



the plan Strategic

Release Announcement

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Parish Missions and Evangelism Ministry



Strategic Area: Missions and Evangelism

Goal: Establish a Missions and Evangelism Ministry in each Parish

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“Grow the Orthodox Church in your own backyard”

Program Description: Missions & Evangelism Ministry is about helping grow the Orthodox Church at the local, parish level by increasing visibility and hospitality to visitors of the parish, as well as by challenging the faithful to understand and accept their evangelistic calling.

C.O.M.E. has defined seven specific areas that the Missions & Evangelism Ministry could consider for this purpose: Welcome Committee; In-Reach and Adult Education; Parish Visibility; Mochas for Missions Campaign; Bookstore; Outreach Events; OCMC and Foreign Missions Ambassador

Current Status: Prior to the launch of the Strategic Plan about 10 parishes in our Metropolis already had a ministry or group of ministries dedicated to developing parish evangelistic efforts. Since this work has begun in earnest, approximately 20 additional parishes have taken steps to launch Missions & Evangelism Ministries. All parishes are invited to utilize the support of C.O.M.E. for their Missions & Evangelism Ministries. The establishment of Missions & Evangelism Ministries in each parish, as well as the overall ministry of C.O.M.E., is unique to the Metropolis of San Francisco.

Recommended Parish Action: Contact Thomaida Hudanish, Assistant Director of C.O.M.E., to learn more or to request specific resources. C.O.M.E. is ready to help you either ESTABLISH or SUPPORT Missions & Evangelism work in your parish. If you are ready to ESTABLISH a Missions & Evangelism Ministry, please choose a chairperson for this ministry and get in touch with Thomaida to make an introduction. If you are seeking SUPPORT for your Missions & Evangelism Ministry, please contact Thomaida to request resources for the specific goals of our ministry.

Anticipated Parish Impact: HIGH