

## **Report to the Diocesan Assembly November 1, 2016**

### **OCA Department of Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid (CSHA)**

#### **Diana Pasca, Member**

Your Eminence, Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Lay Delegates and Observers,

With the Blessing and encouragement of His Eminence Archbishop Michael, I was appointed to be the Departments' representative to the Diocesan Ministry Network in 2015. The Department has many resources that can assist parishes, and may be unknown to some. The Network is made up of representatives from each OCA diocese in an initiative to strengthen parish ministries and charitable outreach programs throughout the Church. The goal of the Diocesan Ministry Network is to assist in the development of parish ministries. We would like to identify the particular kinds of ministry groups that exist within our Diocesan parishes, and create a sharing-of-ideas network of groups and individuals.

Last year I asked that a representative be appointed or volunteer from each parish to the Diocesan Ministry Network so we may begin the information flow. This has been a slow process, as there may be some confusion with people believing this will be more work. On the contrary the Network exists to assist parishes with their ministry work, as I am asking for an individual who can tell me about what each parish is doing and then be of assistance to them. This past year, the Church of the Annunciation in Brick has given me a contact Fr. Deacon Alexander who has been doing exciting ministry work with the parish. On the second day of this Assembly, Fr. Deacon Alexander and myself will present information on parish ministries to our lay delegates which I hope many of you are able to attend.

Our diocesan website demonstrates the wonderful ministries that some parishes are undertaking in service to the Lord, so we all can see and be inspired by what is happening in our Diocese. I look forward to hearing what your parish is working on and assist you. Please contact me with the information about a parish representative, questions, ideas or resources you want to share with other parishes:

[diana.pasca@comcast.net](mailto:diana.pasca@comcast.net) or 609-953-4705. I look forward to hearing from you.

With Love in Christ,

Diana Pasca