

## **Rules for Acceptance of Clergy and Discipline**

**1. No clergy are to be received into this see if they have not accepted the Holy Orthodox Catholic Faith (I and II) as displayed on the websites of the Metropolitan Archdiocese. No exceptions.**

**2. No ordinations may be performed without my permission. Every man must send Vows of Obedience directly to me. All "uncanonical" ordinations will be reviewed for licensing directly from this see. Uncanonical bishops will not be received until they have received a Mandate of Elections directly from me and received subconditione consecration by my hand here in Northridge, CA.**

**3. There is only one authorized seminary program for this see:**

**[www.apostolicconfraternityseminary.com](http://www.apostolicconfraternityseminary.com)**

**The Apostolic Confraternity Seminary of the SOC EACS**

**4. No one is authorized to collect funds in the name of this see. Each parish organization will have its own association or corporation for that purpose.**

**5. The name of the church here is not the Orthodox Catholic Church. That is the denomination; it is the same as Western rite Orthodox. They are the same. The name is The Spanish Orthodox Church and Ecumenical Apostolic Chaplain Service. We allow parishes to have names with orthodox catholic in their name. Those parishes must be licensed by this see. A certificate can be issued in their name from this see bearing my seal.**

**6. Bishops brought into this see are suffragans. They do not have their own diocese. They are assistant bishops to me and are assigned parishes and territory to handle. That is a vicar. As long as they do their job and do not violate the canons, they keep their vicarage. A vicarage can be quite large or as small as a single parish church.**

**7. Bishops may not be diocesan bishops in another church organization. They must not accept such positions. "One can not be an officer in the Army and the Navy at the same time", so to speak. That is a good analogy.**

**8. Bishops with a parish may be the vicar of that location only or assigned a larger vicarage.**

**9. The SOC EACS no longer collects funds. Printing, postage, etc. is to be paid to a separate vendor. Call for information.**

**10. Every application must come with signed and notarized vows and 120USD paid to the vendor. Clergy with previous seminary will be examined by ++John Robert or myself**

**directly and certainly must know and teach the Holy Orthodox Catholic Faith as indicated above.**

**In closing, I suggest that you read through the websites well. Go to the seminary site and read the church history. Go to the metropolitan archdiocese site and read the terminology.**

**Yours in the Love of Christ!**

**Per Dominum Christum Nostrum,**

**+++David Leon Cooper**

**Metropolitan Archbishop**

**The Archdiocese of the Americas, Europe, Australia, Africa, and In Partibus Infidelium  
President and Secretariat Officer, The Spanish Orthodox Church EACS and Affiliated  
Jurisdictions**

**[www.metropolitanarchdiocese.com](http://www.metropolitanarchdiocese.com)**

**[www.orthodoxcatholicchurchnp.com](http://www.orthodoxcatholicchurchnp.com)**

**[www.knightsofchristsmcvc.com](http://www.knightsofchristsmcvc.com)**

**[www.orderofthelionofstyria.com](http://www.orderofthelionofstyria.com)**

**[www.apostolicconfraternityseminary.com](http://www.apostolicconfraternityseminary.com)**

To All Bishops,

There is no diocese except this archdiocese that we recognize. Anyone entering here must resign all titles and offices held elsewhere in other churches.

Church organizations and clergy are admitted as a parish and/or a religious order or society.

If a bishop is appointed for any particular parish, set of parishes or entities in a geographic area, it is a vicarage within this archdiocese.

The bishop so serving is a suffragan and named a vicar.

We will not recognize bishops with questionable holy orders. They must have *consecration subconditione after issuance of proper mandate of election by this see.*

There are only 2 archbishops in this see: the Metropolitan and the Chancellor. No other archbishops will be accepted or allowed to use such a title.

Each vicar will be restricted to the parish(es) that he serves and refer all other matters directly to me.

If another parish is opened by a suffragan, he will apply for licensure of that new parish, and have his vicarage expanded.

Per Dominum Christum Nostrum,

+++David Leon Cooper  
Metropolitan Archbishop