

## **Dr. Kriaučiūnas Scholarships Distributed**

Every year the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Sciences (LCAS) distributes scholarships to university graduates who wish to earn a higher degree.

This year the Dr. Kriaučiūnas Scholarship Committee decided to grant \$4000 each to Eleonora Buožytė, Jolanta Budzinauskienė and Antanas Terleckas.



**Eleonora Buožytė.** (photo by Gabrielius Jauniškis)

Eleonora Buožytė is working on a doctorate at the Vilnius University Philology Department. Her dissertation topic is: “The Cultural Environment and Catholic Religious Renewal in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania during the Times of Mikalojus Kristupas Radvila the Orphan (1549–1616).“

In the words of Ms. Buožytė: „I do not aim to depict the projects financed by Radvila, but rather to unveil the everyday episodes in the lives of writers, sculptors, printers and booksellers, those who were the creators of these projects. For example, the famous book funded by Radvila about a pilgrimage to Jerusalem was hugely inspired by the Braniev Jesuits and the

European experience of Tomas Treteris, Canon of Varmė. ... I see value in understanding, unveiling and communicating these processes because they unfold our history and identity and also shed light on later developments in Lithuanian culture and history, as well as today's society."



**Jolanta Budzinauskienė su šeima.**

Jolanta Budzinauskienė earned her Master's degree in Psychology at Vytautas Magnus University. Currently she is doing post-graduate work at the Neuromedicine Institute. At the same time she is raising three children and volunteering at the Raseiniai Family Center of the Kaunas archdiocese. This is the third year in which LCAS has supported Ms. Budzinauskienė's studies.

Antanas Terleckas is working on a doctorate in History at Vilnius University. The topic of his dissertation is „The Sovietization of the Lithuanian Countryside in 1940 – 1965.” He will need funds to research archives not only in Lithuania, but also in Latvia. While studying, Antanas writes articles in the cultural journal “Naujasis židinys – Aidai“ and prepares media reviews for the Catholic radio program „Mažoji studija“.



**Antanas Terleckas. (photo by Orinta Gerikaitė)**

This year's scholarship committee consisted of LCAS Board members Dr. Aleksas Gedmintas (committee president), Dr. Mirga Girniuvienė, Dr. Ramūnas Girnius, Povilas Rizauckas and Onutė Traitor. If you are interested in participating in this work, please contact Mirga Girniuvienė at [mgirnius@hotmail.com](mailto:mgirnius@hotmail.com). This is a perfect opportunity to become acquainted with the work of young academicians in Lithuania.

*Dr. Mirga Girniuvienė  
LCAS President*

