

## ANNUNCIATION HOMELESS MINISTRY

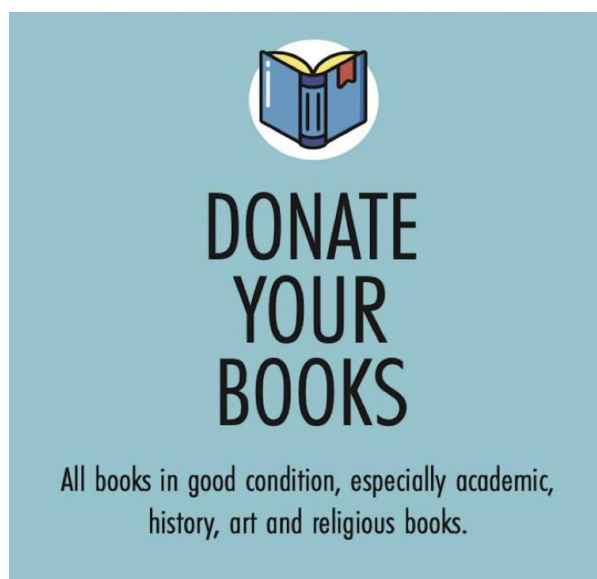
### It's September - time to hit the books!

As we begin the new Ecclesiastical Year and students and teachers start the new school year, we'd like to say "Thank You!" to all who supported our 6th Annual Annunciation Church Backpack Drive! We delivered 50 backpacks to Family Promise (formerly known as Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network) for students from families experiencing homelessness! Please take a couple of minutes to read the following note of thanks from Family Promise of Philadelphia's Executive Director, Robert Byrne:

"Family Promise of Philadelphia (formerly known as Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network) thanks Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for supporting FPP's Back to School event. Congregants donated backpacks and school supplies to some of the most impoverished families in Philadelphia. In 2022, FPP prevented 118 families from becoming homeless and provided shelter to 18 families. Many families include children who received backpacks and school supplies through the generosity of Annunciation and other interfaith network congregations. Thank you for giving these children the opportunity to thrive."

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**Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Home Book Drive is underway and continues through September 30th.**



One of several social enterprise programs at Project HOME, this initiative helps to provide opportunities for employment, income, community and a stepping stone in recovery from homelessness.

All book donations may be placed in or next to the Homeless Ministry Basket on the Mezzanine level next to our Resource Center.

Prayers for a Blessed Year for all!

*The Homeless Ministry*