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March 17/30, 2018

St. Alexis the Man of God

Dear Father Rectors,

Christ is amongst us!

Please see the attached correspondence. Your nominations for this opportunity are due to the Diocesan Office not later than May 1, 2018 (NS). You may send your nominations by post or by email ([dcma.rocor@gmail.com](mailto:dcma.rocor@gmail.com)). Please contact me with questions.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Archpriest Gregory Joyce".

Archpriest Gregory Joyce  
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March 27, 2018

Your Beatitude, Your Eminences and Your Graces:

Your Blessings as we progress through the Lenten journey to Jerusalem, Golgotha, and the empty tomb of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

For the last four years, IOCC's *Serv-X-Treme! Youth Leadership Conference* has reached over 100 young people across the country, helping them to live out their Orthodox faith through acts of love and philanthropy. The goal of this annual conference is to prepare Orthodox Christian youth leaders from the United States, appointed by their Diocesan Bishop, to serve at home and abroad by learning about diakonia through participation in meaningful volunteer service opportunities and service-inspired workshops. **We are excited to announce this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 28 to August 3, 2018.**

Your nomination will allow a young Orthodox Christian to gain a deeper understanding of diakonia from a theological perspective, participate in hands-on service projects, and inspire them to return to their parishes with a zeal for philanthropy. One parent shared of her daughter's experience, "*After attending Serv-X-treme! our daughter is seeking more ways to stay connected to the Church and to Orthodox organizations while in college.*" **Our goal again this year is to have a student representative from every Diocesan Bishop of the Assembly.**

Through the support of generous IOCC donors, we are once again able to offer this opportunity at a fraction of the cost for each student. We are asking each participant to contribute \$100 in stewardship to attend (this includes airfare, transportation, lodging, activities, and all meals). Scholarships are available if needed.

**We respectfully request the following:**

1. Appoint one young man or woman entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2018; and,
2. Have your office complete the online nomination form at: [www.iocc.org/servx](http://www.iocc.org/servx) by Monday, May 14.

Once we receive your nomination, we will reach out to each young person and their guardians to provide logistical details. Thank you for your Arch-pastoral leadership of our Orthodox faithful here in America and your support of IOCC and our world-wide programs. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Dchristopulos@iocc.org](mailto:Dchristopulos@iocc.org) or 612-308-5407 with any questions.

Venerating Your Right Hand and praying that you have a blessed continuation of Great Lent and Holy Pascha,

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