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Archpriest John Perich, Administrator  
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Dear Fr. John,

The Lord's blessing be upon you!

I have read Mr. Kalvesmaki's document online. It is entirely unsuitable for the author of such a document to serve as an alternate delegate at the Electoral All-American Council this November. I make this decision after having consulted with the cathedral clergy and after having secured their unanimous approval of my action. I regret barring anyone but, once more, I cannot allow one who carries such sentiments with regard to the Holy Synod to serve in any official capacity representing the cathedral. Asking that you make public this letter and express my own regrets at its necessity, I remain

Yours faithfully in Christ,

+Alexander  
Bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese  
*locum tenens* of the Archdiocese of Washington

cc: Archbishop Nathaniel, *locum tenens of the Metropolitan See*  
Fr. John Jillions, *OCA Chancellor*  
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