Romanian Patriarchate expresses deep indignation over public offense to religious symbols



The Romanian Patriarchate learned with deep indignation about the theatre play 'Eu sunt. Si?' ('I am. So?') performed in Cluj-Napoca during the 'Pride Week' of sexual minorities.

The indecent content of this representation includes the mocking of Christian religious symbols, sending a deliberately blasphemous message.

Such offensive attitudes towards the overwhelming majority of Romanians, the negative labeling of Christian believers, the repeated offending of religious feelings divide society and denote intolerance exactly from those who insistently call for tolerance.

We believe it is an act of anti-Christian ideological propaganda, which cannot be excused under the pretext of a so-called artistic manifestation.

We recall that the Law on religious denominations no. 489/2006, article 13 (2), provides that 'any form, means, act or action of defamation and religious discord,

as well as the public offense to religious symbols, are forbidden.'

Consequently, we advocate compliance with the law in its spirit and letter. At the same time, we urge the promotion of decency in the public space as a prerequisite for true tolerance.

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