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to Elect a Bishop

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1. The Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate in the United States plans to elect a Bishop. At present the Episcopate is led by the (Rev) Ioan Frutza of Cleveland, Ohio, the President of the Council of the Episcopate.

2. There will be two candidates for the Bishop's office: (Archimandrite) Stefan Lucaciu from Paris, France and (Dr) Viorel D. Trifa, editor of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America newspaper, "Solia."

3. It has already been decided that Dr. Trifa will be the new bishop. Archimandrite Lucaciu will then be offered the church in Akron, Ohio ("Bishop" Andrei Moldovan was the former pastor of this church before he went to Rumania and was made "Bishop" by Patriarch Justinian on 12 November 1950. Moldovan has formed his own Episcopate with full support of the Communist Church of Rumania.)

The new bishop will be elected in June 1951 at a Church Congress to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

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