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# PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM

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## OUR PARISH AND THE FUTURE

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH  
PARMA, OHIO JULY 13-15, 2023



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**2-1/2 Days!**

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### THE 2030 PROJECT

Collaborative discussions to identify key skills parishes will need as we press towards the end of the decade and beyond.



### GUEST CONTRIBUTORS:

- Steve Christoforou - FOCUS NA
- Fr. Adam Roberts - Antiochian Archdiocese
- Scott Thumma - Hartford Institute for Religious Research



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**\$75 BEFORE JUNE 22,  
\$150 AFTER**

includes lunches, dinners, breaks, attendee reception & conference materials

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*All attendees are responsible for their own hotel reservations.*

**Hotel headquarters:** Extended Stay America Cleveland/Independence, 6025 Jefferson Drive, Independence OH 44131

**Special Group Rates:** \$99/night for a king room; \$109/night for a double room – available until June 22, 2023.

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Please reference the group name: "Orthodox Parish Development Forum", dates needed, and your phone number.

**Theme: Our Parish and the Future** — Attendees will 'face forward', actively considering what it will take to build a brighter parish future.

**Attendees will collaborate on "The 2030 Project"** — a set of facilitated discussions designed to share experiences and identify key behaviors, skills and 'new muscles' parishes will need as we press towards the end of the decade and beyond.

### Three areas of stress and opportunity will be explored:

**CLERGY-LAITY DYNAMICS** — will examine the stress and tension felt by clergy and parish leaders as the pandemic recedes. Frayed clergy - laity relations and even clergy burnout are not uncommon.

**ATTRACTING AND INTEGRATING CONVERTS** — will consider the influx of inquirers, catechumens and converts being experienced by many parishes. What are their motivations? What attracts them to a particular parish? How do we communicate well to seekers AND carefully manage the integration of new faces into a changing parish fabric.

**CONNECTING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD** — As new people - often younger than current parishioners - arrive in parishes, their interests may be more strongly committed to charitable outreach and living the gospel. The third leg of Project 2030 will help parishes to encourage members to shine the light of Christ on their neighbors and local needs.

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