

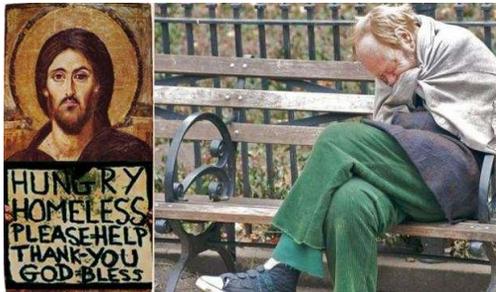


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Release Announcement

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Philanthropic Information Exchange



Strategic Area: Philanthropic Outreach

Goal: Create an online exchange to expand participation in philanthropic ministries and to exchange ideas between parishes.

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Program Description: Philanthropic Outreach serves as a catalyst for the development and growth of parish ministries to persons in need, by providing an online information exchange. This strategic goal encourages a process in which parishes learn from one another and then establish, or become involved in, ministries that conform to the needs and identity of that specific parish. Additionally this information exchange will allow parishes to share best-practices for philanthropy to strengthen existing philanthropic outreach activities. Our Philoptochos societies in the Metropolis of San Francisco have established a strong and deep-rooted culture of service in our parishes. Through their example and leadership, local Philoptochos Chapters have encouraged other groups in their parishes to reach out to surrounding communities through tangible acts of love. By facilitating an exchange of information between parishes, their local Philoptochos chapters, and other parish ministries. all participants benefit.

Current Status: Thirty-six (36) parishes recently participated in an online survey designed to assess the current state of Philanthropic Outreach in the communities of the Metropolis. As a result of this survey, the responding Clergy, Philoptochos leaders, and other ministry leaders are now part of our Metropolis Philanthropic Information Exchange. Through this exchange, parishes have begun to share information about their respective outreach activities. The Exchange has already identified the opportunity for three (3) parishes working with the Orthodox Church in the Philippines to now work synergistically to maximize their individual endeavors.

Recommended Parish Action: Provide an update of this program with your parish as a part of your regular parish update process. Parishes that have not participated in the Philanthropic Outreach survey may do so by completing the survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/philanthropic_outreach Upon completion of the survey, the parish will become part of the Metropolis Philanthropic Information Exchange. Parishes already on the Exchange are kindly invited to share a description of their ministries by contacting Father Aris Metrakos fr.aris@yahoo.com 415.308.4851 so that data regarding their existing outreach ministries might be added to the Philanthropic Outreach database.

Anticipated Parish Impact: Low to become a member of the Information Exchange. Moderate when forging a new outreach ministry within the parish.