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Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

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To the chancery of the Australia and New Zealand Diocese

The Synod of Bishops, at the meeting held on Monday, August 26/September 8, 2025, **HEARD:** The decision of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese, approved by Archbishop George of Australia and New Zealand, concerning the matter of Archimandrite Alexis (Rosentool), who has been suspended from the priesthood, the former superior of the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Bombala (NSW).

Reference: The Spiritual Court of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese, having examined the facts of the violation of monastic vows by the above-mentioned cleric, established that, on the basis of the 25th Apostolic Canon, the 1st Canon of the Council of Neocaesarea, the 7th Canon of St. Basil the Great, By-Laws 39 and 40 of the "Regulations on the Ecclesiastical Court ROCOR", Archimandrite Alexis is subject to deprivation of his holy orders. Attached to the Protocol of the Ecclesiastical Court, confirmed by Archbishop George, are the verdict of the criminal court, the police statement regarding this decision and other materials.

Having familiarized themselves with all the circumstances and materials of this case and having discussed them in full:

DETERMINED: 1) To sorrowfully approve the decision of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese in the case of the former Archimandrite Alexis (Rosentool), according to the petition of His Eminence Archbishop George. 2) To inform monk Alexis of this decision through the chancery of the ANZ Diocese.

[Signatures:]

+Metropolitan Nicholas

Chairman of the Synod of Bishops

+Archbishop Kyrill

Secretary of the Synod of Bishops