



2016 Small Parish Forum

The Small Parish: Possibilities and Opportunities
Worshipping, Caring, Teaching, Sharing

Thursday, July 14, 3:00PM to Saturday, July 16, 12:15PM

An intimate, regional conference designed to share helpful, hopeful ideas and tools for stabilizing and strengthening parish life. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, and the Diocese of the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America.

Most Orthodox churches in North America are small.

Small parishes are not malnourished, immature versions of large parishes.

They think feel and act different. Yet, they can worship well, care for one another, teach, serve their community and share Christ's love with others. Doing so requires they harness the intimacy and close relationships inherent in their modest size — *AND avoid using their size as an excuse for inactivity and mediocrity.*

Content for SPF 2016 is almost entirely new. New topics. Many new speakers.

Renewal Examples ♦ Understanding your neighborhood ♦ Structuring youth & education efforts
 ♦ The Evangelizing Small Church ♦ Role of the bi-vocational pastor ♦ Worshipping well

Who Should Attend

The Forum is designed for Orthodox parishes. If your parish wants to 'wake up', build vitality and live a Life in Christ, the Forum will offer helpful insights.

Priests	Ministry Leaders
Deacons	Parish Council
Treasurers	Concerned Laity
Singers	Religious Educators

What You Will Learn

- You're not alone. Explore what works and what doesn't with parishes that share your strengths & problems.
- How to face your parish's key issues head on — in the presence of people who can provide help.
- Identify possibilities for enlivening your parish.
- Learn up to date approaches for leadership, communication, worship, evangelization, stewardship.
- Stop being contented with the status quo. Set critical goals for your small parish for 2016/17

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2027 18th St NW Canton OH

Conveniently located:

13 minutes from Akron Canton airport

65 minutes from Cleveland Hopkins



To Register, More Info and Hotel Info:

<http://www.ocadwpa.org/2016spf.html>

You Must Register to Attend

\$100 per person covers meals & materials.
 Grants to offset attendee costs are available.

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