



## The Evangelical Orthodox Catholic Church in America

*Witness all men by these our Letters Canonical:*

*We, Perry Ronald (Joseph Benedict, B.S.M.) Sills, 3rd Archbishop Metropolitan Primate of The Evangelical Orthodox Catholic Church in America do hereby proclaim and declare:*

*As of January 1, 2014, we will step down from all administrative, corporate, and the spiritual leadership responsibilities of the Church. We will maintain our relationship and responsibility as Archbishop Metropolitan Primate Emeritus.*

*We, are stepping down as the 3rd Archbishop Metropolitan Primate as a result of advancing age and medical infirmities which continue to take their debilitating affects and effects on us. We release all administrative, corporate and spiritual leadership responsibilities to:*

***Most Reverend Allen Wayne (Francis Benedict, B.S.M.) Zaugg, S.T.D., Th.D.***

*We will continue to oversee a small number of clergy who have been under our oversight for many years, and who wish to remain under our personal oversight until our Lord Jesus Christ calls us from this world.*

*At the time of our passing these clergy may retire completely or move their active ministry directly to the oversight of the Most Reverend Allen Wayne (Francis Benedict, B.S.M.) Zaugg, S.T.D., Th.D. as their Bishop and Archbishop Metropolitan Primate within the Archdiocese of Milwaukie, Oregon.*

*Let it be further known, we will not, under our own apostolic authority, ordain or consecrate any clergy within the Church, this being the responsibility of the current reigning Archbishop Metropolitan Primate. We will participate and/or ordain and consecrate only those clergy at the direct request from the current reigning Archbishop Metropolitan Primate for The Evangelical Orthodox Catholic Church in America.*

*This canonical document is given under our hand and seal from this our See City of San Jose, California, this being the 40th year of our consecration and apostolic authority as 3rd Archbishop Metropolitan Primate of the Church, on this 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord, Savior and God, Jesus Christ, 2014.*

SEAL  
OF  
Bishop

Signature on file at diocesan office

✠ *Most Reverend Perry Ronald (Joseph Benedict, B.S.M.) Sills, S.T.L., S.T.D.*  
*3rd Archbishop Metropolitan Primate*

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