



## **Bose Monastic Community issues statement on the forthcoming expulsion of the monks from the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev.**



The Bose Monastic Community in Italy has issued a statement with regard to the serious situation in which the Orthodox faithful of Ukraine find themselves and pointing towards actions “aimed more and more openly at the humiliation” of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

“Yet one more piece of dramatic news emerged a few days ago that before the 29<sup>th</sup> March the monks of the famous Monastery of the Caves in Kiev will be expelled from this ancient and venerated monastic house, and the premises now occupied by the authoritative theological academy will also have to be vacated if the occupants do not submit to another Ukrainian ecclesiastical jurisdiction. We received this news with great sadness,” the statement notes.

The Bose Monastic Community called down “God’s mercy upon the Ukrainian people, upon Christians throughout the whole world and particularly upon the monks of the Monastery of the Caves,” as well as

calling upon all to pray for the restoration of peace.

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Founded in 1965 by brother Enzo Bianchi, a renowned Catholic theologian and biblical scholar, the Bose Monastic Community has for many years collaborated with the Russian Orthodox Church in the field of inter-Christian dialogue, in academic research and in publishing ventures. The Bose community organizes annually international symposia on Orthodox spirituality which are attended by bishops, priests, theologians and scholars of both the Roman Catholic Church and the Local Orthodox Churches.

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