



PRESS RELEASE

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OCF Announces Annual Student Information Collection Drive

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), the official campus ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, is proud to announce the commencement of its annual Student Information Collection Drive and "First Forty Days" Campaign. This initiative, a collaborative effort between OCF and Assembly jurisdictions' youth departments and parishes, aims to foster a deep connection between students and Christ as well as His Church throughout their college years.

Under the guidance and endorsement of His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa, OCF's Episcopal Liaison to the Assembly of Bishops, all parishes, parents, grandparents and students are warmly invited to partake in this initiative. Through the simple act of submitting student contact details directly to OCF, parents and parishes can rest assured that their students will receive outreach from local OCF leaders within the initial forty days and on-going regional and national program information for the 2024-2025 academic year. This outreach will provide invaluable opportunities for students to integrate Christ and His Church into their college lives.

OCF Executive Director, Deacon Marek Simon shares, "The first few weeks of college mark a crucial period during which students form lasting relationships and habits. By ensuring that the Church becomes an integral part of their college experience, First Forty Days and our communications seek to connect every student with an OCF chapter, a local parish and our programs within this pivotal timeframe."

Parents, parishes, and youth program coordinators are encouraged to submit student contact information for their graduating high school seniors online at <https://www.ocf.net/submit/>. All information submitted by July 15, 2024 will be appropriately distributed in advance of the fall semester. Rest assured, each student's contact details will remain confidential and will only be shared with officially recognized OCF leaders.

About OCF

OCF is dedicated to transforming the lives of college students by guiding them on the path to Jesus Christ through His Church. Through the cultivation of a vibrant campus community centered on worship, witness, service, fellowship, and education, OCF endeavors to make a lasting impact. To learn more about these essential ministries, visit us online or send an inquiry to info@ocf.net.