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SUBJECT: ARCHDIOCESAN FUNDING POLICY

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Attached to this memo is important information concerning the implementation of the new method of funding the archdiocese that was approved by the Archdiocesan Assembly last November. We ask that this information be shared promptly with all members of the parish council and forwarded to the appropriate financial officer of the parish for completion in consultation with the parish priest.

In accordance with the approved policy, the completed form should be submitted to the diocese on/before the *third Friday in March - March 16th this year*. This should give each parish time annually to compile the financial records from the previous year. The revised monthly assessment amounts will be fully implemented for all diocesan parishes annually at the beginning of the diocese's fiscal year - *July 1*. However, any parish submitting the revised form early this year (only) will be transitioned to the new method the next month after the form was received at the chancery and reviewed/approved. The parish's financial officer will be notified by the usual method used by Omelan Mycyk, the Administrative Assistant at the chancery.

There will, undoubtedly, be questions arising for particular parish situations. You will note in this mailing's enclosure that a special email address is being set up to confidentially answer questions - - assessment@ocadwpa.org. You could also contact the chancery's usual email address (chancery@ocadwpa.org) should you have difficulty getting a response at the first address in a timely manner - or - please feel free to phone the chancery directly (724-776-5555). All of this information will also be available on a special section being created on the diocese's web site: www.ocadwpa.org.

Finally, you will note in the soon to be distributed *The Light of Orthodoxy* the front page article about stewardship. This is the first step in an ongoing process of education for the faithful concerning stewardship as promised at the November assembly. Additional materials and presentations will continue to aid in this education process.

We thank you for your patience as we work together to implement this completely new methodology of church funding. The administration will monitor how the process unfolds and make the necessary recommendations for change as warranted.