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Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros & Anempodistos

To the Faculty, Students and Staff of St Vladimir's Seminary

Dear Fr John, Fr Chad, Reverend Fathers, brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, I am writing to thank and encourage you and your families for your service and sacrifices for Christ and the Church. I understand that most of you are without power and heat, that phone and internet connections are only intermittent, and that this may continue for days to come. Many of you have children to care for in these trying circumstances.

This is a trial, but also a rare opportunity for you to help, comfort and encourage each other. No doubt it will give you many occasions to bear one another's burdens and be forbearing and good humored. You can be an example of how an Orthodox Christian community comes together in times of crisis.

You are in my prayers of course, but if there is anything specific that you think I might be able to do to help you get through this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me. "Finally, be strong in the Lord, relying on his mighty strength," (Eph 6:10).

With blessings and love in the Lord,

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+NATHANIEL, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate
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