

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

What Is The Meaning Behind The Order Logo



3 Hearts

The 3 hearts represent the Trinity and our love toward the Trinity and to all people of the world. We are called to forgo our needs for the needs of others and to give of a *"treasure" that was not "ours" but a gift from God*. Giving with a focus on the Trinity strengthens us to give in a spirit of humility and gratitude without pride or a need of earthly recognition.

Cross

The Cross is always a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us. A life-giving cross that before Christ was a symbol of fear and death. Through Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection the cross is a symbol of love, hope and sacrifice that brings us all together in peace and reassurance.

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On a pagan holiday, Saint Ignatius was led to the arena for his martyrdom. Saint Ignatius was devoured by lions in the arena, leaving only his heart and a few bones. Tradition says that on his way to execution, Saint Ignatius unceasingly repeated the name of Jesus Christ. When Saint Ignatius was asked why he was doing this, he answered that this Name was written in his heart, and that he confessed with Him Whom he always carried within. When the saint was devoured by the lions, his heart was not touched. When they cut open the heart, the pagans saw an inscription in gold letters: "Jesus Christ."

Color Red

The red hearts also represent the red ribbon from which the crosses hang that members of The Order wear. The red ribbon is a reminder of the blood spilled by Saint Ignatius and the Saints of the Orthodox Christian Faith in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The ribbon and the crosses worn by Order members do not signify membership in a secular club. The red ribbon and cross are not worn to gain attention or become a prideful display. We wear them to provide an invitation to others to learn about and become part of the Order's ministry. A ministry that touches countless lives in many ways.



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Hope

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

IOCC International Orthodox Christian Charities
Syrian Relief Fund
Project Mexico
Treehouse Ministries



Hope is the "real" gift you give that provides a needed "hand up" to the lives of those struggling to provide the basic necessities for their children and families.

The 3 Tenets Of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Act Of Faith

Rooted In Love &
Compassion

All the way back to our earliest years as a child we are taught to share with others, especially those less fortunate. When we share, we give up what we believe to be control in our lives. We put our faith in God that He will provide for our needs in abundance. Through your financial commitment you are allowing God to work through you for the benefit of others. Your gift to the Order is an expression of love and compassion for countless lives and most importantly ... it is an act of Faith.

A Sacrifice

Immeasurable In Its
Capacity

To sacrifice for one another is to love. Deciding to "do without" for the benefit of someone you don't know is the beginning of a true sacrifice. Your sacrifice helps a struggling family send their children to camp enabling them to experience God's world if only for a few days. It provides reassurance to a new parish, that it can meet its monthly financial obligations and continue its ministry. As a member of the Order you may consider your sacrifice to be small, but it is immeasurable in its capacity to change people's lives.

Infinite In Its Effect

Making A Difference
Together

Your annual gift, less than the cost of your daily cup of coffee, is merely a drop of water in a vast ocean of need. However, the ripple from your gift never ends. It expands to enrich the lives of our youth by strengthening their hearts and minds as future leaders of the Faith. It multiplies to help care for our retired clergy and our devoted seminarians. The ripple from your annual or lifetime gift touches the lives of so many that you would never have been able to reach alone.



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Generations

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Generations have answered the call to support the Order's ministry. Those that cleared the path for us are looking to future generations to continue the selfless and unconditional giving.

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch Membership Tracking

Membership Tracking Since Archdiocese Convention 2017								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
	7/29/2017-12/31/2017**	1/1/2018-12/31/2018	1/1/2019-12/31/2019	1/1/2020-12/31/2020	1/1/2021-12/31/2021	1/1/2022-12/31/2022	1/1/2023-11/22/2023	1/1/2017-11/22/2023
Inducted*	71	80	48	17	51	72*	83	422
Upgraded	21	12	15	4	14	23*	31	120
TOTAL	92	92	63	21	65	95	114	542
Deceased	24	56	14	28	36	175**	44	377
Resigned	12	26	15	20	23	34	21	151
Sabbatical	7	17	7	24	7	22***	18	102
Inactive	7	12	12	17	8	50**	22	128
TOTAL	50	111	48	89	74	281	105	758
Active to date Dec 31, 2020/November 22, 2023								2721/2755
<p>*We see most inductions and upgrades at PLCs and in December/St. Ignatius month.</p> <p>** The number of Inactive and Deceased in 2022 rose because of two database cleanups. One in April 2022, and the other one after Clergy Symposium in August 2022. There were Order members who were not counted historically until April database cleanup, and all of them were either deceased or inactive. In July 2022, the priests who attended The Order meeting during Clergy Symposium gave the updated lists of The Order members in their parishes who were deceased (most of them for several years). The DOD may not have happened in 2022, we just found out that they were deceased in 2022.</p> <p>*** Sabbatical – 17 out of 22 are on Sabbatical due to financial reasons – illness, business setback; 3 have problems with the Archdiocese and want to take a break, 2 are misc. for other reasons.</p>								
Note: January 1, 2021 to November 22, 2023: 52 members reinstated - Knight, Dame & Commanders, includes 2 Upgrades to Life & 1 Metropolitan Upgrade								



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The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch New Member & Upgrade Tracking Since From January 1, 2017 to November 22, 2023

	New Inductions Since Archdiocese Convention In 2017									
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	Revenue	Frequency
RANK	1/1/17-12/31/17	1/1/18-12/31/18	1/1/19-12/31/19	1/1/20-12/31/20	1/1/21-12/31/21	1/1/22-12/31/22	1/1/23-11/22/23	1/1/17-11/22/23		
Inducted										
Junior	2	2	6	1	1	1	6	19	\$5,700	Annually
Knight/Dame	62	66	25	15	39	49	66	322	\$161,000	Annually
Commander	5	2	4	0	4	9	6	30	\$30,000	Annually
	Total Recurring Revenue								\$196,700	Annually
Life	2	4	10	0	5	10	3	34	\$510,000	One-Time
Metropolitan	0	6	3	1	2	3	2	17	\$510,000	One-Time
	Total One-Time Revenue								\$1,020,000	One-Time
Total Induct.	71	80	48	17	51	72	83	422		
Upgraded										
Commander	2	2	0	2	3	13	26	48	\$48,000	Annually
	Total Recurring Upgrade Revenue								\$48,000	Annually
Life	4	4	3	1	8	4	4	28	\$280,000	One-Time
Metropolitan	15	6	12	1	3	6	1	44	\$440,000	One-Time
	Total One-Time Upgrade Revenue								\$720,000	One-Time
Total Up-grades	21	12	15	4	14	23	31	120		
Total Metropolitan & Life Member Upgrades & Full Inductions Capital To Endowment Not all the \$1,740,000 has reached the endowment. In part the money has been received and pmts. being made. This is due to installment plans for certain membership levels and upgrades.									\$1,740,000	



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Faith

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

College Conference
SOYO Leadership Training
Camping Scholarship Program
Department of Education

... you help build the foundation and provide the essential tools of knowledge, relationships and memories that help our children remain steadfast in their Orthodox faith

For less than a daily
cup of this.



You can be a part of
supporting ...

... This, The Order Ministry



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Be a part of the ...

Why!

Understanding **what** your gifts fund through The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch is important but the better question is **why** we do it. Be a part of the why.

What

Time Period: Jan 1, 2016 - August 31, 2023

Clergy	\$2,266,260
Retired Clergy Allowance	\$2,070,000
Married Seminarian Assistance	\$95,795
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance*	\$100,465
Archdiocese Youth	\$2,604,446
Summer Camp Scholarships*	
Due To COVID, Total Would Have Been Higher	\$1,153,184
Youth Ministry*	\$910,000
SOYO Special Olympics*	\$26,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training*	\$123,334
Christian Education	\$303,303
College Conference*	\$88,625
Archdiocese Development & Growth	\$2,085,265
Missions & Evangelism	\$985,803
Parish Development / Mission Grants	\$189,553
Internet Ministry	\$758,303
Antiochian House of Studies	\$151,606
Other Grants	\$437,440
Project Mexico	\$60,000
IOCC	\$90,000
Syrian Relief	\$140,000
Other Archdiocese Projects & Needs	\$147,440

Figures represent **a portion of the total expenses** for the time period of January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2023.

*Denotes a reduced amount due to COVID restrictions.

Why

So our children can pray, sing, laugh and even cry with one another as they grow stronger in their Orthodox Faith and closer to our Lord ... *together*.

Summer Camp Scholarships

To help build the foundation and provide the essential tools of knowledge, relationships and memories that help our children remain steadfast in their Orthodox faith.

- SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training & Youth Ministry

To make sure orphaned children feel loved and safe, and promise them that everything is going to be alright and that they are not alone.

- Project Mexico

To provide guidance, reassurance and compassion, to unwed mothers who choose life rather than abortion.

- Treehouse Ministries

To help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. But even more, express our gratitude to our spiritual leader and friend who's been with us during all our times of joy and sorrow.

Retired Clergy Housing Allowance



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How You Can Support the Ministry

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We are not merely to call ourselves Christians;
we are asked to be Christians through our deeds.
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Your Unconditional Gift Changes People's Lives

Knight & Dame

- \$500 Annually
- \$41.67 Monthly
- \$1.37 Daily

Junior Knight & Dame

Ages 18-26 Only

- \$300 Annually
- \$25 Monthly
- \$0.82 Daily
- At age 27, converts to Knight or Dame

Knight Commander Dame Commander

- \$1,000 Annually
- \$83.33 Monthly
- \$2.73 Daily

Life

- \$15,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$5,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Life Upgrade*

Metropolitan

- \$30,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$10,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Metropolitan Upgrade**

Life and Metropolitan gifts are invested in an endowment and only the earnings are spent each year making it a gift that will live on into perpetuity.

***Life Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Life Member for \$10,000 paid over a two-year period.

****Metropolitan Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for at least 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Knight/Dame Commander, who has been a member for at least 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Metropolitan level for \$20,000 paid over a three-year period. Life members who have fulfilled their initial Life member gift may upgrade to the Metropolitan level for \$10,000 paid over a 2-year period.



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An Invitation

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The Ribbon & The Cross Is An Invitation To Become Part Of A Ministry

An Invitation Not Recognition

When you become part of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, you become part of a ministry. The Order is not a club that you join. It is not a secular status symbol for recognition. The Cross and the Ribbon that Order supporters wear is an invitation to become part of a ministry. It serves as an invitation to share with one another in the greatness of Christ by giving in a manner that is unconditional and quiet. Supporting the Order's projects, Archdiocese Departments and numerous programs as one group, with Christ in our minds and hearts, should be how we desire to impress and *invite* the world to become part the Order's ministry.

Initiate the Questions of What? & How?

When those supporting the Order wear their ribbon and cross, it is meant to initiate others to inquire about the Order and how they can help strengthen its ministry. When people see the red ribbon and Cross that we wear, it helps begin the conversation to share what the Order does and provide the initial welcome to others to help expand its ministry. It provides an opportunity to ask, "What does the Order do and how can I help?"

The Order Provides A Lesson In Giving

When you give to the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, you are giving in a way we are all called to give ... unconditionally. Your gift is not individually recognized. You are not able to designate your gift to a specific need you select. You are giving without recognition, without conditions, without direct gratitude of the Order's recipients. This is the manner in which a "true gift" is made. A gift made in the way Christ directs us.

The Order Teaches Us How To Give

... the Order is teaching us how to share, the Order is teaching us how to give, the Order is teaching us how to sacrifice, and how to reach out for Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. This is the miracle of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch."

- His Eminence Metropolitan Philip of thrice blessed memory, Founder of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch



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Witness

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

Married Seminarian Fund
The Department of Missions & Evangelism

... you help plant the seeds of Orthodoxy helping to reveal the "True" Faith throughout North America to people of any nationality, background or socioeconomic status. Your gift provides the financial support to mission parishes and seminarians enabling them to continue their ministry through Christ.

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch minimizes its expenses
to maximize the impact of your gift to help
"Make A Difference" in the lives of countless people.

92.3%

In Fiscal Year 2021, The Percentage of The Total Income of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch that was directed to the Antiochian Archdiocese's essential departments, projects and charitable grants as well as the required funding of the Order Endowment. Life Member & Metropolitan Member gifts and upgrades are deposited into the endowment and the income is used either in part or in full each year to support the annual needs of the Order's ministry.

Total Income (FY 2021)
\$1,257,068

Total Administrative Expense
\$96,305

Only 7.7% and 7.2% of total income went to administrative expense in FY 2021 and the past 5 fiscal years respectively to complete the Order's ministry



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Gratitude

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

The Retired Clergy Allowance

... you help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. You express your gratitude to your beloved priest, faithful counselor and comforting friend who's been with you during your times of need, joy and sorrow.

We Need Your Help To Do More ...

We are thankful for the unconditional gifts from the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch for over 47 years. Since the **Order's inception in 1976**, Order members have provided almost \$50 million in annual and one-time gifts to support the essential departments, projects and charitable gifts of the Antiochian Archdiocese. We want to do more. As our Archdiocese has grown exponentially since 1976, the needs of the Archdiocese and its people have as well. We need your help to increase the Order's current \$270,000 annual contribution toward The Retired Clergy Allowance for our retired clergy and their wives. It is essential to expand our programs for the youth to strengthen their Faith in this secular world. Our future youth programs will require more than the current estimated \$380,000 annual budgeted amount. These are only two of the major annual needs of the Archdiocese that depend on your support as a member of the Order. See how you may help us do more ...

**\$500 or \$1,000 in 2022 Just
Doesn't Go As Far As It Did in 1976**

It takes
\$1,557 today
to maintain
the purchasing power of
\$500 in 1976

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\$3,114 today
to maintain
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NOTE: Calculations are based on a 2.5% inflation rate over a 46 year period and are for illustrative purposes only.



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Annual Gift Increase

Increase your gift of
\$500/yr. or \$41.67/mth
as a Knight or Dame
to
\$1,000/yr. or \$83.33/mth
as a Knight or Dame Commander

Life & Metropolitan Upgrade

The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program

You can upgrade to Life Member or
Metropolitan Member for a gift of
\$10,000 or \$20,000
paid over a 2-year or 3-year period.
See reverse side for details and requirements

Who Is Saint Ignatius Of Antioch?

The Patron Saint Of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

The Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, was a disciple of the holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, as was also St Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. St Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch, and successor to Bishop Euodius, Apostle of the Seventy.

Tradition suggests that when Saint Ignatius was a little boy, the Savior hugged him and said: unless you turn and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt.18:3). The Saint was called God-Bearer (Theophorous), because he bore God in his heart and prayed unceasingly to Him. He also had this name because he was held in the arms of Christ, the incarnate Son of God.

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, together with St Polycarp of Smyrna. As Bishop of Antioch, Saint Ignatius was zealous and spared no effort to build up the church of Christ. To him is attributed the practice of antiphonal singing (by two choirs) during church services. He had seen a vision of the angels in heaven alternately singing praises to God, and divided his church choir to follow this example. In the time of persecution he was a source of strength to the souls of his flock, and was eager to suffer for Christ.

In the year 106 the emperor Trajan (98-117), after his victory over the Scythians, ordered everyone to give thanks to the pagan gods, and to put to death any Christians who refused to worship the idols. In the year 107, Trajan happened to pass through Antioch. Here they told him that Bishop Ignatius openly confessed Christ, and taught people to scorn riches, to lead a virtuous life, and preserve their virginity. Saint Ignatius came voluntarily before the emperor, so as to avert persecution of the Christians in Antioch. Saint Ignatius rejected the persistent requests of the emperor Trajan to sacrifice to the idols. The emperor then decided to send him to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts. St Ignatius joyfully accepted the sentence imposed upon him. His readiness for martyrdom was attested to by eyewitnesses, who accompanied Saint Ignatius from Antioch to Rome.

On the way to Rome, the ship sailed from Seleucia stopped at Smyrna, where Saint Ignatius met with his friend Bishop Polycarp. Clergy and believers from other cities and towns thronged to see Saint Ignatius. He exhorted everyone not to fear death and not to grieve for him. In his Epistle to the Roman Christians, he asked them to assist him with their prayers, and to pray that God would strengthen him in his impending martyrdom for Christ: "I seek Him Who died for us; I desire Him Who rose for our salvation... In me, desire has been nailed to the cross, and no flame of material longing is left. Only the living water speaks within me, saying, Hasten to the Father."



From Smyrna, Saint Ignatius went to Troas. Here he heard the happy news of the end of the persecution against Christians in Antioch. From Troas, Saint Ignatius sailed to Neapolis (in Macedonia) and then to Philippi.

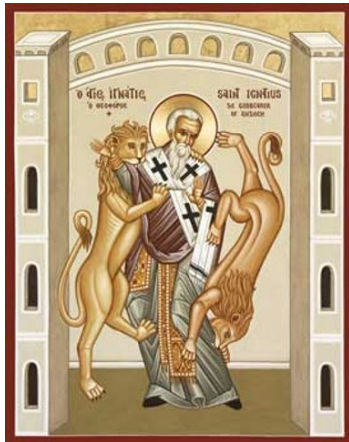
On the way to Rome Saint Ignatius visited several churches, teaching and guiding the Christians there. He also wrote seven epistles: to the churches of Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles, Rome, Philadelphia, and Smyrna. He also addressed a letter to St Polycarp, who mentions a collection of the letters of Saint Ignatius in his letter to the Philippians {Ch. 13}. St Frenaeus of Lyons quotes from Saint Ignatius's letter to the Romans (Against Heresies 5:28:4). All these letters have survived to the present day.

The Roman Christians met Saint Ignatius with great joy and profound sorrow. Some of them hoped to prevent his execution, but St Ignatius implored them not to do this. Kneeling down, he prayed together with the believers for the Church, for love between the brethren, and for an end to the persecution against Christians.

On December 20, the day of a pagan festival, they led Saint Ignatius into the arena, and he turned to the people: "Men of Rome, you know that I am sentenced to death, not because of any crime, but because of my love for God, by Whose love I am embraced. I long to be with Him, and offer myself to him as a pure loaf, made of fine wheat ground fine by the teeth of wild beasts."

After this, the lions were released and tore him to pieces, leaving only his heart and a few bones. Tradition says that on his way to execution, Saint Ignatius unceasingly repeated the name of Jesus Christ. When they asked him why he was doing this, Saint Ignatius answered that this Name was written in his heart, and that he confessed with Him Whom he always carried within. When the saint was devoured by the lions, his heart was not touched. When they cut open the heart, the pagans saw an inscription in gold letters: "Jesus Christ." After his execution St Ignatius appeared to many of the faithful in their sleep to comfort them, and some saw him at prayer for the city of Rome.

Hearing of the Saint's great courage, Trajan thought well of him and stopped the persecution against the Christians. The relics of Saint Ignatius were transferred to Antioch and on February 1, 637 were returned to Rome and placed in the church of San Clemente.



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