



# The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Christ is in our Midst!

During this Advent period of our Orthodox faith we prepare ourselves in joyful anticipation for the Greatest Gift of all ... our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch Governing Council, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your membership but more importantly for taking on *"the responsibility"* to become a part of our ministry that helps change countless lives. We pray that during this Blessed Season and throughout the year that you continue to receive God's blessings of grace, compassion and love along with His many other gifts to us that are both seen and unseen in our daily lives. May God bless you and keep you under His watchful care.

As a member of the Order and in a spirit of compassion, you not only give of what you have but you also strive to do it in a spirit of humility and love. You give without expecting anything in return and without recognition by the Order's recipients. Your gift is an unconditional, personal sacrifice. It is an act of Faith that is infinite in its effect.

In Fiscal year 2018 the impact of your gift to the Order has been felt by many and in countless ways. The Order's Fiscal Year 2018 actual expenses included **\$315,155** to support our retired clergy, active clergy and seminarians. You helped fund **\$383,970** for the youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese (including camp scholarships). **\$254,988** was provided to support programs and departments for the development & growth of the Antiochian Archdiocese. You've also helped give **\$85,000** toward outreach organizations which include but are not limited to Syrian Relief and Balamand Theological Academy.

Clergy	\$315,155	Archdiocese Development & Growth	\$254,988
Retired Clergy Housing Allowance	\$270,000	Missions & Evangelism	\$129,996
Married Seminarian Assistance	\$4,500	Parish Development / Mission Grants	\$24,996
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance	\$40,655	Internet Ministry	\$99,996
Archdiocese Youth	\$383,970	Other Grants	\$85,000
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$190,000	Balamand Theological Academy	\$30,000
Youth Ministry	\$120,000	Syrian Relief	\$55,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$18,974		
College Conference	\$15,000		
Christian Education	\$39,996		

On behalf of all the members of the Order, we thank you for accepting *"the responsibility"* ... to take care of each other as we commit to financially provide for and reassure our retired clergy during their golden years, to strengthen our children in their Orthodox Faith, to help share and to reveal Orthodoxy throughout North America to people of any nationality, background or socioeconomic position and to become a part of the families of our married seminarians by assisting them financially so they can answer God's call. We thank you in sincere gratitude and humility.

So as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years, encourage your family and friends to become a part of the Order, 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,

Roger J. David  
North American Chairperson  
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch