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Ascension of the Lord Monastery (Clinton, MI)
Transfiguration of the Lord Monastery (Ellwood City, PA)
Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery (Rives Junction, MI)

February 21, 2013

Re: Sacraments at ROEA Monasteries

Your Grace Bishop Irineu,
V. Rev. Mother Christophora,
V. Rev. Mother Gabriella,

With this letter it is our intention to clarify, for the faithful and clergy who may come to your monastery, that we do not give our blessing for the sacraments of Holy Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Matrimony to be served in our monasteries. We consider that these three sacraments in particular are initiations into a community life, which means a parish.

Therefore, if at any time someone asks for your approval to have any of these sacraments offered in your monastic community feel free to show them this letter.

With Blessings and all good wishes for the upcoming fasting season,

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Archbishop of Detroit and the
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