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OF CHICAGO

2025 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

Keynote: Hellenic College Holy Cross (HCHC)

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

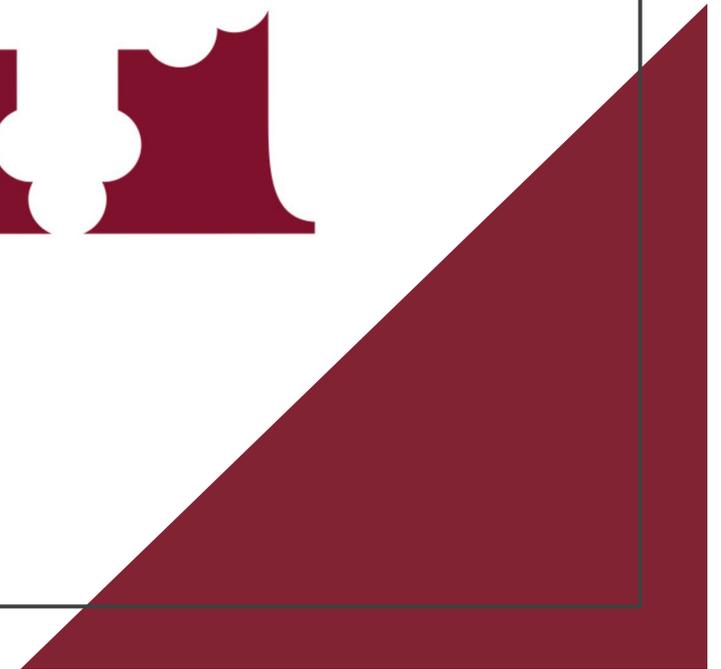
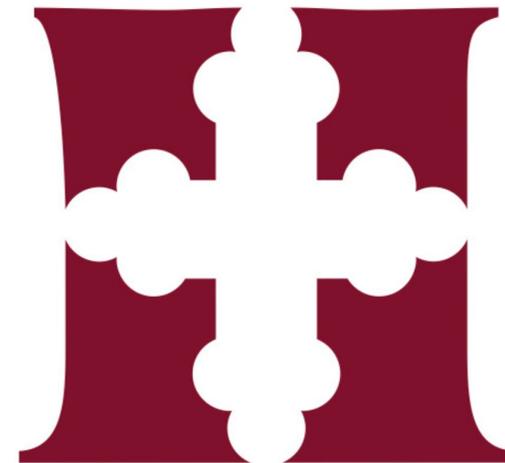
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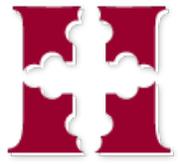
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SECURING OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE





STRENGTHENING OUR PARISHES

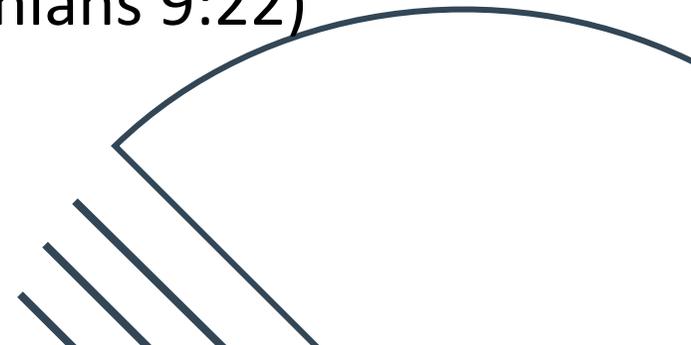




CHRISTIAN SERVANT LEADERS

“...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:38)

“...I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” (1 Corinthians 9:22)





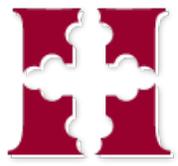


EDUCATING PRIESTS TO LEAD THEIR PARISHES

- Rigorous theological education
- Spiritual and character formation in an Orthodox community
- Relevant pastoral curriculum
- Dynamic parish leadership
- Hands-on training in parishes







EQUIPPING LAY LEADERS FOR MINISTRY & SERVICE

Pastoral
assistants

Youth
ministers

Therapists
and
counselors

Social
workers

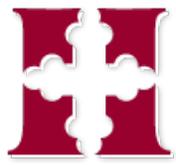
Hospital
chaplains

Non-profit
leaders

Catechists,
aid workers







CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Bible and preaching
- Theology and church history
- Evangelism and catechism
- Pastoral care and counseling
- Parish leadership and administration
- Fundraising and Stewardship
- Practical training to strengthen parishes



**ALUMNI
ADVANCING
OUR FUTURE...**

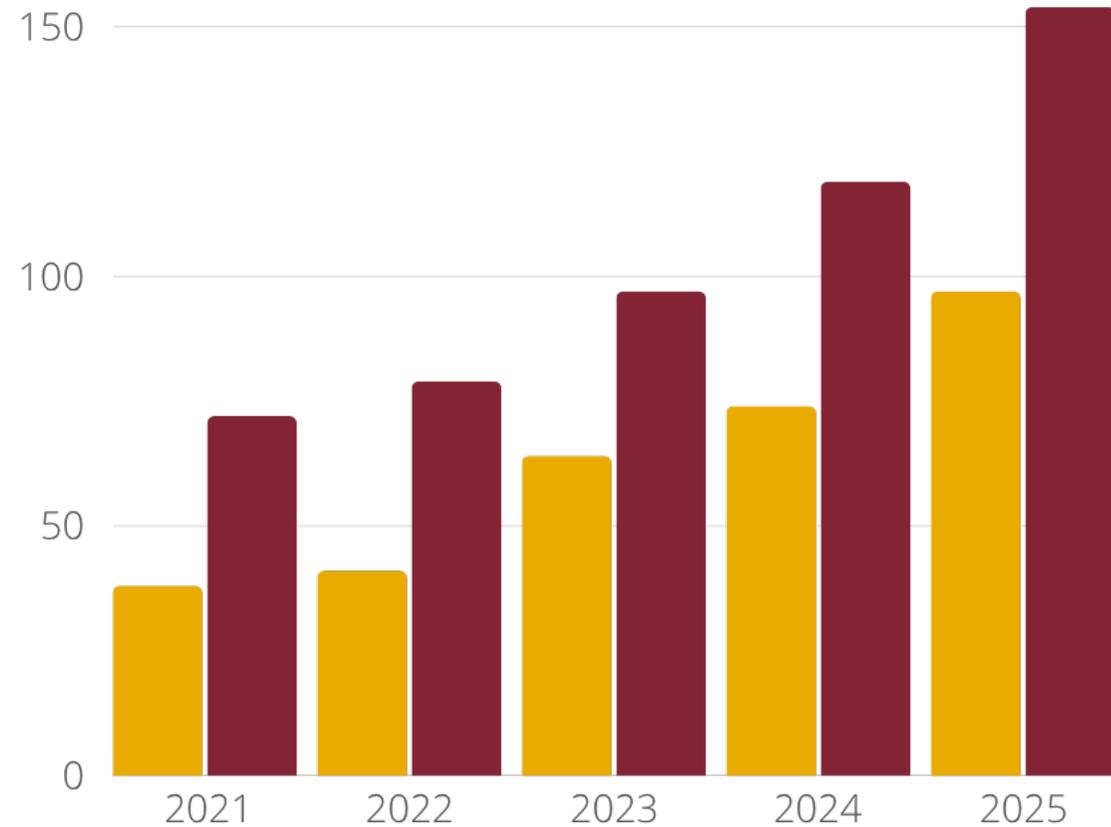


Enrollment: Hellenic College & Holy Cross

200

HELLENIC COLLEGE

HOLY CROSS



Overall Enrollment

	FTE	Headcount
College	98	124
School of Theology	152	245
Total	250	369

Campus Life: Residence Status by FTEs = 250

	On Campus (Resident)	Commuter	Online (Remote)
College	82	8	8
School of Theology	75	11	67
Total	157	19	75

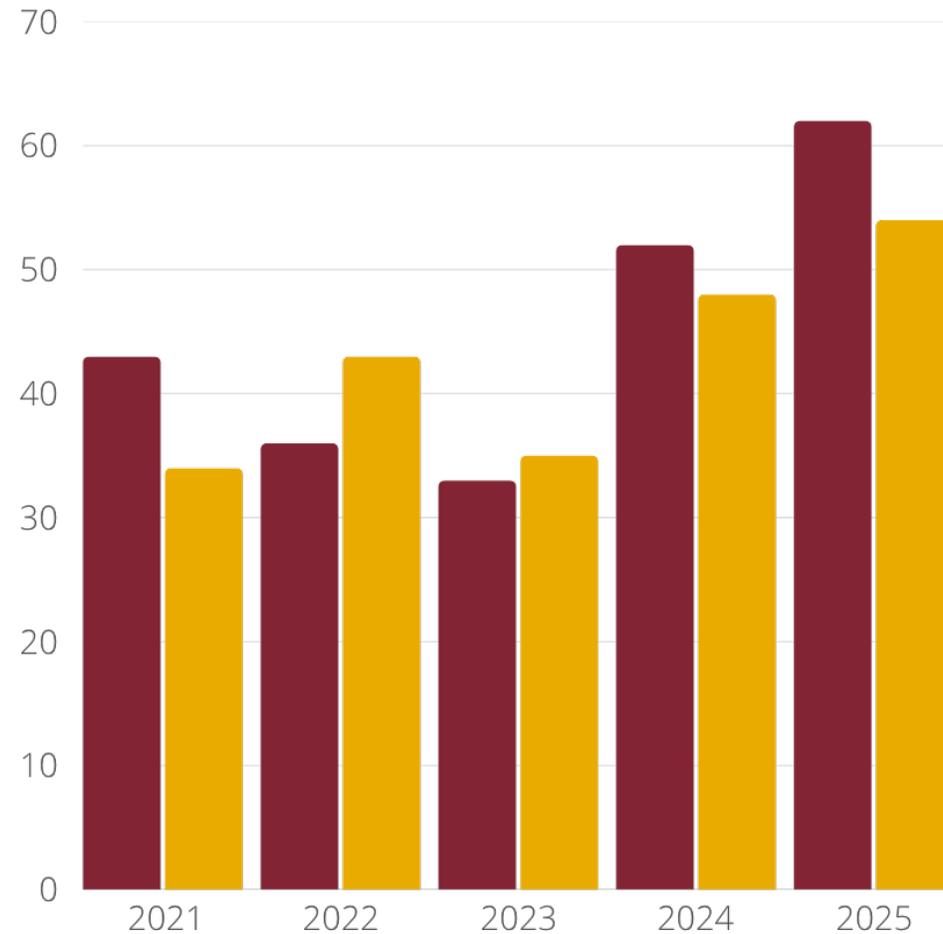
Campus Life: Residence Status by Headcount = 369

	On Campus (Resident)	Commuter	Online (Remote)
College	82	9	31
School of Theology	75	13	153
Total	157	22	184

Enrollment: Seminarians & Diaconate Candidates

SEMINARIANS

DIACONATE CANDIDATES



Seminarian Enrollment by FTE

School of Theology Seminarians	48
School of Theology Seminarians who graduated from Hellenic College	14
School of Theology Seminarians Total	62
Hellenic College Seminarians	17

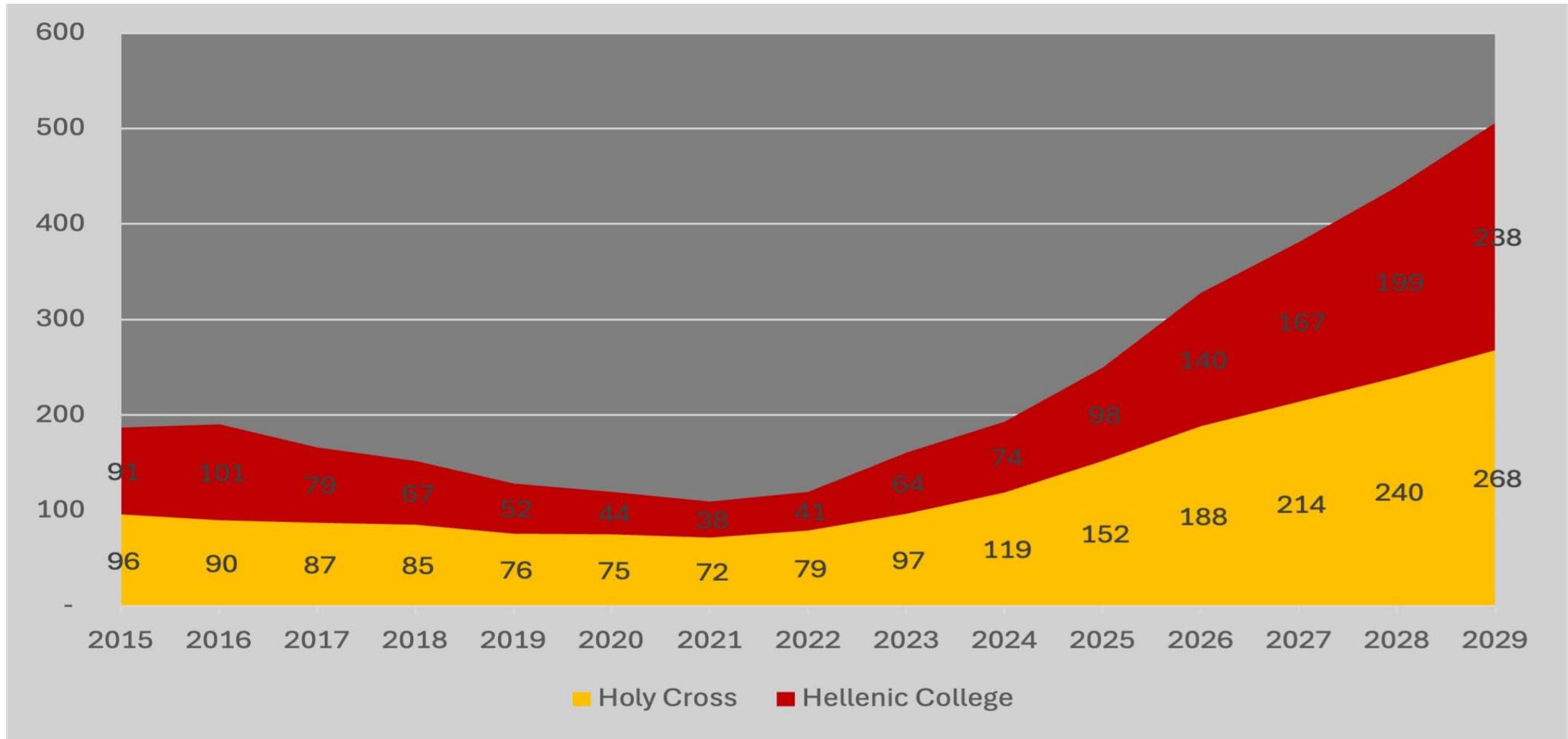
Enrollment: FTEs by GOA Metropolises

	SF	ATL	DEN	BOS	NJ	PITT	CHI	DAD	DET	TOTAL
College	22	7	11	9	7	4	3	3	2	68
School of Theology	18	26	16	11	9	6	5	7	6	104
Total	40	33	27	20	16	10	8	10	8	172

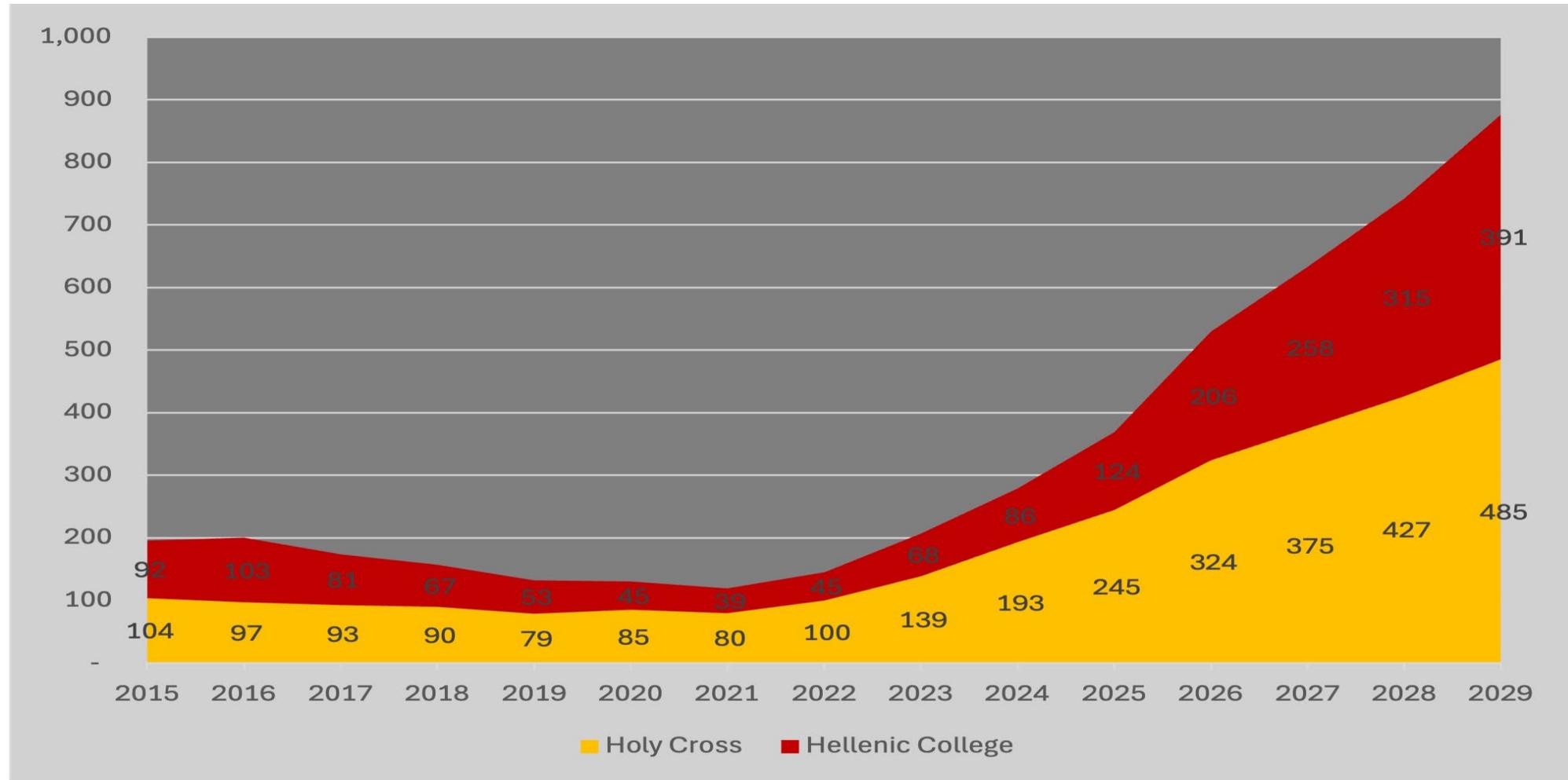
Enrollment: Headcount by GOA Metropolises

	SF	ATL	DEN	BOS	NJ	PITT	CHI	DAD	DET	TOTAL
College	23	10	11	12	9	8	4	4	2	83
School of Theology	27	38	25	13	13	9	9	9	8	151
Total	50	48	36	25	22	17	13	13	10	234

Enrollment History & Forecast by FTE



Enrollment History & Forecast by Headcount



Recent Highlights

Academic Programs

- Improving seminarian field education
- Strengthening pastoral ministry and pastoral leadership education
- New Nonprofit Leadership and Management major and certificate
- Launched Boston College's Woods College of Advancing Studies 2+2 Pathway, creating access to six new undergraduate majors at no cost to HCHC.

Continuing Education

- Received \$1M grant for interactive media studio for remote learning
- Providing free offerings in preaching and bible for clergy and lay leaders
- Courses in Evangelism and in Parish Leadership and Administration tracks
- Catechism series in development

The Future of HCHC: Strengthening and Growing our Church

- Exceptional trustees going above and beyond the call of duty
- Strategic planning underway to refocus, rebuild, and grow HCHC.
- Exploring potential for expanding our scope with mission-aligned, market-driven, remote programs to educate Orthodox Christians in high demand fields that will strengthen our Church and generate new revenue to sustain our seminarians.