

2018 Philoptochos Convention
Small Group Breakout Sessions – July 4, 2018

Discussion Topic: Orthodox Christian Fellowship OCF

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Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official campus ministry (under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States) charged with connecting Orthodox College students in the United States and Canada and those interested in the Christian Faith to Christ and His Church.

- Philoptochos supports OCF by discretionary chapter donations in May/ June.
- Philoptochos chapters continue a wonderful partnership with OCF connecting the chapters on the campuses with local parishes.
- In 2010, there were 50 OCF campus chapters, and it has grown to over 400. Each chapter is student led with the support of a local clergyman. It is a home away from home.
- Get Involved- became a Parish Liaison. Each Philoptochos chapter should appoint an OCF chairman (and committee) to collect names of graduating seniors and create a data base of their information.
- Reach out to local campuses- invite students to church luncheons, get them involved in service projects or invite them for a meal at your home.
- Invite OCF students to your church to talk to your Sunday School/Youth groups about the OCF programs.
- First Forty Day Initiative – During the Fall Semester, local OCF Student Leaders and Chaplains will work to make personal contact with incoming Orthodox Freshmen.
- Regional Events- Single day or an overnight event with 10-20 students joining with other local chapters in fellowship, education, worship and service. The regional events give the chance for students to meet other college students.
- National College Conference- Each year between semesters, OCF offers a College Conference Program. Speakers, services and social activities renew the sense of how to live out Orthodoxy in their daily lives.
- Real Break- It is an alternative to Spring Break. Students go on service trips and pilgrimages to Alaska and Albania as well as many other destinations. The students see the true meaning of Christ in the others, thus widening and deepening their faith.

- Student Leadership Board (SLB) – Consists of a team of talented students who work directly with the OCF Chapters and are charged with bringing Orthodox College Students together by hosting conferences, retreats and creating resources for chapters and the parishes.
- Funding for OCF is through Leadership 100 and the Philoptochos National Commitment program.
- For more information, visit www.ocf.net