We, the participants of the Eighteenth Diocesan Assembly of the Australian-New Zealand Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia, note with dismay the attempt of certain persons to disrupt the work of the Assembly. Resorting to anonymity and the use of the internet, these persons have circulated scurrilous statements about the Diocesan Chancellor and other respected and long-serving clergymen of our Diocese.

The Assembly was presented with information that refuted the half-truths circulated to confuse the faithful and our Archpastors expressed their confidence in the clergymen falsely accused. In view of this, we implore the faithful of the Diocese to be troubled no further.