

SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Please list congregations / parishes you have served and the years you served them:

Diaconate:	Attached to Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor of St. Andrew (Edmonton, AB)	1998-1999
Priesthood:	Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Ivan Suchavsky (Winnipeg, MB)	2000-2008
	Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Edmonton, AB)	2008-Present

Please indicate the work you have done in the Church including mission/outreach work, special projects and parish development:

In Parish Ministry:

I have developed and delivered programs for Bible study, adult catechism, adult Christian Education, marriage preparation, group book-reading. I work with both our Jr. and Sr. CYMK branches. I have been engaged in updating and producing a weekly parish bulletin, monthly calendar, and creating social media pages and sites. I have undertaken a process of digitizing parish documents. I contribute articles to our parish's monthly newsletter.

In my current obedience at St. John's Cathedral, I have a particular ministry to recently-arrived immigrants - who make up a substantial portion of our community - tending to their particular needs and working to engage them in the life of our parish.

Most recently, I have been directly involved in developing protocols and services modifications resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and, in the last 10 weeks, driving pastoral support and fund-raising / charitable initiatives related to the waging of war upon Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

I have organized and lead trips with parish members / youth to an Orthodox monastery

In the Edmonton Deanery / Western Eparchy:

Since 2009, I have served as full-time, on-site chaplain during summer programming at our local Ukrainian Orthodox Camp, Bar-V-Nok. I have offered bilingual courses in cantoring for Winnipeg and Edmonton area faithful learning the skill. I have been invited to workshops and retreats as a presenter / retreat leader. I have assisted the Bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy with organization of deanery and eparchial scale liturgical services and church events.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Please provide a brief summary of your theological and other education and any additional vocational training, including continuing education courses, personal development programs or other:

Completed:	
Vegreville Composite High School (High School Diploma)	1988
University of Alberta - Bachelor of Arts (Slavic Studies / Religious Studies)	1992
St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg - Bachelor of Theology	2000
Currently Enrolled:	
St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg - Master of Divinity	Completion date undetermined
Continuing Education / Personal Development:	
I have, and continue to attend regularly, conferences, retreats and lectures related to church life, Orthodox theology, and pastoral development.	
I have participated in conferences and workshops focusing on not-for-profit sector leadership, management, and fundraising.	

Please describe any relevant skills, such as language skills, management / administrative skills, accounting, legal or other:

Languages:
Fluency in English, Ukrainian, and Russian
Rudimentary knowledge of French
Reading level / basic grammar knowledge of Greek
Relevant Skills:
Proficiency in executive function in organizations
Proficiency in small and large scale meeting management / chairing
Proficient knowledge of governing documents of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada
Proficient knowledge of "Robert's Rules of Order" and application of their guidance
Five years of service in an Executive Director role (facility and staff management, programming) at St. John's Institute in Edmonton, AB (1994-1998)
Nearly ten years of experience working in the Office of the Consistory: a) Assistant to the Director of the Office of Missions & Education (1999-2000), b) Personal Secretary to the Primate (2000-2008)

How do you feel your education, training and skills will contribute to your successful contribution as Chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada?

<p>Since graduating high school in my home town, Vegreville, AB, my education, volunteer work, participation in organizations, and life in the Church have been intentionally directed toward active and direct labouring and service in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Active service within the UOCC, and with organizations that have connection to the UOCC have been a constant throughout my adult life. As a result, there are few aspects of the life of the UOCC (and its various dynamics and components) that I am unfamiliar with or am not capable of engaging.</p> <p>I am the son of a first-generation Ukrainian-Canadian father (farmer / small businessman) and post-World War II immigrant mother (teacher). I am the third generation in my family to serve in priestly ministry (now in my 23rd year) in the UOCC. This upbringing has afforded me an ability to value, appreciate, and be sensitive to both the "Canadian" and "Ukrainian" aspects of our UOCC, along with the challenges they bring to the life of the Church.</p> <p>My priestly service has offered opportunity to work - in a leadership role - with rural parishes, new missions, new congregations, a smaller urban congregation, a large eparchial cathedral community, and at the heart of the administration and decision-making of the UOCC. I have been part of teams and delegations to Ukraine and to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. I have worked with members of the UOCC of all ages and various cultural and linguistic identities. I have worked and continue to work with other Orthodox jurisdictions (notwithstanding current divisions) in Canada at the national, eparchial and local levels.</p>
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LIFE / WORK / COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Briefly list your vocational / professional work experience and/or any other relevant life experience (e.g. volunteer work, public service, parenting, etc.):

I am married (24 years) to Merrie (nee Ostapowich). We are raising twin teenage sons, Ephraim and Alexander. As mentioned above, I have been employed in an Executive Director role, previously. My service at St. John's Institute (Edmonton, AB) totaled five years. I was responsible for management of the residence, kitchen operation, community relations, some programming, and supervision of a small staff. I was responsible for regular reporting to the board of directors and annually to the general membership. I worked closely with the ruling hierarchy of the Western Eparchy, clergy and parishes in the Western Eparchy, organizations connected to the UOCC, and general community organizations.

While assigned to the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Ivan Suchavsky, I shared time working in the Consistory Office of the UOCC, for the most part in the assignment as Personal Secretary to the Primate. This work including executive assistant tasks: assisting the Primate with correspondence, calendar planning, collaborating with the Chancellor, Finance/Office Manager, and other Consistory staff. This work also included limited "personal needs" functions, i.e. driving, accompanying the Primate to functions and on trips. Infrequently, I represented the Primate at times when the Chancellor was not able to. Later, my duties also included recording the proceedings of Presidium and Consistory Board meetings and preparing minutes of these meetings.

Though I do not possess a long list of volunteer board involvement in many community or public services organizations or institutions, I work / have worked with numerous ones, including the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Recently, I volunteered in basic needs distribution during the Fort McMurray fire and now am quite engaged in various areas in war-related community support for Ukraine.

How do you feel that your capabilities and work / life experience will benefit the Consistory Board?

I have enjoyed the great blessing of serving the Church as a lay person and in ordained ministry. I have been blessed with the opportunity to share my God-given talents at all levels of our Church. Significant for me, personally, is the great blessing of, for the entire duration of my ministry, being a cleric of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as a metropolia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. My life as an Orthodox Christian has been formed in the unique setting of sobornopravna ecclesiastical governance, which I value, respect, and consider a gift. I also recognize and do not fear the system's limitations; I do not consider those limitations as detrimental, but quite to the contrary, a protection against challenges to the Church's Holy Tradition and norms and standards of good ecclesiastical order. For me, there is no "temporal vs. spiritual," "the laity and the clergy." There is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church in which the people of God serve together in the roles and offices they have been called to, struggling to bring ourselves and those around us to salvation and eternal life. The Consistory Board must offer the best model of this mutual struggle, while responsibly managing the aspects of UOCC which answer to the earthly standards and requirements of our nation and her civil authorities. The Chancellor must be the figure in the system who is responsible for ensuring the constant functioning of "all the parts," with a goal of achieving consensus, resulting in the Primate blessing into implementation all good works and decisions of the Consistory Board. I have the gift of over two decades of making mistakes, failing, learning and succeeding in my service as a cleric of our Church. I am confident this experience has prepared me for this ministry, if God so wills.

If there is any other information you would like to provide, not already requested above, please list it here (e.g. other board-related work etc.)

None.

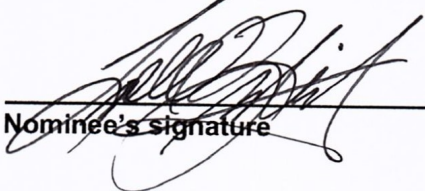
DECLARATION

NOMINEE:

I hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and agree to let my name stand for election.

06 May 2022

Date

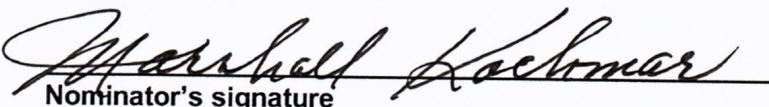

Nominee's signature

WITNESS / NOMINATOR:

I hereby nominate the individual named above as a candidate for Chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. I attest to the nominee's good standing as a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

06 May 2022

Date


Nominator's signature

BLESSING OF THE EPARCHIAL BISHOP

07 May 2022

Date

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Bishop's Signature (or attach confirmation – eg email)

If you have any questions about this form, please direct them to:

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