

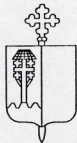
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**SUBJECT: INVITATION FROM ROMANIAN GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH IN US**

Dear Mrs. Nazour,

Praised be our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who never abandons His holy bride, the Church! Greetings in the Name of Him who desires "that all may be one."

A priest of our diocese, the Reverend Father George D. Gage, of St. Mary Romanian Catholic Church in Boardman, Ohio, has made known to me the extraordinary circumstances of your life and your life's activity. As one who has tried to devote his life to the quest for unity between the Catholic and Orthodox churches, I must say that I would very much appreciate the opportunity to hear more about this message from you.

Consequently, please be aware that you are most welcome, upon the invitation of the respective pastor, to visit and to speak to the faithful in any of our Romanian Greek-Catholic parishes in the United States. I know that Fr. George Gage and Fr. Michael Kirila (of St. John the Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan) have both indicated to me their desire for a visit from you in our parishes, and it may be that others would also be interested.

I leave it to them and to you, of course, to set up the details of any such visit which may be possible; I only wish to state here my wholehearted "ahlan wa sahlan" on behalf of the Romanian Catholic Diocese. A copy of our parish listing in the *Official Catholic Directory* is included for your information and convenience.

With the pledge of my prayers for divine protection for you, your family and your mission, I remain

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Archimandrite) John Michael Botean  
Apostolic Administrator

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Reverend and dear Father,

This is to inform you that I have formally invited Mrs. Mirna Nazour to speak in any of the parishes of the Eparchy of St. George in Canton for the Romanians (please see the enclosed letter). I am grateful for your assistance and approval of Mrs. Nazour's visits.

If there is anything further you may require, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by fax in the USA at 216-493-1416.

With the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely in Christ-God,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Michael Botean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

(Archimandrite) John Michael Botean  
Apostolic Administrator

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