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The Most Blessed TIKHON,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada
Orthodox Church in America

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Matthew 5:9).

Assuming the primatial mantle of the Orthodox Church in America on November 13, 2012 as Beatitude, you have allowed the scriptural Beatitude calling "peacemakers" blessed to define your personal character and your pastoral ministry toward the flock of Christ entrusted to you.

As a monastic seeker of *hesychia*, you have transmitted personal inner peace to those you have served, as a fellow monk, student, teacher of the Hebrew Scriptures, priest, Deputy Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, and as Chief Pastor of Eastern Pennsylvania.

As a lover of languages, and in particular the French language and its culture, you have personally shown the multi-lingual character of your pastoral reach during the Divine Liturgy, and in sermons, pastoral letters, and book collaborations.

Serving as President of the Board of Trustees for the OCA Seminaries, you have worked to secure the future and stability of theological education, with a particular interest in the spiritual formation of clergy.

Now, Therefore,

By virtue of the power vested in the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, the degree of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa* is bestowed upon His Beatitude, Tikhon, Metropolitan of All America and Canada.