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Dear Mrs. Campbell,

Yesterday evening has visited me Dr. B. N. Litvinovich, lecturer for Slavic studies at the University of Toronto and informed me, that the Russian Orthodox Church in Canada under the jurisdiction of Metropolitan Leontij in the U.S.A. will open an Eastern Orthodox Theological School in Toronto, January 22, 1952. The Theological school will have the task to educate men for ministers for the different orthodox parishes in Canada. As a matter of fact I would like to inform you that over the whole Canada there are more than 200,000 greek- orthodox christians , from whom only in Toronto over 50,000. They are from different origins as : russians, bulgarians(macedonians) greeks, jugoslavs etc. There are many parishes without ministers for reason, there are no men, suitable education for the holy task to be a priest.

Your address, dear Mrs. Campbell, I got from Dr. B. N , Litvinovich who has it from his friend in Alberta, the Very Rev. P. Kurzemnek. I have been asked by Dr. B.N. Litvinovich who will be the Director of the School , to join the teaching staff , taking over the chair for systematical theology. My name is Borislav Svrakov, from Bulgarian origin , in Canada only since sept. 1950. I am D.D. and PH.D. I have been student of Prof. Friedrich Heiler in Marburg/Lahn, Germany, a leading theologian with international fame. His chief work is the book " Das Gebet " (the Prayer) , the famest in its kind. It is a petty that there in Toronto I am not in a proper place for my education. I have taught for 9 years systematical theology at the Theological College at Sofia Bulgaria, from 1936- 1943. I have been told by Dr. Litvinovich on advice of Very Rev. Kurzemnek, you were a woman with high spiritual interests and christian understanding for the difficult way of the present immigrant orthodox churches . Your connections also could be from a big importance for the new Theological School in Toronto. I am sure you realize that the only way to happiness for the world is the christian ; the most important method to get the christians to be better , is to bring them into the church , to help them to find the way to the Love of God and the most proper men for this task are the ministers . These ministers can be prepared in the theological school. In one word said, this school needs sponsors because there is no financial support from anywhere . I am working at the Robert Simpsons Co on a small job as clerk. In this case I have to quit my job at Simpson's . However the School can not pay me, for they have no money The students are there , rooms are available in the Trinity College in Toronto with the moral support of the provost D. Fielding, but for my salary is needed help from outside . If you personally can do something in this way , I would like to assure you , that you do a good deed , what will be recompensed once by our common Saviour. If you know a way how to provide the wage for a theologian teacher for this noble task , please tell me . May be there are some

philanthropical or religious institutions like the Rockfeller Foundation or the Carnegie Institut which can help to be carried out this necessary christian task . Dr. Litvinovich feels , it is necessary to have me in the teaching staff as I am the only theologian here . As for me , I feel it my duty for God and my conscience to help build up future ministers for the Church and do my share in the service of God , than to waste my abilities in unsuitable work.

As references for me I can name : 1) Dr. Fielding , Provost of the Trinity College , University of Toronto, 2) Rev. C. de Canatazaro , Prof. the Trinity College, 3) Rev. H. Collier , Main Str. 382, Toronto , 4) Monseign. Dr. A. Rinkel , Archbishop of Utrecht , Emmalaan, Holland , 5) Prof. Fr. Heiler , University of Marburg/ Lahn , Germany , U. S. Zone.

I will be very thankful for your answer .

Yours sincerely B. Svrakov