



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

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Press Release Concerning the Claims of Fr. Loya

The Eparchy of Parma has received inquiries concerning the meaning of the claim of Fr. Thomas Loya that he is “being censored.” As Fr. Loya’s bishop, Bishop Milan Lach has a duty and obligation to monitor and be vigilant over the public ministry of his priests. Eparchial (diocesan) priests by virtue of their incardination participate in the teaching function of their bishops and thus act in the name of the Church. Consequently, they are bound to cooperate with their bishops concerning the content and the manner of discussing theological and social issues which touch the lives of the faithful. For this purpose, church laws encourage and at times prescribe the use of censors. Bishop Milan Lach is in no way trying to restrict the truth, but rather, is helping Fr. Loya in the discernment of the manner in which he preaches it.