



Office of the Metropolitan

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Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers and Faithful,

As you are aware, throughout the history of our God-Protected Diocese, the National ACRY has been at the forefront of the youth and philanthropic initiatives of the Diocese.

Throughout the years a tremendous amount of financial support has been offered to our youth from the National ACRY in the form of collegiate and seminary scholarships, missionary trips, and projects through the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship). Our Diocesan Mission Fund has also received more than \$260,000 over the years. Additionally, Camp Nazareth and Diocesan youth in need have benefited from the Bishop John Camperships and annual support sponsored by the ACRY. Numerous educational pamphlets and books for the benefit of all of our Diocesan faithful have also been made possible through the generosity of the ACRY. Presently, the ACRY produces our Diocesan Yearbook /ACRY Annual in partnership with the Diocesan Chancery.

I am proud of the efforts the ACRY has made in recent years in providing hands-on opportunities for direct charitable and missionary work. This past year, ACRY Ambassador Jordan Polanichka represented the ACRY at the OCF Real Break trip to Houston Texas with Team Rubicon, a hurricane recovery build team. It is also currently partnering with the Jr. ACRY to provide Health Hygiene kits to those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. Most recently, at the 2019 ACRY Convention in Taylor, PA the proceeds of the Annual Pass the Hat Convention Appeal was given to a member of our Diocesan family to help defray the medical bills for their infant daughter who was a patient at a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and a large donation was given to the fiancée of a long time ACRY member who recently was involved in a serious accident.

As the Supreme Patron of the ACRY and your Diocesan Hierarchy, I am calling upon your parish's support of the second annual ACRY Stewardship Campaign. This past year's inaugural campaign, thanks to the combined support of both ACRY and non ACRY members, was a huge success, raising over \$12,000! Again during this year's Advent Season (that starts November 15th/28th), the ACRY will be seeking a single contribution from its chapter members, as well as the parishes and individuals of the Diocese. Your renewed support will help them to continue and expand the many outreach projects and philanthropic works completed in the name of our Diocese. Please see the attached promotional materials for all necessary details and deadlines. As stewardship also includes the offering of one's time and talents, I urge parishes that do not have an active ACRY Chapter to consider starting or reactivating a chapter.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa.

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