



The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Christ Is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

On behalf of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch Governing Council, we are thankful to God for your commitment to the Order ministry. A ministry which serves as an integral part of the funding of many Archdiocese departments and projects as well as other charitable organizations. You exemplify what it is to give unconditionally. Your support of the Order's ministry is not simply a financial commitment. It is the catalyst that changes the lives of people you will never know within and outside our Archdiocese. It is an act of Faith rooted in a spirit of compassion and love that is infinite in its effect. We are grateful that you have chosen to have God work through you. Thank you, and may God keep you and your families under His watchful care.

The Order continues to face challenges. We have been able to replace and increase our membership even as we face declines from deaths and resignations from members' financial difficulties in their later years of life. We are also faced with rising costs to support the Archdiocesan ministries, projects, and grants. We studied these trends beginning in 2015 and focused our efforts on growing the Order Endowment through our Life and Metropolitan membership levels and the permanent installation of the upgrade programs. That has proven to be successful. Our added focus is to educate members on the fact that the \$500 annual membership since 1976, although generous, does not go as far as it once did. As a result, we are introducing a new campaign for members to upgrade from Knight and Dame (\$500 per year) to Knight or Dame Commander (\$1,000 per year) to help us increase our annual revenue. We anticipate this will help the Order increase our funding toward all departments and projects, which include those listed in the chart below. This is a major focus beginning in 2023.

We are thankful to share that 92.3% of the annual revenue of the Order is directed to the Antiochian Archdiocese's essential departments, projects, and charitable grants as well as the required funding of the Order Endowment. Only 7.7% and 7.2% of total income went to administrative expenses in FY 2021 and the past 5 fiscal years (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017) respectively. This is due in large part from the generosity of the Order Governing Council members, our Diocesan Chairs and Vice-Chairs and our parish Ambassadors who volunteer their time and personally cover their expenses related to travel, lodging, and event sponsorships.

In the chart below are just a few of the departments and projects you help support as a member of the Order.

Clergy	\$293,216	Archdiocese Youth	\$392,648	Archdiocese Dev. & Growth	\$274,980	Outreach	\$41,300
Retired Clergy Allowance	\$270,000	Summer Camp Scholarship	\$190,000	Missions & Evangelism	\$129,996	IOCC	\$20,000
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance	\$9,231	Youth Ministry	\$120,000	Parish Develop./Mission Grants	\$24,996	Project Mexico	\$10,000
Married Seminarian Assist.	\$13,985	SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$17,652	Internet Ministry	\$99,996	Other Projects	\$11,300
		Christian Education	\$39,996	Antiochian House of Studies	\$19,992		
		College Conference	\$15,000				
Figures as of FY 2022		SOYO Spec. Olympics	\$10,000				

So as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years or consider becoming a part of The Order's Ministry, we leave you with what we believe should be in your heart. It is what guides us in our work for the Order and comes 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.

On behalf of the Governing Council and the lives you help change with your support, thank you and God Bless you.

In His service,

Roger J. David
North American Chairperson
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