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REPORT

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Congratulations to His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP for the 45th anniversary of his Episcopacy.

Many Years Master!

We are also extending our congratulations to Archpriest Nicholas Dahdal and his host parish, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Cicero. The parish of which I was blessed to have been its first missionary pastor, sent by our beloved Metropolitan Philip.



You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; 2 Cor. 9:11

Planning and Development was created for exactly what the title implies.

It is a new approach to cultivate the tremendous talents which the faithful of this Archdiocese have. The dreams and visions are accomplished through the generosity and help of our philanthropists and humanitarians who believe in the growing need in our North American Archdiocese, in order to reaffirm their faith and rebuild their spiritual lives. The Antiochian Archdiocese, as the overseer of our people, tries to provide for all of our faithful the expected services needed for this and the next generation. A larger scale approach will help achieve the goals that will enrich our lives.



“At the new Department of Planning and Development, we strive to accomplish the dreams of Metropolitan PHILIP and his visions of the growing needs of our North American Archdiocese. More than ever, we need to build and protect our future, to ensure our children’s ability to express their faith and live a spiritual life.”

With that in mind, our initial approach of providing help with the major projects of the Antiochian Village is well under way.

To date we have contributed to the building of two cabins, with a third one on the way, along with the new dining hall equipped with air conditioning. Moreover, thanks to David and Lewis Ghiz, plans are under way for the revision of the pool which is a main summer attraction and activity for the campers.

Our donations currently total over **\$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars)** with more expected.

Our introductory/donation package has been sent to over a thousand addresses. All of the Archdiocese’s churches have received one. We also have been sending out a reminder in the form of a postcard to those who have already been approached.

Our page on the Archdiocese’s website has information posted along with a donor form that can be printed and mailed in thus facilitating our patrons’ contributions.



Such a major endeavor is not accomplished without a concentrated effort by the representative of this department. Travel plans have taken Father Antony to Ottawa and Washington D.C. Other visits are planned, it is important to have meetings with our parishioners. These one-on-one dialogues create a greater appreciation of the love involved in their participation, how it is first and foremost for the children, the faithful and the future of our God protected Archdiocese.

Furthermore, members of the Department who are well informed in the financial world are currently working on approaching foundations for charitable endowments and grants. Working towards these achievements are Stephen Adams and Michael Karolle.

Paul Mokhiber is looking into developing an insurance program.

Michael Karolle has initiated an application process that has approached twelve Foundations which have been identified as the most promising based upon their charitable objectives. The foundations are:

- ❖ The Lilly Endowment (specifically the Lilly Endowment for American Christianity)
- ❖ The Kellogg Foundation
- ❖ The Andrew Carnegie Foundation
- ❖ The Ford Foundation
- ❖ The Gilmore (Hertz) Foundation
- ❖ The Ben & Jerry's Foundation
- ❖ The Mustard Seed Foundation
- ❖ Partners for Scared Places
- ❖ The Bonner Foundation
- ❖ The Chatios Foundation
- ❖ U S Dept of Education Program, and the
- ❖ Fund for Non-Violence



Philip Saliba and Justin Sayfie have helped in providing a list to which a mailing has also gone out to former campers of the Antiochian Village who now have successful careers. Their participation in this program will enable their children to experience the same spiritual life that has nurtured them. We have asked to help develop this particular phase

Kh. Lynn Gabriel has been in charge of a special event honoring Helen Thomas, which will be an evening to be held in October of this year, where all the net proceeds will be going directly to the Archdiocese to provide support where it is most needed.



Although our initial campaign has been focused on helping provide help for all aspects of the Antiochian Village, including St. Thekla's Convent, the Sacred Music Institute, The Heritage & Learning Center, etc. The **Department of Planning and Development** has the mission of seeking funds for every department and organization. This also includes the Clergy Retirement Fund.



It is very important to also point out that this new Department was created in one of the worst time in the global economy. The past three years has been plagued with a recession that is only starting to show light at the end of the tunnel. Many potential donors have pledge to donate has soon has the economy and their own situation stabilizes.

It has been very hard for most of the people and we can only be grateful for the few who were able to contribute this past year. The days ahead shine brightly for more funds to come in and by such ensuring the growth and accomplishment of fulfilling all the needs that will ensure the future of this God Protected Archdiocese

Thank you.



Through your participation and generosity, we will go forth, build and be strong for all generations to come. “To those who much has been given, much is required.” Luke 12:48