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Dear Folks at Fund for Assistance (FFA),

We have received our check from the FFA. We are very, very grateful for your assistance in our endeavors to provide informational services to the clergy of our very large diocese.

Now that vacations and travel are over for now, we want to push ahead with the programs the library offers. Letters have been sent by the Diocesan Council to all the clergy in the Eastern American Diocese announcing the library and the services that it offers, including the Duplicates Program, and encouraging everyone to remember the library for contributions of books and other materials. Brochures have been distributed to all the clergy of the OCA Southern Diocese announcing the library's Duplicate Program and encouraging their parishes to participate. Through this program we want to establish good will across jurisdictional boundaries.

The funding we have received from the Fund for Assistance will help us respond to requests from clergy as well as to purchase requested materials and recent publications that will keep the collection up to date. A large part of the funding is being used to renew subscriptions to periodicals on the Orthodox faith to keep this collection up to date. Without funding we would not have been able to renew a significant number of these subscriptions. We expect to order soon the entire set of the *Great Synaxarites*, a requested item which the library could not have afforded without assistance.

We have already established a wi-fi network in the library which now gives Internet access at both work stations in the library. Individuals using laptop computers in the library have often made use of this new wi-fi network since it was established. Funding from FFA has made it possible for us to buy the hardware needed to get this network set up.

Another important activity is moving ahead now because of FFA funding. We are downloading, printing out, and binding a number of important, but lengthy, Orthodox documents which users have requested. Funding from the Fund for Assistance provides us with the paper, printer ink and binding so that we can make these works available to the entire diocese in paper format.

We are hopeful that the Diocese Library will continue to grow and that more and more clergy can be served by the library's resources. We are so appreciative and thankful to the Fund for Assistance for recognizing the potential and importance of the library and its services. If the Diocesan Library can be of assistance to the FFA, please let us know how we can help.

With love in Christ,

Katherine Alderson and staff
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