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Venerable Basil the Confessor

MEMORANDUM

To the members of the Archdiocesan Council, the regional deans, reverend rectors, priests-in-charge, and parish executives and the officers of all Archdiocesan committees and related organizations of the Archdiocese of Canada (OCA).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Although this memorandum concerns administrative issues, I would like to take this opportunity to greet you as we prepare for the beginning of the Great and Holy Lent.

Once again I would like to address you all in this memorandum in connection to the announcement of the verdict in the court case of Archbishop Seraphim in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 24, 2014.

I wish to again remind all clergy of the Archdiocese of Canada, parish Council members, Archdiocesan Council members or anyone associated with the Administration of the Archdiocese of Canada, The Orthodox Church in America not to participate in any form of fundraising for the defense of the Archbishop Seraphim.

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, all of us are living through these difficult times of pain and suffering. Therefore, as Great and Holy Lent is approaching, I would like to ask you all to augment your prayers for the Holy Synod of Bishops of The Orthodox Church in America, for the Archdiocese of Canada for the whole



Orthodox Church in America and for all who have been in much pain and suffering because of this difficult situation.

With archpastoral blessings and love in Christ, I remain yours,



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