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Your Eminence,

We are glad to inform you that our Orthodox Metropolitanate of Montenegro and the Littoral (Serbian Orthodox Church) has very recently published 10 beautifully illustrated children's books in full colour for use at home and in church schools. These books were published with an intention of providing English speaking orthodox children with basic facts about their faith.

During the Second World War and after the communists came to power in 1945. Orthodox Metropolitanate of Montenegro and the Littoral suffered the worst imaginable persecution at the hands of the atheist regime. Communists have killed more than a hundred priests and thousands of patriotically oriented Montenegrins. Metropolitan of Montenegro Joanikije (Lipovac) was also brutally murdered by the regime in 1945. New communist regime exerted unprecedented pressures upon the remaining clergy to abandon their flocks. Property belonging to the Church was forcefully and illegally confiscated, many churches and monasteries turned into police stations, stables for cattle and warehouses. As of 1990 Metropolitanate of Montenegro and the Littoral quickly started to flourish, with the number of priests, monks and nuns as well as the number of the faithful increasing rapidly. The new blossoming of the resurrected Orthodox Church in Montenegro immediately became a thorn in the side of the old communist apparatchiks now disguised as members of certain political parties - the very people who for 50 years brutally persecuted the Church in Montenegro.

As a result of their activities Orthodox church in Montenegro currently experiences serious problems with an un-canonical pseudo-religious organization that calls itself "the montenegrin orthodox church". The church delinquents are tacitly supported by the current Montenegrin regime and have recently desecrated several Orthodox churches in Montenegro.

We published the children's books to support the world-wide evangelical mission of the Orthodox Church. The proceeds from the sale of these books would, however, enable us to maintain and strengthen our own mission in Montenegro.

On behalf of the Montenegrin Metropolitanate, we are asking You kindly to consider giving Your Archpastoral blessing for the sale and distribution of these children's books in Your God protected diocese to Fr. Radomir Nikcevic, the director of "Svetigora" publishing house and Mrs. Ruzica Cupic a representative of the "Bishop Nikolai Resource Center-Bookstore," Libertyville IL.

Your Eminence's brother in Christ



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