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By the Grace of God,
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Blessings to the Vicars, Assistant Vicars, and faithful of all our parishes in the Northeast American Diocese!

Dear beloved,

We offer thanksgiving to God that many of the ministries of our Diocese continue to gain momentum. This momentum we speak of is not something tangible in which we can offer concrete data. Rather, it is to see a significant change in the spiritual lives of many of our people, both young and old alike.

One such movement is the “God Renewing Orthodox Women” ministry. It is with joy that with through the strong support of our clergy, and faithful, G. R. O. W. will celebrating its fifth year as a ministry of our Diocese. This ministry, which is primarily focused on the spiritual nourishment of our younger women, has become one of the most dynamic ministries of our Diocese.

Through the hard work of the committee members, this ministry has reemphasized the significant role of women in the Church, and in the Christian home. This ministry has been able to offer relevant seminars, retreats, and conferences which catered to the specific needs of our women, especially our younger women. As a result, the Diocese has a large group of young women who have a keen interest in the Orthodox Christian faith, and are actively seeking a life rooted in holiness.

Building upon the momentum, God Willing, with your continued prayerful support, G. R. O. W. will be organizing their first ever women’s camp. This will be a three day, two night camp held from June 17th to June 19th, 2016. This camp will be a time for introspection, prayer, fellowship, and meditation. In this chaotic world we have so many negative elements seeking to take influence of our women. We wish to offer a sacred and holy alternative for them.

We request our clergy and faithful to offer their continued prayerful support. As this is the first ever such camp hosted by this ministry, we also seek the financial support of our faithful. This ministry has been able to positively influence, and change the lives of many of our women. It is only with your prayers, and support this ministry can continue in that task.

May the blessings and mercies of God Almighty be showered upon us.

Yours in our Lord,

Zachariah Nicholovos, Metropolitan