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"It's not about the money...."



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

We've been fortunate to visit many parishes, and meet many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. With each presentation, we are greeted with true enthusiasm for what OCCIF has achieved and how we continue to support our Holy Church. As we spread the word about our Mission, a question that inevitably comes up is "*Isn't OCCIF just another financial institution – aren't you just out to make a profit?*" It's a legitimate question, as we do help our clients with financial expertise and loans.

However, it's not about the money.

OCCIF is a non-profit financial institution, with a focus on building all canonical jurisdictions of the Orthodox Church in the United States. If we were focused on profits, we would have shareholders and other elements of secular lending which can create roadblocks for Orthodox Parishes and Institutions.

Instead, we focus on retaining the earned interest credit that would normally go to secular lenders and put it back into the OCCIF loan pool so we can make more loans to other Orthodox institutions. This practice is fundamental to OCCIF's charter, and keeps the money within the body of the church.

There are so many things happening in the world that we have no control

over. Yet providing professional expertise to our Orthodox churches and institutions is something that we can do. Each loan we do helps plant the seed of Orthodoxy in America – and through these new churches we can make a positive change in the world.

As always, thank you for supporting and participating in our ministry with your investments and donations!

John Della Monica
President, OCCIF

Father David Morrison of St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church



We talked last month about our discussion with Father David Morrison of St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church in Bozeman, Montana. Here is the video of that time we spent with Father David, and what his experience was like working with OCCIF.

[Click here to watch](#)



We are continuing to expand OCCIF with new programs and investment opportunities. To help us toward that goal we are looking for someone to provide specialized perspectives for our Advisors Council:

Non-Profit Law

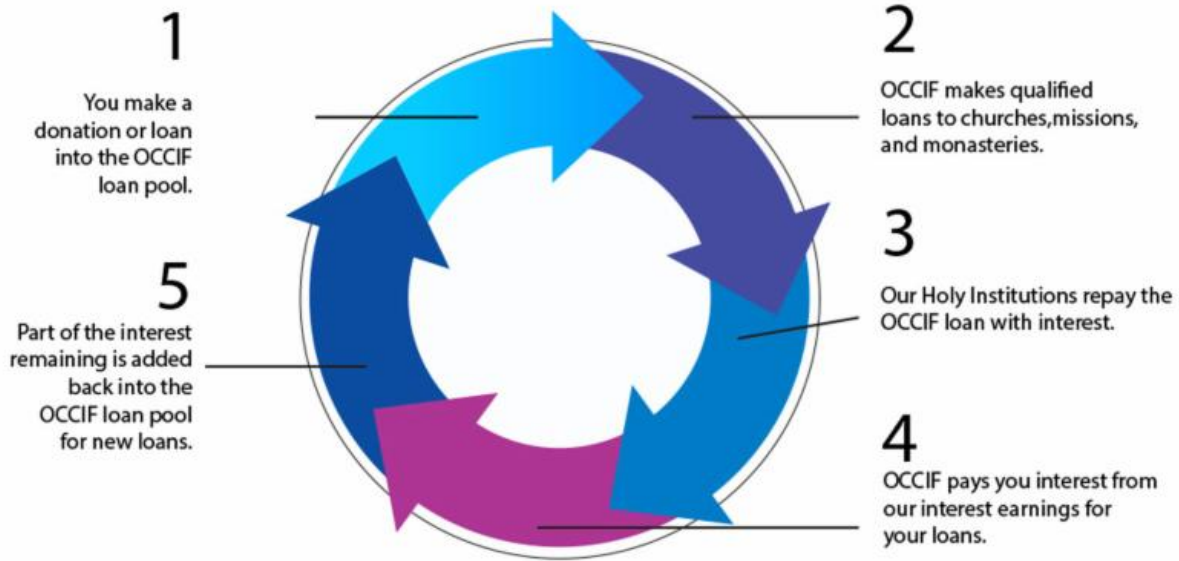
We are looking for an individual who can help



coordinate and refine the work of our legal counsel by providing a non-profit perspective and best practices.

If you know of any individuals who would be interested in working to expand OCCIF and become a part of our Advisory Council, [please click here to reach out to John Della Monica](#).

HOW OCCIF WORKS



Looking for a Capital Improvement Loan for Your Church?

Get Started Today!

How we can help your community

OCCIF supports the growth of the Orthodox Church through capital improvement financing to parishes, missions, and monastic communities in the United States. At OCCIF, we bring together decades of professional expertise in the areas of real estate, financing, banking and construction related services to provide the best counsel and oversight for all loan applications.



Growing



Investing In



Expanding

[View Other OCCIF Projects](#)

How you can help us

We have several ways for you to get involved with supporting OCCIF:

DONATE

As a 501(c)3 non-profit entity, all donations are tax deductible and are exclusively focused on serving all jurisdictions of the Orthodox Church.

[Learn More](#)

INVEST

OCCIF offers several programs for institutions and individuals with investments that provide a rate of return while providing critical funds for church growth.

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