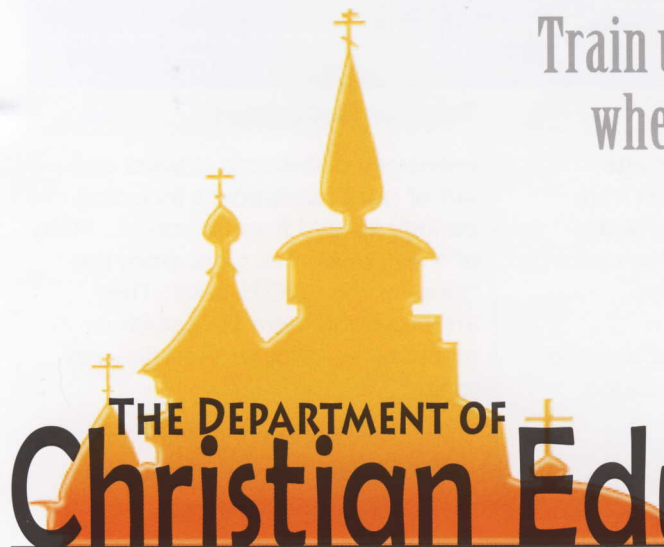


Train up a child in the way he should go; and  
when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

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THE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Christian Education**

**The Department of Christian Education's Resource Website, developed by the Orthodox Church in America, offers a treasury of resources for teachers, parents and children of all ages.**

The mission and focus of the Department is to offer support for youth, church schools, teachers, families, and others engaged in faith formation at every level through a variety of services including:

- Developing study units, lesson plans & activities
- Conducting workshops for teachers & staff
- Training in the use of the web-based FOCUS curriculum
- Writing articles offering timely educational information
- Producing educational resources for home & parish use

In addition, the DCE provides periodic educational units of study and activities on topic and theme related subjects with the OCA *Department of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries (YYACM)*, as well as parish-wide special projects.

The Department works in cooperation with the *Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC)*, a pan-Orthodox agency under the auspices of the *Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA)*.



Serving with the blessing and guidance of Metropolitan HERMAN and The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, the DCE is sponsored by the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS).



# Resources For Every Situation

The Department offers resources including complete units for all age groups, supplemental units of shorter duration with one or two lessons, and resources for building lessons on specific topics.

## FOCUS Units

There are lessons and materials for the whole family, from pre-school through adult study groups. FOCUS Units have been developed into multiple lessons designed to be part of your church school curriculum.

- In a new, easy to use lesson plan format
- Written at 5 levels covering pre-school through adult

## Mini Units

General Mini Units include age-leveled units which can run from several weeks to a year of short, ongoing lessons, depending upon need and teacher discretion.

- Short lessons geared towards or for *All-Parish Education Sessions*
- Topics include Repentance, Mission & OCAY Themes

## Teacher Resources

Previously distributed lessons and out of print publications including periodicals and festal material. Many of these resources came from the "bins" of the FOCUS units. They are accessible here via search or by browsing through the following topics:

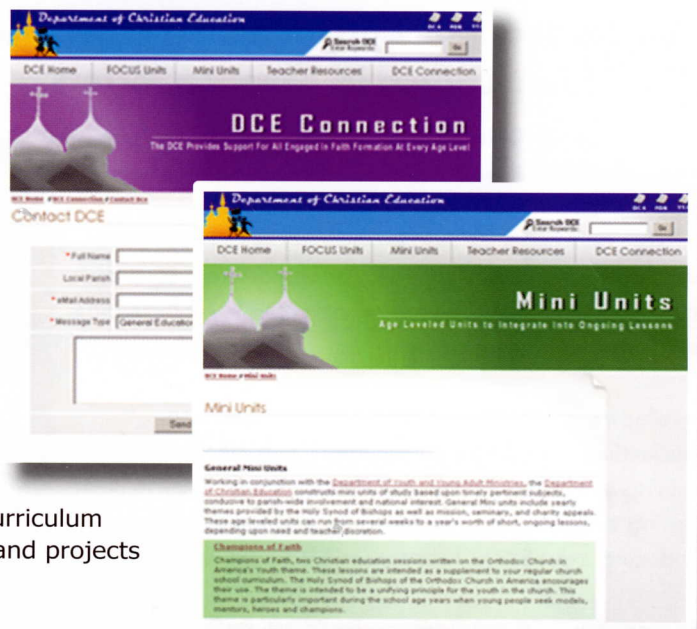
- Activities
- Music
- Articles
- Stories
- Handouts
- Tools

## Consultant Services

The DCE provides consultant services in areas of Curriculum Development, Special Education Needs and other related areas of education and training.

Among other services, the Department is responsible for written curricula and educational materials, some now considered classic, written by leaders in Orthodox religious education. Resources scanned from the OCA Archives are being posted to the website. These include periodicals and lessons previously distributed to parishes.

Additionally, the DCE works in conjunction with the OCEC on a variety of projects including development of curriculum materials, informational and teacher training workshops, and projects related to Orthodox Christian education.



## More Information

The DCE plans to continue creating additional FOCUS units and encourages those who are working in Orthodox Christian education at the parish level to submit ideas and materials to be developed for the website. We look forward to posting lessons, plays, programs, and activities that have been "road tested" in parish life.

The DCE welcomes your input and comments. We invite you to ask questions or offer suggestions for further educational projects.

Please visit our website (<http://dce.oca.org>) and submit your name and email address on the Contact Us page for our database or email us at **ChristianEducation@OCA.org**. We will be sending out updates when new material appears on the site.

We are here to serve you as educators in Christ's Holy Church, and we hope to be of service where needed.

