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Venerable Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna

To the Board of Directors

Share the Faith Ministries – Orthodox Christian Mission

Dear in the Lord brothers and sisters,

I am writing to you in support of your mission. As your organization attests, “Share the Faith is a non-profit, pan-Orthodox organization dedicated to leading people to Orthodoxy through raising monies to supplement Orthodox clergy who serve very small, needy, mission parishes in North America.”

This is an important and laudable goal, which assists us with a specific, vital need.

The work of our missions in America is critical in bringing Orthodoxy to our communities. There is a great need for this “on-the-ground” level of interaction and contact. By definition, such missions tend to be small – and there tend to be many of them. This allows for the one-to-one level of evangelism and catechism that is needed. However, our missions do not have the infrastructure and the regular parishioner support that serve as a stable core and financial base in our larger parishes. This underscores the need for the work being done by Share the Faith.

Your Pan-Orthodox Fund for Mission Priests in North America is specifically aimed at helping with exactly this issue. Our mission parishes and priests have been the beneficiaries of your generosity and have been able to continue and expand their work. Some have even been able to take advantage of your help and grow into a self-sustaining, operational parish.

We thank you for – and fully endorse – your efforts, calling down God’s blessings upon this good undertaking.

With love in Christ,

Metropolitan of Eastern America & New York

First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

