Parasco Family Scholarship

for

Service and Enrichment Programs

This yearly scholarship is offered by Saint Gregory through the generosity of the Parasco Family. It supports high school parishioners (including graduating seniors) wishing to participate in an approved Orthodox Christian service or enrichment program. Actualizing our faith through holy service and intentional spiritual growth are vital for our beloved children, and we hope and pray this scholarships bears great fruit in the lives of our youth in the years to come.

Details

- Application deadline for 2026 is April 19 (application is now available for our parishioners)
- Applicants must be part of a steward family at Saint Gregory and be actively involved in our worship and Sunday School.
- Service and enrichment programs must be within our approved selection list (see reverse page) or be approved by Fr. Alex and our applications committee.
- One scholarship will be awarded yearly in support of the travel, application and other valid fees of the applicant. An amount up to $1,000 may be awarded, depending on the applicant's chosen program costs.

Contact

Interested families may contact Fr. Alex for guidance in pursuing a desired service or enrichment opportunity and with questions on the application: alexanderchetsas@gmail.com.

Approved Orthodox Christian Service and Enrichment Organizations

CrossRoad Institute

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way. CrossRoad offers a space for young people to form authentic and lifelong friendships, ask hard questions, and explore their calling as an Orthodox Christian in the 21st century (from the CrossRoad Institute website)

Contact: https://crossroadinstitute.org

IOCC Service Trips

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is a pan-Orthodox philanthropic institution that responds to disasters across the world. IOCC offers meaningful, supervised service trips for those sixteen and older, focusing on rebuilding homes and other structures in the wake of disaster events such as floods and tornadoes (from a personal interview with Fr. Alex and Lou Zagami)

Contact: https://www.iocc.org

Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT)

OYMT is a pan-Orthodox team of high school-aged Youth and Adult Leaders led by Fr. Luke Mihaly of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Danbury, Connecticut. Since 2010, we have been providing youth with the opportunity to participate in short-term missions without the requirement of an accompanying parent. We have served with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) (from the OYMT website)

Contact: https://www.oymt.info

Project Mexico

Project Mexico provides safe, secure, permanent homes for unhoused families in Baja, California. Our mission trips provide sturdy structures and a foundation for families to build a better future. For over 30 years, with the help of thousands of volunteers, we have built hundreds of homes and we need your compassion and care to continue our ministry of hope (from the Project Mexico website)

Contact: https://www.projectmexico.org/