

National ACRY Members, Spiritual Advisors, and Members of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese,

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

As the Advent Season begins to approach, the National Sr. ACRY is once again readying herself to launch the Annual Stewardship Campaign. Through the incredible support of local ACRY Chapters, Diocesan Parishes, various parish groups, and individuals, in the inaugural year of this program, we were able to raise over \$12,000! This is no small feat. While we may be a small jurisdiction of Orthodox Christians in the United States, our people are giving, kind, and generous in helping the ACRY fulfill her philanthropic efforts.

In the second year of our Stewardship Campaign, the National ACRY Board has set a goal of \$14,000 to be raised by February 15, 2020. The February 15th deadline will now stand as the deadline for Scholarship Donations (replacing the former July 1st donation deadline). This means that chapters must submit a Stewardship Campaign donation by the February 15, 2020 deadline in order for any members of their chapter to be eligible for scholarships. Once the February 15th deadline passes, additional funds that chapters wish to donate will of course be accepted. However, chapters wishing to retain scholarship eligibility for their members must have at least an initial donation in by the February 15th deadline.

The newly installed National ACRY Board worked together to decide upon how the received funds should be split up. Taking into account the budget for the year, as well as proposed philanthropy, our financial officers proposed percentages that would help divide this \$14,000 to make the most impact and do the most good. The breakdown in funding for the 2020 year is as follows:

Scholarship Fund: 60%
Camp Fund: 30%
Youth Workers' Conference: 6%
Ambassador Fund: 2%
Lenten Retreat: 2%

The Youth Workers' Conference, Ambassador, and Lenten Retreat Funds all have some remaining funds in them, which is why the board has chosen to allocate a smaller amount of funding to them. With consideration to the growth of Camp Nazareth, as well as the number of scholarships the National ACRY gives out each year, we have once again allocated the majority of the Stewardship Campaign funds here.

In this second year of our Stewardship Campaign, we ask for your continued support of our philanthropic endeavors. Any donations that your

chapter, church, parish group, or you yourself give to the Stewardship Campaign will be divided as indicated above. As was the case last year, we will be doing our best to keep you updated via the National Sr. ACRY Website (www.sracry.org) as well as through our social media accounts.

I thank you once again for your attention to this matter, and I hope you will not hesitate to reach out to myself, or to Vice President Aaron Zak (Stewardship Campaign Chairperson) if you have any questions about this campaign. Please take advantage of the flier that Aaron and his team have worked on and sent out to help promote this campaign and look out on the website and our social media accounts for additional materials and information throughout the duration of this project.

With your help, the Sr. ACRY will once again be able to contribute to worthy causes both within and outside of our Diocese, helping our mission grow Forever Forward and Heavenward.

Yours in Christ,

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