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Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Diocesan and Parish Councils

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As you are all aware, His Grace Bishop Alexander of Toledo has been assigned by the Holy Synod as *Locum Tenens* of the Episcopal See of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest. For purposes of good order and consistency, I have been instructed by His Grace to give direction for correspondence and requests for Episcopal visitation.

All correspondence for His Grace should be addressed to him as the *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese. They should be addressed to the Chancery Office in Chicago. They should be copied to me as Chancellor preferably electronically. This will aid us in keeping good records of all correspondence in Diocesan office.

We are aware that many parishes may have a desire for an Episcopal visitation. Because His Grace has two dioceses under his omophorion, we ask you to please reserve your requests for very special parish events, for example; 25th, 50th, 75th or 100th parish anniversaries, priestly retirements or similar events. There will be other occasions when His Grace will be serving in the Diocese as a result of his Episcopal duties. These are all in addition to the regular meetings he has with the Bishop's and Diocesan Council, the Annual Diocesan Assembly, etc. For these events the correspondence and requests should be addressed to His Grace at the Chancery in Chicago and copied to me as Chancellor in the manner stated above.

I offer my appreciation in advance for your cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions you can contact me at my email: chancellor@domoca.org or by phone at (216) 554-7282.

I ask your prayers and pray you have a most blessed Pascha.

In Christ,

Archpriest John Zdinak
Chancellor

Cc: His Grace, Bishop Alexander