



An Institution of the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska, Orthodox Church in America
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MISSION: Respond to the call of our fellow countrymen, heirs to the spiritual legacy of St. Innocent as they struggle in America's Holy Land to preserve the Orthodox faith against the evil one, treacherous weather, and harsh subsistence lifestyle.

OBJECTIVE: To provide hope for the faithful of Alaska through major projects inclusive of organized prayer, theological education, and Church School programs. This will be accomplished in unity with all Orthodox jurisdictions by sharing our God-given treasures: financial means, time, talent, ability, and experience.

Your Grace, Vladyka DAVID, beloved clergy, brothers and sisters in Christ,
Glory to Jesus Christ! Master, bless!

My prayers and hopes are with you all as you take on the business of this Holy Diocese and plan for another year of work in our Lord's Alaska Vineyard. Thanks be to God for the donors and benefactors of **Outreach Alaska**. Without their kind hearts and love for this Holy Orthodox Vineyard the many projects that will be reported over the past 18 years would never have been accomplished. I am humbled to have been blessed to serve this diocese as the Coordinator for **Outreach Alaska** since I first came to this Great and Holy Land in 1999. It is with the blessings of our Living Lord that I provide this report on the accomplishments of **Outreach Alaska** for the past 18 years. This being my final report to the Assembly, you will find it in 2 parts:

First – Projects for St. Herman Theological Seminary

Second – All other projects for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska since 1999.

2016/17 Seminary Year Adopt A Seminarian - \$12,318.95 (4 sponsors participated to support 4 seminarians):

- **\$8,700** - monthly sponsor fees (Sept thru May)
- **\$1,800** - presented to this year's graduates: at \$600 each – Deacon Herman Roy Madsen, Fr. Methodius Nicori, and Elena Levi – final sponsor fees thru Aug. 2017.
- **\$138.85** - expense for 2 graduation Icons presented to each of this year's 2 graduates – sponsor gifts.
- **\$ 678** - Deacon vestments in Green for Deacon Herman Roy Madsen – sponsor gifts.
- **\$202.10** - Printed commencement announcements (150), envelopes, and name cards for graduates. Each received 10 announcements. Fr. John received 100 for the seminary mailing.
- **\$800.00** - General donations to **Outreach Alaska** made it possible for seminarians to receive added funds as gifts for Nativity and Pascha feasts:
NATIVITY 2016 - \$400 for Wal-Mart gift cards (\$100 each for 4 seminarians)
PASCHA 2017 - \$ 400 for Wal-Mart gift cards (\$100 each for 4 seminarians)

St. Julianna Food Pantry -0-

- No funds were expensed out for this project since no invoices were received. Due to the number of students, the normal usage was down from previous years. Also, since donations were arranged a couple of years ago from SeaShare, frozen fish is available at times without seminary expense.

Ladies Luncheon and Commencement Banquet \$1,314.00+

- As of this writing, the total cost for the Ladies Luncheon and the Commencement is TBD. Matushka Bea, Marina Hoffman, and others helped make the food from the recipes I provided for serving Lebanese food. Kodiak Chef, Joel Chenet prepared the meat recipe for the banquet according to my instructions and had it frozen until I could arrive and complete our events with his wife Martine if needed.

Total funds raised for SHS projects through **Outreach Alaska** during the 2016/17 Seminary year were **\$13,632.95+**.

Review of Outreach Alaska Projects for St. Herman Theological Seminary 2001 – 2017:

- **2001** - Provided wood/brass coat racks for office and student housing. Made and donated by a parishioner at St. Mary Orthodox Church, Wichita, KS – Richard Zarich. Shipping donated by **Outreach Alaska**

This year the “Adopt a Seminarian” project was developed and fully implemented in 2002.

- **2002** -Linens Project – In cooperation with the Wal-Mart in Kodiak and churches in the lower 48, the Linens Project provided all linens (towels, wash cloths, blankets, sheet sets, pillows, etc. – all new) for SHS. All were purchased, collected and shipped to SHS to complete the list provided by the current seminary Dean, Fr. Benjamin Peterson. = **+\$1,500**
- **2004** – IOCC/**Outreach Alaska** sponsorship for substance abuse training for SHS seminarians - **\$5,000**
 - **Outreach Alaska** provided matching funds to SHS to support Asst. Dean Paul Sidebottom as required by OCMC for his work at SHS. The total required by OCMC was \$10,000.
Outreach Alaska provided ½ of the required funds. - **\$5,000**
- **2005** – **Outreach Alaska** repeated the matching funds gift for OCMC missionary, Asst. Dean Paul Sidebottom - **\$5,000**
- **2005/2006** – Library Project 3 Phases:
 Phase 1 – Stocking new titles for the library - **\$2,736.94**
 Phase 2 and 3 – Installing carpet, tile, shelving and painting/New furnishings for the library, classrooms and Computer lab - **\$17,000**. A Library Scanner and Stand was also purchased in the amount of **\$564**.



- **2006** - First Missionaries Scholarship Fund - **\$2,000**
- **2006** – St. Julianna Food Pantry – refurbished one of the single student rooms at the seminary and installed new flooring, wiring, shelving, painting etc. **\$5,000**



- **Dean’s Discretionary Fund - Outreach Alaska** was asked this year to establish and maintain a “Discretionary Fund” for Father Chad Hatfield to be used for unexpected seminary expenses – mostly for students and the needs of their families. This was maintained and paid out at the rate of \$1,000 for 2 years - **\$1,000**
- **2007** – Church School project for SHS with Holy Resurrection Cathedral for a youth project - **\$200**
 - First Seminary Scholarship Fund - **\$16,000**
 - IOCC/**Outreach Alaska** for 3 week substance abuse training for seminarians – **\$9,950**
 - **Dean’s Discretionary Fund** - **\$1,000**
- **2013 - Kitchen Project** approved by the Board of Trustees May, 2012 meeting. Purchased complete industrial service ware for 32 plus serving pieces, etc. - **\$1,147.50**
 - Purchased Dishes from Wal-Mart for use during annual Ladies Luncheon – **\$220.76**
- **2014** – IOCC/**Outreach Alaska** 1 week RADACT substance abuse training for seminarians - **\$3,160**
 - Belarus Icon presented to SHS - **\$175.60**



- **2015 – IOCC Furniture Project for SHS and Kodiak organizations – Outreach Alaska paid shipping costs for the furniture = \$5,000.**



- **Antidoron Bowl from Greece for All Saints Chapel as requested by His Grace, Bishop DAVID - \$609**



- Farah Grant for Bishop DAVID and Fr. John to attend Fundraising School at Indiana University \$8,000
- Purchased new freezer and washing machine for SHS. \$1,349.98.



- **2016 – Outreach Alaska gave \$1,000 for Fr. Victor Nick to participate in the substance abuse training sponsored by IOCC. - \$1,000**

Adopt a Seminarian 2003 – 2017:

Total Sponsor fees paid to seminarians = \$223,650
 Total Pascha and Nativity Wal-Mart Card gifts - \$20,500
 Total Icon and Vestment commencement gifts - \$18,256

Total Other requests from Outreach Alaska for seminarians (Travel expenses, etc.) = \$6,662.16

AAC in Atlanta for Fr. Joseph Larson = \$2,513.04

Ladies Luncheon – Annually 2006-2017 = \$5,164 +

Printed Commencement Announcements – Annually 2003-2017 = \$3,150

St. Julianna Food Pantry 2006-2017 = \$26,649.06

Total All SHS Projects 2001-2017 = \$375,508.98 +

This report reflects most of the projects that have been provided for St. Herman Theological Seminary by **Outreach Alaska** since 1999. It is highly possible that there were other projects, however this is very nearly 100% of what all has been done over the years. I truly do believe that **Outreach Alaska** has made a difference for the seminary and for the students. The “Adopt a Seminarian” project sponsored 45 students over 14 years. Not all completed their studies. Not all were ordained. Not all are serving the diocese. Of those who were ordained to the Holy Priesthood, a few are no longer serving for whatever reason. But they were there and they were helped and they are remembered by those who sponsored them. The sponsors came from all over the lower 48 and were clergy, parishes, individuals and groups. The sponsors have been introduced to Orthodox Alaska in a way that has brought them knowledge that would not have been possible with any other project – making them part of the seminary family. Many are still participating since 2003. May St. Herman provide a way for this to continue – according to God’s Will.

Other Projects for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska since 1999:

September, 1999 – Before leaving Alaska to return home to Wichita, KS, I met with His Grace, Bishop INNOCENT of Eternal Memory. He had requested this meeting with me to have a report on what I learned from my 2 months in Alaska. The St. Sophia parish in Bethel had requested I help them build a new church and while I was there in 1999 we established the “Land Committee” and I helped them establish the preliminary plans for the new church as “Project 2010”. Along with this project, I told him my findings and made some recommendations on what I felt would be helpful to the diocese to enhance and sustain Orthodoxy in Alaska. His words to me were, “You have seen it right. Now go back and tell them.” When I returned to Wichita, my first meeting was with His Grace, Bishop BASIL Essay, my bishop in Wichita. I showed him photos and discussed the needs of the diocese and that the first project should be to help build a new church in Bethel, AK. He instructed me to go to my priest at St. Mary Orthodox Church and have the Parish Council establish a fund account in the budget for “St. Sophia” and all of the funds I raised would be held in that account until they were needed or this project would otherwise exist. Until His Grace, Bishop NIKOLAI arrived in Alaska, my parish in Wichita was the main resource for any projects that were done in the Alaska diocese. During the first 2 years, my church would help by permitting me to have information booths at our parish events and some of the people from the Kuskokwim Region and St. Sophia Parish would send me items I could sell to raise funds i.e.: Tundra Tea, handmade knives. Beaded Jewelry, etc. All of the funds were placed in the St. Sophia funds until 2002.

2000 - + \$600 The first request from St. Sophia was in 2000 for an altar Bible. The new deacon who had been sent there from the lower 48 by Bishop INNOCENT, notified me that the church did not have an Altar Bible in English and it was greatly needed. He indicated exactly what he wanted for the parish and **Outreach Alaska** furnished the Altar Bible at the cost of +\$600. Also that year, **Outreach Alaska** coordinated with OCMC to have lightly used priest vestments sent to parishes in the Kuskokwim Region as the need was indicated by Bishop INNOCENT. We also coordinated sending hand-made beaded neck crosses from Africa to the young people in the Kuskokwim churches. There was no cost to these projects as **Outreach Alaska** coordinated them both and OCMC provided the shipping of the vestments and the crosses. This same year, IOCC sent me to Alaska to develop a needs assessment for them to use to consider projects for Alaska. I was also available to the diocese to work on **Outreach Alaska** projects while I was there. This was concentrated on the Bethel area and during that time, I met with the “Land Committee” - a group of people from St. Sophia that I had established when I was there in 1999. They had been given the task to acquire a location for the new church. They had been talking with the Moravian church in Bethel and were almost ready to sign a lease to rent but had not followed up with them and were close to losing the contract for the building. This was to become the temporary St. Sophia church until a new church could be built. Bishop INNOCENT had me meet with the Moravian minister and close the agreement that was signed at that time for the temporary location. I also accompanied the parish treasurer to the bank to review the

parish accounts since there seemed to be some problems with the funds. I established with the church proper accounting procedures and methods of collecting the funds on Sunday after the passing of the tray for contributions so that these were adequately accounted for and would help to prevent any questionable activity of getting the funds to the bank and deposited. These materials are available upon request. This did not involve any expense, but was more of consulting service to the parish. These were most of the kinds of things done until Bishop NIKOLAI arrived in 2001.

2001- \$0 I traveled to Alaska in July/August 2001 at the request of His Grace, Bishop NIKOLAI and went with him and his entourage to the Kuskokwim-Yukon Regions and to Kodiak for the Pilgrimage. We discussed much about the development of **Outreach Alaska** and how it should proceed under his leadership. It was during this time that we decided to make **Outreach Alaska** an institution of the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska.

The “St. Innocent of Alaska Missionary Prayer Society” was introduced to the Antiochian Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America during the summer during a diocesan Parish Life Conference in Wichita. Many joined this society as the core group for weekly prayer for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska. This was the first project of **Outreach Alaska** and resulted in many others joining and bringing Our Lord’s blessings to **Outreach Alaska**.

“First we must Pray.” As **Outreach Alaska** grew, I was not able to increase and maintain this project. As of August 2016, one of the members contacted me and offered help for **Outreach Alaska**. After a year of consulting with him, I am pleased to announce that he will be taking on this project and I will be organizing with him soon all that will be needed for him to oversee this as I leave. His name is Geoff Whiteman and he has a mission project with OCMC – Resilient Missionary. I look forward to having Geoff on board for Outreach Alaska and am sure he will be dedicated to the “St. Innocent of Alaska Missionary Prayer Society”. See this announcement in the upcoming **Outreach Alaska** newsletter.

December 2001, Heartland Orthodox Christian Museum in Topeka, KS contacted me to help with plans to bring an Orthodox Alaska exhibit to the heartland. Traveling to Alaska for 2 weeks in March, my work included meetings with the curators and staff of the Bishop’s House in Sitka and the Historical Museum in Anchorage. Many pictures were taken of stored Orthodox traditional objects and vestments as well as preserved Russian and native Alaskan items. This information was provided to the museum in Topeka as requested inclusive of my meeting notes. I also met with Fr. Michael Oleksa. The museum will be bringing him to Topeka for 2 sessions and have asked that I host him November 8 - 11 for **Outreach Alaska**. He will be the guest of Antiochian Archdiocese Bishop BASIL in Wichita and is scheduled to speak at St. Mary parish in Wichita; for a Pan Orthodox gathering in Dallas hosted by OCA Archbishop Dmitri and the Greek parish of Holy Trinity; a Pan Orthodox gathering in Tulsa hosted by St. Antony parish. Fr. Michael will speak on the mission of “Orthodox America” bringing awareness to those in the lower 48 from all jurisdictions. I will accommodate him and briefly speak on **Outreach Alaska** and the importance of our projects. All host parishes have agreed to cover travel, lodging, and meals for us and to request a “Spiritual Offering” for **Outreach Alaska**.

2002-+\$1,468.29 Now that **Outreach Alaska** was an institution of the diocese, I established accounts for funds in Wichita under the diocese nonprofit status. With the blessings of His Grace, Bishop BASIL, the funds from St. Mary St. Sophia project were withdrawn from the parish accounts and used to open the new accounts for **Outreach Alaska** –The total transferred to establish the **Outreach Alaska** accounts was \$1,825.00. This was separate from what was raised directly for St. Sophia and a check for \$968.29 was sent to St. Sophia as funds to build the new church. Also this year, St. Sophia requested some additional items and Outreach Alaska purchased the “4 Volume Great Book of Needs” and 10 Orthodox Study Bibles for the parish. The cost for these items was +\$500.

This year the plans to bring Fr. Michael Oleksa to the Heartland came to fruition. In November, he arrived in Topeka, KS and I drove on the road from Topeka through the heartland and back to Topeka for his return to Anchorage. It was a wonderful experience for me and for all who heard this marvelous speaker. Many flyers and media releases were prepared and disbursed to the parishes in each city and the attendance for every presentation was great. Most were overwhelmed with what they heard and commented that these were the best presentations they had ever heard. Father Michael was billed as “A Priest for All Alaska”. I am inserting the flyer FYI.

2004 – This year we organized 2 “Sister Parish” projects:

- Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church, Kenai, AK – Rev. Fr. Thomas Andrew
Sister Parish was Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, New Halen, CT – Archpriest Michael Westerberg
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Nondalton, AK – Melissa Carltikoff
Sister Parish was All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT – Fr. William Dubovik

Participation from the lower 48 parishes was very well organized – especially from Fr. Dubovik. But the project failed due to a lack of participation from the AK churches. The pull through was just not there. There was no cost to this project from either the Alaska parishes or the lower 48 parishes. It was mostly a communication project for the youth of each parish to be connected for better understanding of Orthodoxy in America. This was redeveloped to be a project to support the development of Sunday School projects and the “Sister Parish” project as it was meant to be did not exist after this first year. This may be a wonderful project to reestablish now that there has been so much more coming in to AK from the lower 48 with the work of IOCC and the training of the clergy at SHS since 2004. I recommend that the diocese look at a way to bring this project back to the youth of Alaska.

This year the “Ambassador Program” was developed but was never well implemented. I do believe that this program would be most beneficial to the diocese because it would place individuals from the lower 48 to be boots on the ground representatives for **Outreach Alaska**. The organization for this is still available and can be provided to the diocese or to whoever takes over for me if needed.

2006-\$0 This year His Grace bishop Nicolai had me travel to Bethel to assist the St. Sophia Parish with some direction on how to pursue increased fundraising for the building of their new church. The parish paid for my airline ticket from Anchorage and provided lodging with Amelia Savinova as my host in her residence. I prepared many materials for the training with the parish council and Land Committee members in a 3 day workshop. The following materials were recommended and provided for the training and for the parish to use for the project;

- Requisition for payment of church funds (Form)
- Designated use of Memorial Funds (Form)
- Disbursement of Parish Funds (Form)
- Expense Reimbursement (Form)
- Memorial Funds Policies and Procedures (Form)
- Membership and Tithing (Form)
- St. Sophia Financial Accounting Policy and Procedures (Form)
- Donation “Thank You” Card – for tax exemption gifts

Each one of these forms was reviewed and a supply was left for the parish. I also provided them with ideas/information on how to increase parish participation in the community and in the future of the parish. In the fundraising workshop, we reviewed several processes that would work in Bethel and ways to bring in funds from the community and the Kuskokwim region. Since the building of the new church was a project of **Outreach Alaska** there was no charge for my time or materials. Between Bishop Nicolai and the St. Sophia parish, all expenses were provided. I felt they were very receptive and when I left, they were looking forward to putting some of the information in place to further help the building of the new church. I am inserting the “Talking Points” used for the workshops.

2007 - \$? This was a difficult year for the diocese since many things started going wrong. This was the year that Fr. Chad Hatfield and Paul Sidebottom left the seminary after upheaval in the diocese. I maintained all of the active projects and added a new one for SHS – The Annual Ladies Luncheon. This was a result of a lot of disappointment within the diocese and especially at the seminary. I decided that the wives, female staff, seminary supporters and family members of the seminarians did not have anything for them during commencement and that this would be a good time to start a luncheon specifically for them. This has become a very well attended event and is looked forward to by the women of the seminary every year. I pray it will continue in my absence and that the women will always have this time together to talk with each other and have some companionship. This was the main accomplishment in 2007.

2009 - +\$13,000 Outreach Alaska paid \$3,000 to Steve Walsh in Bethel, AK for the sand pad to be installed as the base for the new St. Sophia Russian Orthodox Church. There was also a request for additional fund for icons, etc. for the church, but I do not have an accounting of what was sent for this.

Outreach Alaska provided funds to underwrite the republication of Fr. Michael Oleksa's "Alaskan Missionary Spirituality". Our donors responded to this request by giving the entire amount needed which was \$10,000. This was given as a grant to St. Vladimir's Seminary Press to totally fund this project. The request was made by Fr. Chad Hatfield. Fr. Michael Oleksa agreed that the royalties would be split with **Outreach Alaska** based on 4% to him as the author and 4% to **Outreach Alaska** as the funder.

2014 - \$0 I began to develop the "Spiritual Travel" as a pilgrimage to Alaska inclusive of joining the Spruce Island Pilgrimage for St. Herman during August. This was a combination of travel to various Holy sites in Alaska as well as several site seeing opportunities. FOS Tours was contacted and organized this spiritual travel pilgrimage as recommended by me based on my first Alaska travel in 1999. The tour was named "Spiritual Travel – Following the Path of the Saints". Our goal was to have this ready for travel by July 2014. Due to several other Orthodox conferences, the response was not as needed but those who did sign up indicated that they would like to go the following year. This was amended for 2015 and there was an increased interest early on. However, the scheduling and costs of the Antiochian Archdiocese Conference and the OCA All American Council scheduled that summer resulted in cancelling the tour. I asked FOS Tours to redo the schedule for us to take this tour in 2016. They did not provide the final plans until May 2016 requiring deposits by the end of that month in order to complete the tour. Due to this short notice on their part, I cancelled the tour since most of our contacts had already planned their summer trips and were not able to participate in this really truly marvelous Alaska travel. There was no cost to all of this planning but a great deal of time was spent over the 3 years to only have FOS Tours let me down in finalizing the work that had to be done to accomplish the spiritual travel.

2007 – 2015 - \$0 During these years there were not outstanding projects other than what was maintained and provided for St. Herman Theological Seminary. This was due mostly to a lack of communication from anyone other than seminary staff. The diocese was mostly working to rebuild and Bishop Benjamin never asked me for anything. These years are reflected above in the SHS report. I did maintain my travel throughout the lower 48 and kept the message going through workshops and booths at conferences.

2016 - \$1,000 In December 2016 I communicated with Fr. Andrie Tepper of St. Herman Orthodox Church in King Cove and with Fr. Joseph Larson of St. John the Forerunner Mission in Akiachak. I decided to give a donation of \$500 each to these parishes for the projects that they were trying to complete. For Fr. Andrie it was for the renovation of the church and for the new Bell Tower. For Fr. Joseph Larson it was for his efforts to complete a new church in Akiachak. These checks were mailed in January 2017 to correspond with the Nativity Feast.

2017 - + \$8,000 This year I began to conclude my work for **Outreach Alaska**. During my travel in May to Alaska, I went to Bethel and spent a few days there with the parish and attending St. Sophia for church services. This was the first time I had seen the new church and was so impressed with the beauty that I found. I presented the parish with a framed ink art etching of the old church that I had made from my first trip there in 1999. Fr. Michael Trefon, the younger and the board members provided my lodging and meals during my time there. I flew to Akiachak to meet with Fr. Joseph Larson but when I arrived he had to be gone and we were not able to meet regarding the growth of his new church there.

After commencement at SHS, I learned about the Catechism of the Good Shephard program that is now a part of the curriculum and committed to give the next year funds for this project as a final gift from **Outreach Alaska**. This will be a gift of \$5,000. Also funds that have not been spent but designated for the St. Julianna Food Pantry will be distributed to the seminary before the end of the year in an amount of more than \$3,000. After further discussions with Fr. Andrie Tepper, I made a commitment to him to help finalize the costs of the Bell Tower project by giving his parish a matching grant not to exceed \$5,000. He will raise funds to complete this project after the first of the new year – 2018 – and those funds will be matched up to the grant amount. This should fully fund the completion of the Bell Tower project.

Other Projects – no determined date or costs: The “Books to Villages” project was developed to provide materials for the youth of the diocese. **Outreach Alaska** purchased the IOCC Prayer Journal for children to be used by parishes in the villages. These were sent to the Diocesan Assemblies for several years for distribution to the clergy who would take them back to their parishes. The clergy would then use them as a type of Sunday School program of prayer with children praying for Orthodox all over the world. At times there was no cost except shipping and at other times there was a cost for the Prayer Journals. I do not have a breakdown of these costs but this was done for 3-4 years until IOCC stopped the Prayer Journal program a few years ago. I never had any response from the clergy but was hopeful this was a good thing for them to have for their youth.

Another project was the Russian Orthodox Museum in Anchorage. After the exhibit at the museum in Topeka, KS ended, all of the items were returned to Alaska but were not sent to those areas that had provided them to Topeka. Bishop Nicolai had these items sent to the Cathedral in Anchorage where they were stored until he acquired the building downtown that became the Russian Orthodox Museum. **Outreach Alaska** helped with the development of the museum through various projects and also shipped several items to Anchorage to be placed in the museum. These items had been given to **Outreach Alaska** and were used in displays when I traveled to locations in the lower 48. There were some costs for this project, but I no longer have the records for these items.

2001 – 2017 – Travel Over the years I traveled to many locations to talk with people about the Orthodox Vineyard in Alaska. The locations included the following cities: San Diego, Boston, Chicago, Kansas City (3), Wichita (4), Tulsa (3), Denver (2), San Antonio, Atlanta, Toronto, Miami, Dallas, Sioux City, Cleveland, Scottsdale, and Grand Rapids. All of the travels were to attend Antiochian Parish Life Conferences and OCA All American Councils with some being individual presentations to Orthodox churches. The expenses were always underwritten by either the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska. Early on, Bishop Nicolai provided \$5,000 annually in the budget for my travel, lodging, subsistence and supplies. The supplies consisted of postage, ink cartridges, paper, etc. to develop project specific marketing materials and communications. Occasionally equipment was purchased from the funds with the approval of the bishop. During the 18 years, I never was financially compensated for my time and did not ask for any compensation. This was a mission that God called me to do and I did it happily as a volunteer. I pray that you will find a way to continue the work of **Outreach Alaska** as you feel it is needed for the Alaska Orthodox Vineyard. I will always be available to you as a consultant if I am needed for any reason. Please know that I love you and you will all remain in my prayers – always.

Since my first travel to Alaska in 1999, the funds raised for Outreach Alaska projects total more than \$392,377. Depending on how the challenge for Fr. Andrie Tepper turns out this may be as much as an additional \$5,000 - \$392,377. Since so many projects did not have any cost but were mostly accomplished by organization and development – this was time given and resulted in the blessings that were accomplished according to God’s Will. I believe this final report is as detailed and complete as possible and hope you find that **Outreach Alaska** has been a blessing to the Orthodox Vineyard in Alaska. Glory to Jesus Christ!

In closing I will leave you with the words of a contemporary Romanian Nun:

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and by the Grace of God, I will do it!” Thank you for the opportunity to serve St. Herman Theological Seminary and the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska – and to do what I have been able to do.

Love and Prayers – Always, In Christ,

Respectfully Submitted,

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