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 The Most Blessed Herman
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September 20, 2005

Your Beatitude, dear Brother and Concelebrant:

As you may recall, in November of 2004, I wrote to your Beatitude asking you to receive Father B , one-time parish priest of Romanian Orthodox Parish, under your archpastoral omophorion. At that time I had no parish available for him. Father B had not kept contact with me for some time. You informed me that you would first ask for a letter from Father B clarifying his status vis-a-vis me as his hierarch and the Episcopate.

Assuming that you had received a response and that Father B had been accepted under your omophorion, I also presumed that he was no longer a clergyman under my omophorion. It can be seen from the Episcopate yearbook, "Solia Calendar 2005," that he was no longer listed among our clergy. Even though the 2005 O.C.A. Yearbook came out listing Father B in the ranks of the clergy of the Romanian Episcopate, I assumed, again that he was in the process of being accepted under your omophorion.

Now, I have recently been informed that Father Vasile Susan, one-time parish priest of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Parish, Chicago, Illinois, has brought certain allegations against Father B and is asking that an investigation be made into his allegations in accordance with the Orthodox Church in America's Policies, Standards, and Procedures of the Orthodox Church in America on Sexual Misconduct, as approved by the Holy Synod of Bishops on April 02, 2003.

I ask that you direct your office to begin an investigation into these allegations.

Thanking your Beatitude for your attention to this matter, I remain

With brotherly love in Christ,

+NATHANIEL
 Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate

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