

## **Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America**

### **Press Release**

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### **FOCA authorizes Married Student Housing Project**

Nashville, Tennessee – The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA), meeting at their 81<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention, today authorized the initiation of an estimated \$1.9 million major capital campaign for the construction of Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's Seminary in South Canaan, PA.

The housing complex, to be built at St. Tikhon's, would consist of three buildings each containing four condos. Additionally, the designs include open space basements intended to provide common use space.

The project recognizes that the majority of new seminarians are married with families in need of affordable housing. "By providing this resource, we are assisting those who will become the future spiritual leaders of our Church," said National FOCA President Michael Steffaro. "This project is significant and will make an enormous impact for all of Orthodoxy in America. "

The project will operate on a four-year phased schedule:

**Year 1** - Advertising, educating and securing pledges and grants;

**Years 2, 3 and 4** - Building of each unit upon receipt of funding.

Suggested giving levels will be:

Benefactor level: \$5,000 a year for three years which equates to \$500/month for 10 months per year;

Founder level: \$2,500 a year for three years which equates to \$250/month for 10 months per year;

Supporter level: \$1,000 a year for three years which equates to \$100/month for 10 months per year;

Donor level: \$500 a year for three years which equates to \$50/month for 10 months per year.

Project teams are being put together. Those interested in participating should contact Michael Steffaro at michaelsteffaro@comcast.net. Pledge forms will be available on the FOCA website [www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org) .

Attachment: Architectural Renderings