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# Saint Gregory The Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church



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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
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Dear Serpazan Hayr,

Thank you for your letters of April 1, 1987 and April 14, 1987. I have been in Europe since April 1, and returned two days ago. Upon returning home and receiving your letter of April 1, I conferred with other members of the parish council and told them that it was my opinion after speaking with you on the telephone that we should compensate Father Sooren for his stipend etc. until the middle of May 1987 at which time you indicated that he would be reassigned. They agreed and it was decided prior to receiving your April 14th letter.

Therefore, please convey to the Diocesan Council that we have no intention of terminating Father Sooren's pastoral assignment as of March 31, 1987, under the circumstances.

May I also assure you Serpazan that the parish council will take all steps to the extent of its ability to heal the painful division which our parish has undergone. I am certain that cool heads and logic will prevail and your prayers and concern are deeply appreciated by all of us.

Respectfully,

Dr. George P. Rejebian  
Chairman  
Parish Council