



The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

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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. On behalf of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, we thank you for your selfless act in support of the Order's ministry. Your unconditional gift affects the lives of countless people within our Orthodox Faith, our Antiochian Orthodox community and beyond. Your gift creates a life-changing ripple effect that is immeasurable in its impact on individuals and families you will never come to know personally. Thank you and God bless you.

For almost 50 years, you, and those before you made a conscious decision to put the needs of others before your own. Your gift is not simply a donation deposited and forgotten. It is so much more than a check written or a charge on your credit card. It is an act of Faith in support of a life-changing ministry. Your gift ...

- Provides reassurance to our clergy during their golden years and expresses gratitude toward our beloved them for their years as our guide, comforter and welcomed friend during our times of sorrow, uncertainty and joy through the funding of the **Retired Clergy Fund**.
- Helps plant seeds of Orthodoxy, the True Faith, throughout North America through the support of the **Department of Missions and Evangelism**.
- Helps provide loving care, reassurance and comfort to children without families and parents. Letting those children know that someone they may never come to know, cares enough to help provide the basic needs we may take for granted in our everyday lives through support of organizations like **Project Mexico**.
- Educates our children in the Faith and strengthens their resolve in their Faith as they prepare themselves to become the future leaders of our parishes and Archdiocese through **Youth Ministry, Summer Camp Scholarships, SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training, Christian Education and College Conference**.
- Does so much more than provide summer camp scholarships for children that would otherwise not be able to attend camp due to financial reasons. It also provides knowledge, relationships and memories created in God-filled environments that are the essential tools to help our children overcome the challenges and deceptions in this world that will test their Orthodox Christian beliefs.

Even more, through the generosity of our many Governing Council volunteers who give of their time, talents, and treasure, we are thankful to share that over **91%** of total annual revenue reaches the departments, projects and grant requests the Order of Saint Ignatius supports. This is only possible through the generosity of the Order's Governing Council members who cover all their own travel, lodging and various event sponsorships personally.

So, as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years 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,

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