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Subject:

Dear Geronta,

The Lord bless!

Please forgive me.

My hope is that you send monastics to the United States, and establish communities here. I want to work with you, I need your support, and I want to give the monastic vision a chance to take root in this country, for the sake of the Church.

In the meantime, I just visited Dallas. Archbishop Dmitri has now retired, and I am the locum tenens. It would be a very good thing to have Fr Seraphim and his community in the Dallas/Oklahoma area. Whether they would work as a complement with the new women's community near Dallas.

I have no idea what is going on with the release of Fr Chrysostomos from Jerusalem, save that it is in the politics flowing between the EP and the OCA. I would very much like him, and Sr Aemiliane, to form communities in this country. I leave it to your discernment.

I realize this must have been a very difficult decision to accept; however, somehow it must be within God's Providence.

Asking your prayers and forgiveness, I remain yours faithfully

In Christ,

+Jonah

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