

Orthodox Christian College Ministry  
Annual Report  
2013-2014

Through social media and events around the diocese Orthodox Christian Ministry has grown exponentially. In the beginning of 2014 the team (Rebecca Oliver, Levan Kiknadze and Janine Alpaugh) came together to start from scratch. The Facebook page went from having less than ten “fans” to 105 (as of 8/28/14). The other pages such as LinkedIn and the website have gotten an extraordinary amount of viewers and “connections.” Continually, throughout the academic year OCCM has been invited to participate in retreats and conferences across the diocese. For example, the “Leader’s Retreat” at Columbia University (NYC) made many connections for the ministry and personal friends for the representatives from OCCM that were present. OCCM has a lot of potential and it is ALL of our jobs to support it and support these types of initiatives. This being said, we have lost our Alumni coordinator and still only have one ambassador running NY and NJ. In order to build on the progress from this previous year it is very important that we look for the next generation of leaders in our parishes. Continually, those students who are in their junior and senior years of high school are encouraged to become a part of this wonderful experience. They say it takes a village to raise a child and that is what we are, a village and we are raising our children in the faith. The college years are the hardest part of any student’s life and OCCM is here for them to care for them in the next chapter of their life. I ask you keep us in your prayers. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Alpaugh, Student Ambassador