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SUBJECT: Administrator named for Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy

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The College of Consultors of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has elected Very Reverend Eugene P. Yackanich Administrator of the Archeparchy.

The election took place June 18 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, Pa. following the interment of Metropolitan Archbishop Basil M. Schott, who died June 10.

Immediately upon the death of the Metropolitan, Most Reverend William C. Skurla, Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic (N.J.) became Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, in accordance with the Code of Eastern Canon Law.

Both Bishop William and Father Eugene will remain in these positions until a permanent successor is named by Pope Benedict XVI.

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The Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh *sui iuris* (self-governing) is an Eastern Catholic Church in full communion with the Church of Rome. It is comprised of four eparchies (dioceses): the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, and the Eparchies of Passaic (N.J.), Parma (Ohio), and Phoenix (Ariz.). Each eparchy is headed by a bishop; the archeparchy is led by an archbishop; the hierarch who carries the title of Metropolitan has jurisdiction over all eparchies.