

The Contribution of Bishop Vartolomeu Stănescu (1921-1938) to the Progress of the Theological Diocesan Education

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Abstract

The Bishop Vartolomeu Stănescu was an important personality of our ecclesial history. His name is related especially to Oltenia because his presence in the bishop's seat from Ramnic. His work is remarkable, especially in the educational domain. Therefore, we have many important acts of charity made by the bishop. In our study we have mentioned the most important ones, like the annual scholarship to support Atanasie Negoită in Jerusalem. Also it is mentioned that bishop Vartolomeu saved the Theological Seminary "St. Nicholas" from abolition, in 1933. In this context, Bishop Vartolomeu Stănescu is an important missionary and father of the Romanian Holy Orthodox Church in Oltenia. His life is also a symbol of self-sacrifice. That was the reason why his contemporaries named him the one who systematized "the past, the existence and their development".