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**CHARTER**  
**FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**  
**OF THE DIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**  
**AND**  
**THE CHURCH-NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**OF THE DIOCESE FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**  
**NEW GRACANICA METROPOLITANATE**  
**3-4 September 2010**  
**Melbourne**

**In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!**

We, the undersigned, consecrated and elected representatives of the Diocesan bodies of both our Dioceses of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Australia and New Zealand, Monasteries, Parishes and Church-School Communities, Mission Parishes, the Federation of the Circles of Serbian Sisters, the Serbian Orthodox Youth Association and all patriotic organisations within the Diocesan Plenum as components of the Extraordinary Parallel Session of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Australia and New Zealand and the Church-National Assembly of the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand New Gracanica Metropolitanate, under the Presidency of our canonical Hierarch and father, His Grace the Bishop of Australia and New Zealand and Bishop-Administrator of the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand New Gracanica Metropolitanate Kyr Irinej, in the resplendent city of Melbourne in the state of Victoria, under the heavenly protection of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, of our founding father, the Venerable Simeon the Myrrh-gusher and his son and our father, the first Archbishop, Enlightener and Founder of the Autocephalous Serbian Orthodox Church, St Sava I, and of all the saints from our Serbian people, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August / 4<sup>th</sup> of September in the Year of Our Lord 2010 and on the solemn commemoration of the Holy Martyr Agathonicus and the Holy Hieromartyr Gorazd of Prague, following the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, in the image of His Heavenly Kingdom, and having communed with His life-giving Holy Body and His Holy Blood shed for us sinners, from the one common chalice of Christ, and thereafter in the image of our ancient, holy and sacred councils of the clergy and people of God, on the eve of the heavenly protector of our Dioceses and of our Bishop, the Holy Hieromartyr Irenaeus of Lyon, having unanimously voiced our determination for complete church-administrative unity, thereby demonstrating our eternal gratitude to our most holy father of blessed memory Patriarch Pavle, our contemporary unifier, and with him also of blessed memory Metropolitan Irinej of New Gracanica, as well as our venerable Father the Athonite Elder Nicanor, Pro-Abbot of Chilandar Monastery, our peacemaker, and safeguarding in our hearts and in our souls the whole of the indivisible Tunic of Christ in perfect unity of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church following the Way of Saint Sava, having adopted the proposed Draft Constitution as a visible instrument of unwavering unification under the secure shelter of our Mother Church and in so doing seeking to end any discord and praying wholeheartedly to Christ our God that He strengthen this unity with His Divine Grace, the love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit and at the same time seeking the paternal blessings of His Holiness the Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade-Karlovci and Serbian Patriarch and our father Kyr Irinej with all the holy fathers and Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church to grant us blessed founding for this long desired and long anticipated church-administrative unity, the determination of which we have chosen on this joyous day which will be fulfilled in the expression of the fullness of that all-joyous encounter with Him in the brightness of His Eternal Heavenly Kingdom, on that day which knows no sunset, and in this unanimous conviction we sincerely exclaim and greet our Most Holy Serbian Patriarch Kyr Irinej and all the members of the Holy Assembly of Bishops and through them the plenitude of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Her Majesty The Honourable Queen Elizabeth II and the God-fearing people of Australia and New Zealand, His Royal Highness, Serbian Crown Prince Alexander II and the entire House of Karadjordjevic and all that we have set forth we witness and verify with the signatures of our hands so that that which we have done in this age for our people and our Church in ever grateful and blessed remembrance of our glorious ancestors and founders of our Church on the Fifth Continent and labourers in this field of the Lord and always bearing in mind our hope in the future and in new generations to come, so help us God!

Bishop of Australia and New Zealand  
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*/signed/ +IRINEJ*

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**AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!**

Given in Greensborough  
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04<sup>th</sup> September 2010