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St. Herman Seminary classes resumed on August 30, 2017 for the 2017-8 school year. This year the seminary has 6 full-time students. And we expect two incoming students in January. We have ten part-time students who attend lectures or our part of our online classes cohort. We have others who participate in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Church School program which is quietly revolutionizing Orthodox Christian education here in Kodiak and throughout the United States. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a hands on-experiential, atrium-based learning approach which is re-invigorating Christian education for both students and teachers. Shelly Finkler one of only two Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certified trainers in the U.S. is and adjunct faculty member, resides in Eagle River and offers annual trainings at the Seminary.

It takes the special efforts of clergy and lay leaders to encourage and mentor potential students to make application and make good use of the seminary's tremendous educational and spiritual resources. We have a tremendously gifted faculty who is eager to teach willing students. As in the past all diocesan students receive a scholarship for seminary.

The seminary urges diocesan clergy to continue to locate, encourage and recommend suitable candidates for the seminary's online and residential programs. The seminary exists to "equip the saints" for ministry and service. Students can train as choir directors, Good Shepherd catechists or readers if they cannot attend all four years of seminary on a "Clergy track."

As always the seminary had a very special summer. The seminary hosted OCMC missionaries and participated at our local St. Peter the Aleut Youth Camp in Akhiok. Seminary faculty were invited to the "Echo of Russian America" conference held at Ryazan State University in Russia. Faculty members Fr John Dunlop and Mrs. Daria Simeonoff travelled to Russia with sixteen Alaskan pilgrims and presented at the conference on Alaskan Orthodoxy. The local Bishop DIONYSII and Russian polar explorer and noted adventurer Dr. Mikhail Malakhov hosted the conference, premiered a film on St. Herman and showed our group the ancient city of Ryazan. With the blessings of Vladyka DAVID we also gifted Holy Relics of St. Herman to Kadom, the newly discovered birth-place of St. Herman of Alaska. Our group spent a lot of time in Kadom praying, "bonding", living with local clergy, parishioners and monastics participating in the consecration of a local parish and making pilgrimage to Diveyovo where the holy relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov repose. Our group shared Native dances and songs, smoked salmon, banyas and Native phrases with our

Russian hosts. Our group had an incredible blessed experience and it hopes to make a repeat visit to next summer's Russian conference. Our Russian counterparts also plan to visit Alaska next Summer.

This year our seminary instructors are the same as last year. His Grace, Vladyka DAVID is offering a class on Pastoral Theology. Fr. John and Matushka Dr. Bea Dunlop offer classes in Pastoral Theology, Liturgics, New Testament, Christian Education and Patristics. Fr. David Rucker offers courses in Missions and Spirituality. Deacon Irenaios offers courses in Old Testament and Church History. Matushka Mary Madsen is teaching Music classes. Doctoral Candidate (Ohio State University) Daria Simeonoff, Seminary Archivist offers courses in Russian, Russian Church History and Slavonic. Daria also continues to work on several translating and publishing ventures including the works of Fr, Paul Shadura and Fr. Gerasim Schmaltz. As noted before Shelly Finkler offers training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Christian education program.

This year Deacon Innocent Philo and along with Dr. Patricia Wilson-Cone continues to coordinate the Seminary's field work program at Kodiak Island Providence Hospital. Deacon Innocent is the Chaplain and Administrator at Providence Kodiak Island Hospital. Under Deacon Innocent's supervision, students work over a hundred volunteer hours at Providence Hospital in Kodiak. Fourth year students are completing

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Courses at the hospital thus acquiring valuable and marketable job skills. Clinical Pastoral Education is a fantastic addition to our curriculum which truly increases the value of our diploma.

This year the Seminary will also offer RADACT training courses with Janet Carter again offering valuable and marketable skills in the area of Substance Abuse. We will also host Dr. William Black of OCMC who will present on the relationship of Orthodox theology and missions.

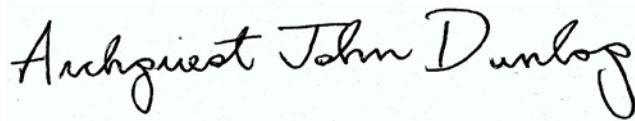
St. Herman Seminary continues to offer scholarships to diocesan students. Students do not pay anything to receive a theological education at seminary. While at seminary second, third and fourth year students also receive material support from Outreach Alaska which is transitioning to be administered by the seminary itself. Outreach Alaska also supports the St. Juliana Food Pantry for married students again trying to meet the materials needs of our seminarians who have left jobs in order to study and serve the Church.

We are thankful to the parishes and individuals who financially support the work of St. Herman Seminary within the diocese. Each year we struggle to meet our rather bare bones budget. We ask parishes and individuals to financially support the educational mission of the seminary. This work ensures the future of our beloved Diocese of Alaska where the harvest is truly great but the laborers in the vineyard are few. We also thank

our clergy and parishes for their continued prayers and spiritual support.

Your prayers truly keep us inspired and hard at work. We exist to serve you and the educational and spiritual needs of our beloved Alaskan clergy and Faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Archpriest John Dunlop". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Archpriest John Dunlop (Doctor of Ministry), Dean