

HISTORY

The A.R.F.O.R.A has the distinction of being the longest established International Women's Organization of the Orthodox Church with membership in Canada and the United States; it was organized by Bishop Policarp Morusca in 1938.

In 1955, the Constitution and By-Laws were revised and approved by the A.R.F.O.R.A. Congress held in New York.

The A.R.F.O.R.A. motto includes:
FAITH, represented by the Cross;
HOPE, represented by the Anchor;
CHARITY, represented by the Heart.

OUR PURPOSE

Function as an Auxiliary of the Romanian Episcopate and actively support its activities. Initiate and promote unity, cooperation and fellowship among its members.

On the National Level:

To initiate and promote unity, cooperation and fellowship, to strengthen, propagate and preserve the Orthodox faith among its members and Auxiliaries;

To support the religious education of the young people,

To undertake projects as deemed necessary: Religious, Charitable, Educational, and Cultural.

On the Local Level:

To work in each local parish in support of the parish priest and to contribute to the preservation of the Orthodox Faith through the guidelines set forth on the National level.

A.R.F.O.R.A. INVOLVEMENT

- Founding member of the V. D. Trifa Romanian American Heritage Center
- Member representation on the Diocesan Council
- Spearhead of the National Women's Organization of the Orthodox Church in America

- Holds a Congress annually
- Sponsors a Lenten Retreat on the fifth Saturday of Great Lent and a retreat during Christmas Lent.

A.R.F.O.R.A. PROJECTS

- Financially supports the Diocesan Center, VATRA
- Offers annual Scholarships:
The A.R.F.O.R.A./Martha Gavriela Scholarship for Women.
Offered to women in post-graduate studies, the sum of \$1000.00 may be awarded annually to a selected student.
The A.R.F.O.R.A. Undergraduate Scholarship for Women
The sum of \$1000.00 may be awarded to selected women who have successfully completed their first year of an undergraduate program.

A.R.F.O.R.A. Helen Muntean Education Scholarship for Women.

A scholarship for \$1000.00 may be awarded annually to women who are working toward a career in teaching.

- Financially supports the Diocesan Mission Department work with an annual donation, to the "St. Paraschiva Project".
- Contributes to the maintenance of the "A.R.F.O.R.A. House" at the Diocesan Center.
- Established the Widowed Priests Wives project. "St. Elizabeth Project".
- Provides financial and moral support for the Diocesan Summer Camps.
- Women's Charities

- Gives Financial Gifts to:
3 Monasteries
3 Seminaries
- Seminarian Scholarship Program
- SOLIA Annual Donation
- Special Episcopate Appeals
- Bishop Travel Fund
- VATRA Housekeeping Donation

Authored, Printed and Distributed PUBLICATIONS:

- * The A.R.F.O.R.A. Constitution and By-Law in English and Romanian
- * The A.R.F.O.R.A. Guidebook in English and Romanian
- * We Are A.R.F.O.R.A., in English and Romanian
- * A.R.F.O.R.A. Prays with You in English and Romanian
- * Breast and Uterine Cancer Facts in English and Romanian
- * Akathist to Our Venerable Saint Paraschiva
- * A.R.F.O.R.A. celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Orthodoxy in North America
- * Scholarships
- * Planning a Retreat
- * The A.R.F.O.R.A. House –Celebrating 50 years
- * Let's Talk ABUSE in English and Romanian

The A.R.F.O.R.A. website – www.ROEA.org
then Link to Arfora



If you have any questions about A.R.F.O.R.A., please contact the president or any member of the A.R.F.O.R.A. Board.

Their names, addresses and telephone numbers are in the SOLIA calendar or on the web at www.ROEA.org. The website also has the A.R.F.O.R.A. Guide Book and Constitution and By-Laws.

ST. PARASCHIVA

The PATRON SAINT of A.R.F.O.R.A.
Feast Day – October 14



Tropar Hymn to St. Paraschiva

In you, O holy mother, the faithful image of God shone forth for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body for it passes away; and how to value the soul for it is immortal. Therefore, O

worthy mother, Paraschiva, your soul together with the angels rejoices forever.

The purpose of this brochure is to acquaint

YOU with A.R.F.O.R.A.,
Learn **WHAT** A.R.F.O.R.A. is,
WHO WE ARE,
WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH;
On an International, Diocesan and local level.

Your Parish Auxiliary will be able to give you specific answers to your questions.

Join Us in Our Work in the Church!



An Auxiliary of
The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of
North America



WE ARE ARFORA



What is A.R.F.O.R.A.?

A.R.F.O.R.A. is an acronym for “Asociatia Reuniunilor Femeilor Romane din America” or “The Association of Romanian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliaries of North America”.

Under the Jurisdiction of:
The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate
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