

January 12, 2007

His Eminence, The Most Reverend JOB
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest
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Your Eminence,

Following the Joint Meeting of the Holy Synod and Metropolitan Council, I appointed Your Eminence to serve as chair of the special investigative commission consisting of: Your Eminence, His Grace, Bishop BENJAMIN, V. Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky, V. Rev. John Reeves, Dr. Faith Skordinski and Attorney Gregory Nescott.

With this letter I concur with your recommendation and accept the offer of Attorney Alexandra Makosky to serve as legal counsel to the Commission.

While Your Eminence and the other members of the Commission are to accomplish your work with prayerful consideration and without outside influence, based upon suggestions made at the Joint Meeting and afterward, as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, I request that as a Commission, you address the following issues as a part of your work:

1. meet with the attorneys of Proskauer Rose to determine what tasks still need to be concluded by them, with the estimated time and money associated with its completion;
2. meet with the attorneys of Proskauer Rose to review the scope of the investigation documents in order to help determine what form a written report should take;
3. instruct the attorneys of Proskauer Rose to provide the written report to your Committee only;
4. make a recommendation to the Metropolitan Council on whether the preliminary phase of the investigation should be concluded, whether it should be continued by another firm, or whether some others should assume responsibility to conclude the investigation; and
5. make recommendations to the Metropolitan Council on any next steps that your Committee deems prudent.

Asking for your holy prayers and with brotherly love, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+HERMAN
Archbishop of Washington and New York
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

