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DECREE

Hierodeacon Raffaele (Rossi), cleric of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God in Dandenong, Victoria, having willfully abandoned his duties as a deacon of this church and having joined a schismatic and uncanonical religious group, is hereby suspended from celebrating the divine services and exercising his diaconal duties, with hope for his sincere repentance.

Should Hierodeacon Raffaele continue in the serving the divine services while under suspension, he will be summoned before the Spiritual Court of the Australian & New Zealand Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and, if he remains unrepentant, will be deposed from his rank as a deacon.

+ *Hilarion*

Archbishop of Sydney, Australia & New Zealand,
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Outside of Russia

