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The Office of the Chancellor is primarily responsible for matters related to the clergy of the Holy Archdiocese of America. These tasks include, in addition to other issues, assuring their overall well-being, first assignments and reassignments between metropolises, continuing education and any benefits provided to them by the Church. The office maintains up-to-date files and databases for all clergy and parishes throughout the United States. Moreover, the Chancellor's Office is charged by the Holy Eparchial Synod with processing all applications for ordination as well as for incardination from other Orthodox jurisdictions.

The Chancellor's Office also coordinates and administers the Taylor Scholarship which provides grants primarily to graduates of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology pursuing advanced degrees in theological studies and in pastoral training. In addition, this office administers the Gioles, Malta and Paleologos Scholarships.

Clergy Statistics: Since the last Clergy-Laity Congress in July 2008, there have been 27 individuals ordained to the Holy Deaconate. Of these, 8 were ordinations to the "permanent" deaconate, a program of study recently established by the Holy Eparchial Synod to facilitate the diaconal ordination of individuals needed to serve the parishes of the Archdiocese. During the same period of time, 20 deacons were ordained presbyters, a total of 11 clergy were accepted into the Holy Archdiocese of America from other Orthodox Churches and jurisdictions while 10 were released. Since August 2008, 16 of our priests officially retired from active service but 12 of these dedicated individuals are still serving the Archdiocese in some capacity while 21 clergymen fell asleep in the Lord.

Parishes and Monasteries: A function of the Archdiocesan Office of the Chancellery is the issuance of charters to new established communities thus recognizing their full canonical status. During this period, charters were issued to 4 “mission” churches, elevating them to the status of duly recognized parishes while a new mission parish was established.

Additional, a new women’s monastery (All Saints) was established this past Spring in Calverton (Long Island) New York with the blessings of the Archdiocese.

Vicariate for Palestinian/Jordanian Christian Orthodox Communities in the USA: Since the last Congress, the Vicariate was created to encompass the clergy and 8 communities in the USA which had been under the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. They are directly under the Archbishop of America and the Chancellery acts on behalf of His Eminence regarding matters of ordinations, registry and other ecclesial issues.