



*Office of the Bishop*

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Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers,

As you may recall, last year I directed all parishes to set aside a Sunday in the month of September to recognize our college students and bringing awareness to Orthodox campus ministry that is taking place through the efforts of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), an endorsed ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of The United States of America.

As I have pointed out on numerous occasions, statistics show us that more than 6 out of 10 of all young adults, including Orthodox, leave the Church after graduating from high school and college. To counteract this trend, OCF is on the frontlines of campuses engaging our students in the Orthodox faith through fellowship, education, worship, and service. Through this four-tiered approach, college students who participate in OCF make their way from schools to parishes spiritually stronger and ready to serve.

As your Diocesan Bishop and as Episcopal Liaison for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, I am again calling upon your parish to support the good works of the OCF on Sunday Sept. 14, 2014. On this College Student Sunday, I am asking each parish of the Diocese to take a special collection for the benefit of OCF. Parishes may choose to augment the collection with parish funds.

While it is preferable that parishes observe College Student Sunday on this day, those parishes with scheduling conflicts may observe College Student Sunday on an alternative Sunday during the month of September. The proceeds of the collections are to be sent to the Diocesan Chancery by **October 6, 2014**. Please make checks payable to "ACROD" with OCF in the memo line.

Grateful for your assistance in this important matter, and assuring you of a remembrance in prayer, I remain,

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

*The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A.*

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