

Department of College Ministry Established

Dear Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

In an effort to augment the presence of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) on college campuses across the diocese I am writing to update as well as to receive feedback from you. Your replies will be of great value as our diocese moves forward to develop OCF chapters.



My name is Deacon John Diamantis and on June 1, 2012 I was appointed as the Chairman of the Department of College Ministry for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey under the care of His Grace, Bishop Michael. My letter of appointment to this position reads, in part:

“Although this ministry encompasses a broad range of activities and numerous campuses, the department has as its singular goal to encourage the college students of our diocese and those transferred to colleges near our parishes to fully participate in the life of the Church—through worship, witness, service, and fellowship while they are in college. This department will also help train leaders, organize events, provide consultation in campus ministry for pastors and lay leaders across the diocese, maintain OCF-related data and a cache of ministry resources, and oversee future programs for our diocesan college students.”



In cooperation with OCF, the local clergy, student and lay leadership at each college I hope to stabilize and grow the 45 chapters which the national OCF has identified in New York and New Jersey. I have already contacted those leaders throughout the diocese who are involved with college campus ministry to help me gain a clear picture of the state of those existing chapters.

With your help I want to develop new OCF chapters on college campuses throughout the diocese where they do not already exist. I cannot do this vital work alone, and so I am asking you to **please reply to this e-mail by June 29th and include the following information:**

