**Questionnaire for bishop (non-anonymous)**

**Your eminence!**

We are writing to you on behalf of *Ahilla* (<http://ahilla.ru/>) internet-project’s participants. *Ahilla* is an independent analytical project, and its participants honestly and frankly discuss Russian Orthodox Church’s life, its problems, its bright and dark sides.

Thousands of people read *Ahilla* every day. Our readers have different beliefs, various nationalities, they live all over the world. Our authors are priests (serving ones and those who gave up serving due to various reasons), monks, ROC’s laymen, people who had left Church after traumatic situations inside the church wall (those people were participants in such situations or have witnessed them). Some of our authors are anonymous; they choose anonymity because they are afraid of hierarchy’s sanctions; they are also afraid of disapproval from hierarchy or their brothers by faith. Our authors write their “confessions”, fill in questionnaires, answer frankly in those questionnaires to the questions about their church experience.

We want to ask similar direct questions to all ROC’s bishops.

Why do we expect to receive from you answer that would not be anonymous? That is because of our hopes. We still hope that hierarchy believes in Christ, and because of that a bishop has nothing to hide from a layman; we are all brothers by Christ. We also want to remind you that every bishop should “have a good reputation with outsiders”.

We ask you not to consider our questions as a kind of provocation. We just frankly want to hear honest answers from ROC’s bishops and introduce these answers to our readers.

**These are our questions:**

1. Please tell your personal income in 2017. Please mark main sources of your personal income (salary, “envelopes” for services in parishes, feast presents from parishes, anything else). We ask you not only to name these sources but also write how much you earned from the sources mentioned (in any currency). What kind of movable and immovable property (land plots, houses, flats, cars, luxury watches etc.) do you own personally? Do you think that your income level is morally appropriate for a bishop?

2. How much did your diocese spent in 2017 on presents to Patriarch Kirill?

3. Did you make any mistakes during the diocese governing in the last few years? If yes, please tell about these mistakes.

4. Do you see any problems in ROC’s life? Were these problems developed during Patriarch Kirill’s reign? How do you think – who, or what is the source of these problems? How can these problems be solved?

5. What else can you say to our readers as a bishop – frankly, openly, and sincerely?

We kindly ask you to answer to these questions and send us your answers from your diocese’s official e-mail to e-mail ahilla.ru@gmail.com. All answers will be published. We ask you to send your answers as a text in .doc, .txt, or .pdf file. We also ask you to send us a scan of your answers on your diocese’s official form with your signature. The sending of this form is mandatory; this is the only way to verify your answers, and not to be fooled by any fake maker.

Also, we ask bishop’s secretaries (or anyone who is responsible for his bishop’s correspondence):

1. Please be sure that this letter is read by your bishop.

2. Please send us your bishop’s answers according to the abovementioned scheme.

Yours sincerely.

*Ahilla*’s editorial board