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Re: Father Constantin Alecse

Mr. Gaspari:

Thank you for your February 13, 2023 letter responding to my letter of February 3.

We note that you had my letter for ten days, yet waited until 4:23 pm on February 13 – seven minutes before the supposed “Spiritual Consistory” was scheduled to commence in Arizona (a state where Father Alecse does not reside) – to transmit your six sentence response.

We further note that your letter fails to respond to all of the issues raised in mine including, but not limited to:

- i) Our challenge to the ROEA’s jurisdiction over Father Alecse based on Father Alecse’s November 11, 2022 blessing of Metropolitan +Nicolae and his acceptance by the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas;
- ii) The falsity of the claim on the ROEA’s website that Father Alecse was “suspended” from priestly functions on November 4, 2022 when he had been “retired” in September;
- iii) The falsity of the claim that Father Alecse violated a “Declaration and Act of Loyalty” that does not exist; and
- iv) The fundamental violation of due process involved in a “Spiritual Consistory” supposedly addressing undisclosed “complaints” against Father Alecse – depriving him of any opportunity to respond and defend himself.

Your statement that you “expect [Father Alecse’s] full cooperation with this process” is simply galling in light of the ROEA’s utter failure to follow its own precedent, rules, and regulations. For example, under the direction of +Nathaniel, Archbishop Popp has sworn under penalty of 5359537.2

perjury that the ROEA is part of the Romanian Orthodox Church of Romania in furtherance of his quest to obtain visas for immigrant priests. +Nathaniel and the ROEA, however, now apparently disavow this affiliation in their persecution of Father Alecse. This hypocrisy is just one example of the abuse we intend to bring to very public light if this dispute continues.

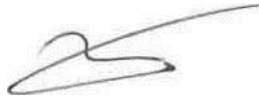
Indeed, please inform +Nathaniel that Father Alecse has instructed us to defend him in the most public manner available including not only civil action, but also redress from the Orthodox Church of Romania and, if necessary, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Romania. Father Alecse also is in discussion with a number of filmmakers who want to document his persecution by +Nathaniel and who believe Father Alecse's fight for due process will catch the public interest.

In conclusion, please understand that Father Alecse wants nothing more from +Nathaniel and the ROEA than to be left to fulfil his duties under the auspices of the ROMA, the Orthodox Church in Romania, and the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate in Romania. Father Alecse rejects any jurisdiction +Nathaniel and ROEA claim to have over him and rejects the kangaroo "Spiritual Consistory" they propose. The path forward here depends entirely on the decisions of +Nathaniel: leave Father Alecse alone and release him to ROMA as per the Metropolitan +Nicolae's request of January 11, 2023, and the dispute ends here. Continue to persecute Father Alecse and every abuse of +Nathaniel goes very public.

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Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Oster', written over a horizontal line.

MATTHEW OSTER