

Antiochian Women
Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America



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Bishop Basil, Reverend Clergy and Sisters in Christ,

We look forward to seeing all of you on June 10-13, 2009 in Wichita for the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America Parish Life Conference. We will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of our Sisterhood at the Conference. We sincerely hope you will join us!

As a reminder your local Chapter Elections should be held prior to the Parish Life Conference. We will also be holding elections at the Parish Life Conference for the Diocesan Officers. Please contact Judy Stevens at stevenspj2@yahoo.com or 712-253-3184 for more information.

Enclosed is a copy of the Chapter Report Guidelines to assist you with preparation of your report for the upcoming meeting (please bring 75 copies of your report to the meeting.) The outgoing President prepares and submits the Chapter Report (please see enclosed report guidelines.) Please provide the information on the incoming President if there is a change of officers to ensure that we have an updated contact list. The new President takes office following the Parish Life Conference. I have also enclosed a copy of the letterhead to use when preparing your report, and when submitting any other correspondence on behalf of your Women's Organization.

We sincerely thank those of you that have already submitted your 2008-2009 Chapter Dues (\$375.00) that were due in December. Our Treasurer's records indicate that some parishes have not yet paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues please submit them with your project money.

The project money for the Al Kafa'at Disabled Children's Project was due to Judy Stevens, Treasurer, 2206 So. St. Aubin St., Sioux City, IA 51106 in April. If you have not yet sent your contribution please send it by May 21, 2009 so that we can include your project money in the report that is presented at the Parish Life Conference in Wichita. If you are a mission you are not required to pay dues though any partial payment would be appreciated and will help prepare you for the time you become a church. We heartily encourage you to send even a small donation to the Project. The Lord, as in the parable of the widow's mite, appreciates any size offering when given in love.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America
A Sisterhood Serving Christ Through Serving Others

I am pleased to include with this mailing the Antiochian Women's Scholarship Application. The application is due June 1, 2009. Please share this information with the Women of your Parish.

We will be having a Fall Retreat in Oklahoma City again this year. We will have more information for you at the Parish Life Conference. We hope that you will plan to attend.

We are still working on our two Diocese scrapbooks. One scrapbook will allow each parish/mission to highlight the activities that they do. The other scrapbook will allow each parish/mission to honor a deceased Antiochian Woman who was a role model for your local women. Please send these 8 ½ x 11 pages to Carol Comp, Public Relations Coordinator, 9805 Silver Lake Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7528.

This year's summer NAB meeting will be held in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Convention in Palm Springs, California from July 20th through July 26th. The Antiochian Women's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd. Please let me know if you would like more information on this wonderful gathering of the National Sisterhood of the Antiochian Women.

I look forward to seeing all of you, my sisters in Christ, in Wichita! If you have any questions in the meantime you can call me at 505-982-9634, or e-mail winonanava@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Winona Nava,

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