



St. Macrina Orthodox Institute

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Cohorts: **Detroit**—started as part of diocesan zoom online course, for initial course; **Indianapolis**; (Dayton)—alternate Bulgarian OCA diocesan cohort; **Cleveland**—started as part of diocesan zoom online course—lack of local deanery faculty and buy-in; Chicago—mid-cycle, still online; **Minneapolis/St. Paul**—no cohort; **KC deanery**—finishing cohort cycle.

Successful 8th Annual Summer Conference, 2nd year in Milwaukee: August 6-7. Featured speaker was Dr Richard Zaleski. Attendance was modest—good considering we had several cancelations because of sudden covid cases.

As of July we had exactly 42 students presently in courses (OCA Midwest, OCA Bulgarian affiliated, Dayton based program), we gained 4 or more students in KC recently

Students, having completed work, were approved at last two Synod meetings for ordination: 3. Somewhere between 10-20 catechist certificates will soon be mailed out to those who have completed and will help in the teaching ministry of the Church.

There are 2 students at present close to completing the curriculum cycle that have expressed interest in ordination. Many more at earlier stage in curriculum cycle.

The total cost of tuition per student for each course is now \$500.

Please let us know if there are other students or faculty. If you desire to start a local program, please contact Fr. Elijah Mueller at the email and phone number above.

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