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## NAB HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR'S REPORT February 8-10, 2019 NAB Mid-Winter Meeting

*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it...”*  
**Proverbs 22:6**

Your Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Esteemed Heirarchs, Reverend Clergy, & Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!  
 I hope everyone had a blessed Nativity and Epiphany!

As a recap, the NAB's 2017-2018 Act of Mercy was a continuation of the FOCUS on Love campaign, which helps fund the Feeding Hungry Children program. In total, we raised \$8,224.10 for this wonderful cause. With our help, approximately 9,939 hungry children across the country were provided fresh, nutritious meals! I would like to thank everyone for your contributions and support towards the “Act of Mercy”, “**FOCUS ON LOVE**”.

For the 2018-2019 year, we will continue working with FOCUS. The Act of Mercy will expand to another area that is more encompassing of children's needs. This year, our efforts will go towards FOCUS's “**Education Support for School Children**”. Children are the building blocks of our future and it is important to help them along the way. Providing an education and resources for a child to receive a fruitful education will forever have an impact on them. This Act of Mercy will help provide educational access, food, books, supplies, tutoring and more to disadvantaged children in the United States. Attached to my email is also a brochure that provides additional information on this Act of Mercy.

The URL for contributions remains the same as in the past:  
<https://focusnorthamerica.org/antiochianwomen/>. Also attached to the email are instructions on how to submit payments by check. I encourage all local chapters and parishes to hold a fundraiser to promote and for support of the Act of Mercy. Please distribute this information to your local chapters as soon as possible.

I urge all chapters to continue to encourage all local parishes to pursue humanitarian acts of mercy, not only raising funds, but physical acts as well. A few ideas would be visiting shut-ins, providing hygienic kits to the homeless, having a blanket or coat drive as the winter season continues, provide/serve meals to the less fortunate in your community, partner with Habitat for

Humanity etc. I would **love** to hear about the good deeds that are taking place across the Archdiocese – feel free to email me with updates, which I will include in future reports.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to another successful year with our Act of Mercy.

In Christ,

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