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The Right Reverend BENJAMIN, Bishop of San Francisco and the West,
Locum tenens, Diocese of Alaska
Mary Ann Khoury, Coordinator

Report to St. Herman Theological Seminary Board of Trustees
May 26, 2012

Christ is Risen! Master, bless.

Your Grace, Vladyka BENJAMIN, Father John, Members of the Board of Trustees –

It is through the grace and love of our Living Lord that I provide this report on the current accomplishments and status of **Outreach Alaska** projects in support of St. Herman Theological Seminary for the time period of **June 1, 2011 to current (May 26, 2012)**:

Adopt A Seminarian - \$19,320:

- **7 sponsors participated to support 7 seminarians:**
\$16,800 monthly sponsor fees of \$200 each month
\$800 New, Red Vestments for Fr. Michael Nicolai presented at graduation –
Sponsor gift from Dallas Clergy Brotherhood
\$1,600 presented to Fr. Michael Nicolai and Deacon Andrew Wassillie at graduation.
\$120 expense for 2 graduation Icon gift from “**Outreach Alaska**” – Saint of sponsor parish

St. Julianna Food Pantry - \$2,621.56:

- Paid invoices on food purchases for this project charged by SHS at the Kodiak Safeway.

Other - \$1,562.02

- **\$162.02** paid for printed Commencement Announcements (150), envelopes, and name cards for graduates. Fr. Michael Nicolai and Deacon Andrew Wassillie each received 25. Fr. John received 100 for the seminary mailing.
- General donations to **Outreach Alaska** made it possible for seminarians to receive added funds as gifts for Nativity and Pascha feasts:
NATIVITY 2011 - **\$700** for Wal-Mart Gift cards (\$100 each for 7 seminarians).
PASCHA 2012– **\$700** for Wal-Mart Gift cards (\$100 each 7 seminarians).

Total funds raised for SHS projects through “**Outreach Alaska**” during the 2011/12 Seminary year were **\$23,503.58**. This is an increase over 2011 by **\$9,450.84**. For a detailed history of past projects and fundraising for SHS, please refer to the 2011 report and other years. Additional students who qualify for the “Adopt a Seminarian” program will be accepted for the upcoming year (August 2012 – May 2013). They must have completed the first year and be acceptable for assignment to the Diocese of Alaska. All sponsors will continue to provide \$200 per month to the seminarians. The Adopt a Seminarian project first sponsored seminarians in 2002/2003 – 9 years ago this year. Since that time, there has not been one sponsor from Alaska. This year we have one family committed from Chugiak, originally from Marshall. He and his family are converts and he is a server for the church in Chugiak. I am excited that we will have this family from Alaska sponsoring one of our seminarians. I pray this becomes known throughout Alaska and motivates others to participate in this opportunity to raise up their own clergy for Holy Orthodoxy in America’s Holy Land. It is not only for the lower 48 – but for all of the Church.

Coordinating these projects for the faculty and students of St. Herman Theological Seminary through **Outreach Alaska** is truly a blessing for me. Even though Outreach Alaska started in 1999, nearly 13 years ago, next year will be the 10th Anniversary of these projects for SHS. There have been many other things that have been accomplished over the years. Next year I plan to give you a history of all that **Outreach Alaska** has done over the 10 years for the seminary – from the Linen Project when Vladyka Benjamin was the Dean to the Library Project and several others. Thanks be to God for all that He has permitted us to do. May it continue and grow – according to His Holy Will.

Love and Prayers – Always
In Christ,

Respectfully Submitted,
May 26, 2012
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