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КОЛА СРПСКИХ СЕСТАРА
СРПСКЕ ПРАВОСЛАВНЕ ЕПАРХИЈЕ
ЗА АУСТРАЛИЈУ И НОВИ ЗЕЛАНД
МИТРОПОЛИЈЕ НОВОГРАЧАНИЧКЕ



FEDERATION
OF SERBIAN SISTERS CIRCLES
SERBIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE
FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZELAND
NEW GRACANICA METROPOLIA

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Monastery, located at 453 Wallaroo Road in Hall, NSW, is an integral part of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, New Gracanica Metropolitanate.

As such, the Monastery in its entirety falls under the direct jurisdiction of the Diocesan Bishop, who, in accordance with the *Constitution of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, New Gracanica Metropolitanate*, Article 22, is the "supreme supervisor of the Monastery. . . The Bishop appoints Abbots and carries (out) canonic supervision as well as having the higher spiritual managing power over (the) Monastery".

The St. Sava Children's Summer Camp, located in the Monastery complex, in like manner is an institution of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, New Gracanica Metropolitanate. The Camp falls under the direct supervision of the Diocesan Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters in accordance with the *Regulations of the Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters, Article 14*. (Approved by the Diocesan Council and signed by the late Bishop +Petar on 9. April 1984). The facilities of the St. Sava Summer Camp include, but are not limited to: the refectory, the boy's and girl's dormitories; the ladies dormitories and the playground. Further, in accordance with the *Regulations, Article 4*, the Diocese can and has ceded property and building rights of the same to the Federation for their use.

All of these buildings have been built by and are maintained entirely by the Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters. The Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters, with the assistance of the Diocese, pay all camp utilities and maintenance bills.

Given the present absence of an Abbot, full responsibility for the supervision of the said Monastery has been granted by our Diocesan Bishop and Administrator, His Grace Bishop Irinej of Australia and New Zealand to **Mr. Ilija Veselinovic**, a member of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, New Gracanica Metropolitanate.

As such, no changes or alterations whatsoever are to be made to any of the buildings or structures on the said Monastery property in the absence of the Abbot without the express written permission of the Diocesan Bishop, including the changing of locks and keys.

Therefore, in accordance with Episcopal Decree No. 113/08 of 27 March 2008, the Diocesan Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters any and all locks and keys that have been changed or altered on St. Sava Summer Camp buildings must be immediately changed so that the Federation and Mr. Veselinovich are in sole custody of all keys. Those individuals attempting to violate the above-cited decree will be charged before both ecclesiastical and civil authorities.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dusanka Timotic, President
The Diocesan Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters

CC: His Grace Bishop Irinej of Australia and New Zealand;
Very Rev. Fr. Sasa Radoicic, Federation Spiritual Advisor and Camp Director;
Mr. Ilija Veselinovic, Diocesan Council Member; and
Ms. Angela Jankovic, Camp Secretary.