

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Prot. No. 2024/67.14

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by the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint George in Canton
for the Romanians

In accordance with the prescripts of the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (CCEO)* that delineate the extent of my episcopal governance and legislative authority, specifically, can. 178 affirms my power of governance over this eparchy, a responsibility further clarified by can. 191 §§ 1 and 2, which bestow upon me the legislative powers necessary for such governance; furthermore, can. 985 §§ 1 and 2 emphasize that this power must be exercised as prescribed by law, ensuring adherence to canonical norms and the particular law (Eparchial Typikon), as underlined in can. 987, which vests exclusive governance authority in my office; additionally, can. 390 §§ 1 and 2 obligate us to provide suitable support and just remuneration for clerics and their families, a directive I am committed to upholding; notably, the last Clergy Remuneration Policy Revision occurred in 2008, underscoring the necessity of this current update; lastly, can. 1489 §2 mandates that laws promulgated by my office be done so in a manner determined by myself; thus guiding the formal issuance of this

**DECREE REVISING the
CLERGY REMUNERATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Finance Council of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton met and discussed changing in the clergy remuneration, and based on the discussions at that meeting, this April 26, 2024, the following paragraphs of the Pastoral Typikon which had read:

103 - A priest is entitled to a monthly remuneration of **\$1,300.00 per month...**"

and


104 -In addition to the above, a priest who is married is to receive an additional food stipend of **\$110 (one hundred ten dollars) per month per dependent ..."**

are hereby amended to read:

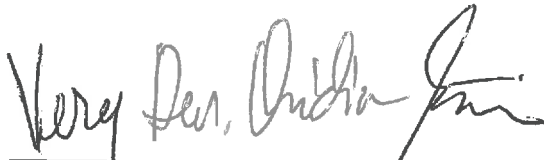
103. A priest is entitled to a monthly remuneration of \$2,000 per month with an additional \$25/month for every year of priestly ministry. The amount will begin to be disbursed on the anniversary of the priest's ordination. (Ex.: for 10-year priestly anniversary - the priest will receive \$250 more per month added to his salary). In addition, in view of the considerable differences of cost of living where all our parishes/missions are located, this amount is to be considered the minimum amount for the clergy remuneration. The Parish/Mission Stewardship Committee may increase this amount in consultation with the Eparchial Finance Office, namely with the Diocesan Economist.
104. In addition to the above, a priest who is married is to receive an additional stipend of \$150 (one hundred fifty dollars) per month per dependent. A dependent is defined as the priest's wife and natural or adopted children who have not yet completed their twenty-first year."

This decree is taking effect immediately, replacing all others before it. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the See of our Eparchy in Canton, Ohio, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord the Two Thousand Twenty-Four (*Anno Domini* MMXXIV) and twenty-seventh of our episcopate.



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