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Re: Response to February 3, 2023 Letter
Holy Trinity Parish – Father Constantin Alecse

Dear Mr. Oster:

Our office represents the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America ("ROEA") in the matter regarding Father Constantin Alecse. I reviewed your February 3, 2023 letter, and find no factual or legal basis for your request. All actions taken by ROEA relate to an ongoing internal disciplinary matter and fall squarely within the church's canonical authority and the ministerial exception. As you know, canonical actions and the ministerial exception are protected by the first amendment, and are therefore outside the jurisdiction of the judicial system. ROEA is indisputably acting within its canonical and legal rights, and will continue to move forward with its investigation. We expect your client's full cooperation with this process.

Very truly yours,

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