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Memorandum For Albanian Archdiocesan Clergy, Archdiocesan Executive Officers, Trustees and
Parish Council Chairs

Subject: Qualified Candidates

The Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America (Archdiocese) has been without a permanent bishop since the passing last year of our beloved Archbishop Nikon. While Metropolitan Tikhon is graciously serving as our bishop in locum tenens, it is the strong desire of the Archdiocese and its parishes to find a permanent replacement. The Archdiocese episcopal vacancy was announced in September, though out of respect to our late hierarch we held off on initiating the process for replacement. With that in mind, the Archdiocesan Council invites candidates interested in and qualified for the position to come forward.

We are a vibrant collection of parishes who believe strongly in our Orthodox faith while honoring the Albanian heritage that was so integral to our founding. At the Archdiocese and parish level we have many of the same challenges facing other communities of faith. We also have many opportunities for growth that will depend on the right candidate leading our Archdiocese.

Qualified candidates will have their interest and details passed along to Metropolitan Tikhon, for consideration by the Holy Synod. It is expected that the Holy Synod will have further requests for candidate information and that qualified candidates will go through a background check.

Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest along with details on their qualifications to the Archdiocese through General Secretary Fr. Joseph Gallick at the following address: jgall41080@aol.com. The Metropolitan has asked for all submissions to be received by **March 15, 2020**, for consideration by the Orthodox Church in America Holy Synod at its next meeting.

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