

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Diocesan Council Meeting Held on Friday, December 10, 1976

1. The letter received from Michael Haratunian, Chairman of the Unity Committee of the Separated Brethren, will be considered by the five members of the appointed By-Laws Committee who are on the Diocesan Council. Father Dajad Davidian will be the convener. Meeting should take place before the end of December 1976.
2. Father Zaven Arzoumanian, Father Arshen Aivazian, Father Carnig Hallajian, Bedros Norehad and Berj Yeretizian were appointed to write, as soon as possible, a position paper on the Unity question.
3. The publication of a bi-monthly "Center News" was approved. Budget \$13,000 per year.
4. Primate's stipend to be raised to \$20,000 plus \$2,000 for any and all expenses involving the Primate's activities in the Diocese. The Vicar General's stipend to be \$7,000 and the Director's \$18,000.
5. Pension Plan: That all priests be advised in writing that due to a miscalculation in the past 15 months, an additional sum is owing to the Diocese.
6. As of the January 1977 billing, three per cent can be added to the parish assessments with a note informing parishes of the three per cent discount for prompt monthly responses.
7. Elberon:
 - a. What the amount of their annual due is for a member in good standing?
 - b. Number of dues paying members in good standing as of June 13, 1976.
 - c. In order to be a voting member of good standing, one must be a member six months prior to the election date (see Article 7 of the By-Laws.)
 - d. To be eligible to hold office a member must have been a member one year prior to the 1977 election.
 - e. To appoint one or two representatives from the Diocese at the Elberon meeting on February 20, 1977. Recommended names: Bishop Papken Varjabedian, Father Carnig Hallajian and George Mekenian.
8. The election of the three members of the Choir Central Council was approved.
9. Mr. Alex Manoogian's letter. The Diocesan Council would like to meet with Mr. Manoogian.
10. St. Vartanantz Church of Lowell, Massachusetts, was granted permission to build the new church building.
11. The Diocesan Council approved the list of the resident clergy of the Diocese, as presented by Father Dajad, who are not delegates to the Diocesan Assembly.