Timmins, Ontario	1946-1948
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2	29	First Ukrainian Catholic Congress of Eastern Canada - Notes and Correspondence	1949
2	30	Windsor, Ontario	1953
2	31	Windsor, Ontario	1954
2	32	Windsor, Ontario	1955
2	33	Windsor, Ontario - 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parish	1956
2	34	Windsor, Ontario	1957
2	35	Windsor, Ontario	1960
2	36	Montreal, Quebec	1961
2	37	Phoenix, Arizona	n.d.
2	38	Phoenix, Arizona	1961
2	39	Phoenix, Arizona	1962
2	40	Phoenix, Arizona - Knights of Columbus	1963-1968
3	1	Phoenix, Arizona	1963
3	2	Phoenix, Arizona	1964
3	3	Phoenix, Arizona	1965
3	4	Phoenix, Arizona	1966
3	5	Phoenix, Arizona	1967
3	6	Phoenix, Arizona	1968
3	7	Trip to Rome	1969
3	8	Trip to Rome -Patriarchal Movement	1969
3	9	Patriarchal Movement	1969-1970
3	10	Trip to northern Ontario and Quebec	1987

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**CORRESPONDENCE WITH BISHOPS, FAMILY,  
INDIVIDUALS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE  
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3	11	Correspondence	1954
3	12	Correspondence	1963
3	13	Correspondence	1968
3	14	Correspondence - Bishop I. Prashko	1968-1969
3	15	Correspondence	1969
3	16	Correspondence	1970
3	17	Correspondence	1971
3	18	Postcards - Met. Mstyslav	1982-1984
3	19	Correspondence	1988

Correspondence with Family in Ukraine

3	20	Correspondence	1938-1939
3	21	Correspondence	1966-1968
3	22	Correspondence	1968-1986

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3	23	Bobyn, Edward J.	n.d., 1985-1987
3	24	Matviishyn, Ivan	n.d.
3	25	Drohomytsky, Rev. N.J.	1945
3	26	Kazymyra, Bohdan	1983-1985
3	27	Kossar, V.	1937-1955
3	28	Kysilewsky, (Kaye), V.J.	1937-1938

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3	29	Melnykovich, Michael	1961-1968
3	30	Omelchenko, T.	1945
3	31	Panchuk, G.R.B.	1945
3	32	Slipyj, Cardinal (Vatican)	1968
3	33	Smyk, Rev. S.	1987
3	34	Shpytkovsky, Rev.I.,	1944-1945
		Correspondence - General	
3	35	Correspondence	n.d.
3	36	Correspondence	1937
3	37	Correspondence	1938
3	38	Correspondence	1939
3	39	Correspondence - Representative Committee of Ukrainian Canadians	1940
3	40	Correspondence	1940
3	41	Correspondence	1941
3	42	Correspondence	1942
4	1-2	Correspondence	1943-1944
4	3	Correspondence - Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Club	1944
4	4	Correspondence - Ukrainian Canadian Committee	1944-1945
4	5	Correspondence - Clergy	1944-1946
4	6	Correspondence	1945
4	7	Correspondence - Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	1945
4	8-9	Correspondence	1946-1947
4	10	Correspondence	1947-1948
4	11	Correspondence	1948

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4	12	Correspondence - Columbia University	1948-1949
4	13	Correspondence - Kirkland Lake, Displaced Persons	1951
4	14-21	Correspondence	1952-1959
4	22	Correspondence	1959-1960
4	23	Correspondence	1960
4	24	Correspondence - Montreal	1960-1961
4	25	Correspondence	1961
4	26	Correspondence - Phoenix, Arizona	1961-1962
4	27	Correspondence - 25 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee	1962
4	28-29	Correspondence	1962-1963
5	1	Correspondence	1964
5	2	Correspondence- Ukrainian Canadian Veterans' Association	1964-1965
5	3-5	Correspondence	1965-1967
5	6	Correspondence	1968
5	7	Correspondence	1969
5	8	Correspondence - Church Matters	1969-1970
5	9	Correspondence	1970
5	10	Correspondence - St. Andrew's Brotherhood	1970
5	11	Correspondence	1971
5	12	Correspondence	1973
5	13	Correspondence	1974
5	14	Correspondence	1976
5	15-18	Correspondence	1977-1980
5	19-20	Correspondence	1982-1983
5	21	Correspondence - Ukrainian Catholic Church	1986-1987
5	22-23	Correspondence - Phoenix, Arizona	1986-1987

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5	24	Correspondence	1987
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**NOTES, LECTURES, ARTICLES AND  
RELATED MATERIAL SERIES**

5	25	Notes on Ukrainian Culture	
5	26	Notes on History and Politics - General	
5	27	Notes on Archeology	
5	28	Notes on Philosophy	
5	29	Essays and Reviews	
6	1	Lectures - Phoenix, Arizona	1965-1968
6	2	Lectures	1972-1974
6	3-4	Teaching Notes - History of Ukraine	
6	5	Teaching Notes - History of the Soviet Union	
6	6	Notes on Soviet Politics	
6	7	Teaching Notes - History of Ukraine (Assumption College)	
6	8	Notes - Hetman Movement in 1918	
6	9	Lecture - The Culture of the Prehistoric Period	1940
6	10	Course outline - Introduction to Ukrainian	
6	11	Ukrainian studies (Correspondence and notes - Assumption College)	1953-1954
6	12	Article: What is Russia Today?	
6	13	Articles and Clippings on Religious Subjects	1970-1971
6	14	Articles and Notes on Religious Subjects	1970
6	15	Articles on Religious Themes	n.d., 1963
6	16	Ukrainska Pisnia	1939

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6	17	Essay - Odes of V.V. Kapnist on the Introduction of Serfdom in Ukraine	n.d.
6	18	Article : Do osnov svitohladu Ukraintsia intelihenta Katolyka	n.d.
6	19	Russian Orthodoxy against the West	1950
6	20	Notes (including correspondence) - Liquidation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine	1970
6	21	Notes (including correspondence) Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	1975-1976
6	22	Religious retreats	1961-1972

#### SPEECHES SERIES

7	1	On Taras Shevchenko	n.d.
7	2	Past and Present Ukraine, Saskatoon	1937
7	3	Youth Conference, Winnipeg	1940
7	4	Ukrainian Culture, Toronto	1941
7	5	Speeches, Toronto	1941
7	6	On Ukrainian Pioneers, Toronto	1941
7	7	Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics, Edmonton	1943
7	8	Uniate Church	1946
7	9	The Case of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (Ruthenian Uniate) Under Soviet Russia, Toronto	1946
7	10	What is Russia today?, North Bay, Ontario	1946
7	11	Why Displaced Persons refuse to return to their native countries occupied now by Soviet Russia	1946
7	12	Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics, Toronto	1946
7	13	Displaced Persons are New Canadians, Kirkland Lake	1948
7	14	On Soviet Russia	1948
7	15	On November Memorial Days, Detroit	1953

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7	16	Speeches and Lectures - General	n.d., 1954-1955
7	17	Church concert	1955
7	18	Ukrainian Catholic Youth Conference, Toronto	1956
7	19	Speeches - General	1969-1973
7	20	Speeches - General	1969-1970
7	21	Speeches and Lectures - St. Nicholas	1976
7	22	Speeches - General	1976-1980
7	23	Summaries of speeches by others	n.d., 1948-1949
7	24	Radio Talk Against D.P.'s by R.W. Hanson, Excerpts	1948

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND MATERIAL SERIES

7	25	Bobyn, James Daniel, Funeral Service Record	1987
7	26	Bobyn, James Daniel, Memoirs	1979
7	27	Memorial Cards, Various	
7	28	Name Plate, M. Horoshko	
7	29	Notes - Miscellaneous	
7	30	Proclamation , City of New Britain	1982
7	31	St. Josaphat College, Yorkton, Saskatchewan - General Information	
7	32	Ukrainian Canadian Servicemen's Association, Badge (Textile)	
7	33	Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Association - Application Form	
7	34	Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Association - Constitution	1964
7	35	Universal, (Ukrainskoi Holovnoi Vyzvolnoi Rady)/poster/	1944
7	36	Visit to Mount Athos, Greece	1975
7	37	Vsi syly na dopomohu batkivshchyni (pamphlet)	1941

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**PUBLICATIONS, PUBLISHED MATERIAL,  
NEWSCLIPPINGS AND RELATED MATERIAL SERIES**

Publications and Published Material- Religious

7	38	Apostoly i Ievanhelia (Winnipeg)	
7	39	Krotki Katechyzym (In Polish)	1932
7	40	Missal (Zhovkva) (Old Church Slavonic)	
7	41	Prayer Book for Ukrainian Greek Catholic Personnel in His Majesty's Canadian Forces	1943
7	42	Molytovnyk dlia Hreko-Katolykiv	1944
7	43	The Order of Baptism and Confirmation	1955
7	44	Rite of Holy Matrimony According to the Byzantine Ukrainian Rite, Yorkton, Saskatchewan	1960
7	45	Z namy Boh, Molytovnyk, Yorkton, Saskatchewan	1941

Publications and Published Material - Other

8	1	Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario	1954
8	2	25-Richchia Ukrainskoi Katolytskoi Parafii (Phoenix, Arizona)	1987
8	3	The First Five Years, Ukrainian Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona	1967
8	4	Mytusa- Literatura i Mystetstvo (Lviv)	1922
8	5	Nash Klych	1945
8	6	Parish Bulletin	1964
8	7	Pershyyi Kongress Ukraintsiv Katolykiv Skhidnoi Kanady	1949
8	8	Shevchenko Centennial - Souvenir book	1961
8	9	Studentskyi Shliakh (fragments)	
8	10	The Tablet (London, England)	1946
8	11	Trident (Windsor, Ontario) /UCY/	1953



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8	12	Ukrainian Festival /brochure/	1965
8	13	Ukrainske Iunatstvo (Lviv)	1939
8	14	Ukrainian Catholic Youth Convention	1956
8	15	Ukrainian Catholic Youth Constitution	
8	16	Za Shechenkovy Pravdy by A. Kyrpych	1955
		Newspaper Clippings	
8	17	Clippings	n.d.
8	18	Clippings	1933
8	19	Clippings	1937
8	20	Clippings	1938
8	21	Clippings - Meta (Lviv)	1938-1939
8	22	Clippings	1939
8	23	Clippings	1940
8	24	Clippings, Ukrainian Catholic Youth	1940-1943, 1970
8	25	Clippings	1942
8	26	Clippings - The Ukrainians (The Weekly Review)	1945
8	27	Clippings - Youth Herald, Yorkton, Saskatchewan	1946
8	28	Clippings	1946
8	29	Clippings - Literaturna Hazeta	1947
8	30	Clippings - Work among DP's in Timmins, Ontario	1948
8	31	Clippings - First Ukrainian Catholic Congress of Eastern Canada	1949
8	32	Clippings	1949
8	33	Clippings	1950
8	34	Clippings - Kirkland Lake	1951-1952
8	35	Clippings - Windsor	1953

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8	36	Clippings - Windsor	1954
8	37	Clippings - Windsor	1955
8	38	Clippings - Windsor	1956
8	39	Clippings - Windsor	1957
8	40	Clippings - Windsor	1958
8	41	Clippings - Shevchenko Centennial, Winnipeg	1961
8	42	Clippings - Phoenix, Arizona	n.d. 1961-1962
8	43	Clippings - Phoenix, Arizona	1961
8	44	Clippings - Fr. Nestor Drohomysky	1962-1963
8	45	Clippings	1963
8	46	Clippings	1964
8	47	Clippings	1965
8	48	Clippings on religious topics	n.d., 1965-1970
8	49	Clippings	1966
8	50	Clippings	1967
8	51	Clippings	1968
8	52	Clippings - Cardinal Slipyj in the United States	1968-1970
8	53	Clippings - Patriarchal Movement	1968-1971
8	54	Clippings on religious topics	1968-1970, 1988
8	55	Clippings	1969
8	56	Clippings on USSR	n.d., 1969-1972
8	57	Clippings	1970
8	58	Clippings - biographical information on Fr. M.Horoshko	1977

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Overseas Registration Cards - Individual registration cards of Ukrainian Canadian soldiers serving in England during the Second World War (A-Z)