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Christ is in our Midst!

During this Advent period of our Orthodox Faith, we are called to focus on our words, deeds, and thoughts. We prepare, in joyful anticipation, for the Greatest Gift of all ... the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time of year, we all reflect on the blessings we have received and are thankful to God that He has blessed us according to His endless grace, mercy, and love. As the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch Governing Council, we are thankful for all of you that selflessly and unconditionally give to support the ministry of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. You help us change the lives of countless people we will never come to know personally.

For almost 50 years, you, and those before you made a conscious decision to put the needs of others ahead of your own. During the uncertainty and fear of a global pandemic, The Order prepared for an estimated 25% to 30% reduction in member gifts during 2020 and 2021. However, your gifts during that time represented a "True Act of Faith" and The Order realized less than a 3% fall in member gifts. Because of you, children were able to attend camp throughout North America. Retired clergy and their wives continued to receive the financial assistance they depend on during their golden years. Mission parishes throughout North America, were able to worship and share the Orthodox Faith. Our youth were able to remain connected and provide love and support for one another even without being in each other's physical presence. Your "Act of Faith" made this possible.

For the past 5 fiscal years from 2017 through 2021, the impact of your gift to the Order has been felt by countless people and in many ways. During that time, **\$1,456,173** was given to support our active and retired clergy as well as married seminarians. You helped provide **\$1,607,562** for the youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese (including camp scholarships which were reduced in 2020 and 2021 due to fewer campers for safety protocols). **\$1,253,691** was provided to support programs and departments for the development & growth of the Antiochian Archdiocese. You also helped give **\$301,140** toward various outreach organizations. The annual financial commitments of The Order have always been and will always be strictly-focused on the long-standing needs of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese as well as grant-eligible organizations based on guidelines and by-laws of the Governing Council and for no other purpose. We are also thankful to share that only 7.7% and 7.2% of total income went to administrative expense in FY 2021 and the past 5 fiscal years respectively.

Clergy	\$1,456,173
Retired Clergy Allowance	\$1,327,500
Married Seminarian Assistance	\$62,145
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance	\$66,528
Archdiocese Development & Growth	\$1,253,691
Department of Missions & Evangelism	\$639,147
Parish Development & Mission Grants	\$122,897
Internet Ministry	\$491,647
Other Grants	\$301,140
Project Mexico	\$40,000
IOCC	\$70,000
Syrian Relief	\$55,000
Other Archdiocese Projects & Grant Requests	\$136,140

Archdiocese Youth	\$1,607,562
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$680,487
Youth Ministry	\$590,000
SOYO Special Olympics	\$16,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$65,328
Christian Education	\$196,647
College Conference	\$59,100

Figures in the table represent only **a portion** of the expenses for the last 5 Fiscal Years ending in 2021.

So, as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years, encourage your family and friends to become a part of the Order, or consider becoming a part of The Order's ministry for the first time, we leave you with what we believe should be in your heart. These words are what guide our work as a Governing Council and come from the teachings of St. Ignatius himself ...

"Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor."

In His service,

Roger J. David

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