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ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

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The Very Reverend Innocent Dresdow, Chancellor
Diocese of Alaska
7031 Howard Avenue
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Dear Father Innocent,

May the Lord God bless!

At its regular Spring 2021 Session, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America directed His Grace Bishop Alexis to call a Special Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Alaska for the sole purpose of nominating a candidate as Diocesan Bishop. As you know, this Special Diocesan Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021.

With this letter, I communicate to you the following, and I ask that you please make it known to every parish in the Diocese of Alaska: *The only candidate who is fully vetted by the Holy Synod is His Grace Bishop Alexis, who has served the Diocese of Alaska first as Administrator while Archbishop David of blessed memory was alive, and now as Locum Tenens since the repose of His Eminence.*

If you or other members of the Diocese have questions relating to this matter, please contact me.

Devotedly yours in His service,

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Archbishop of New York and New Jersey Secretary of the Holy Synod of Bishops

cc: His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON