

*Arch. Sion Manogian*  
*Upr. L.S.D.*

March 19, 1963

Archbishop Sion Manogian  
Diocese of Armenian Church of North America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York

Your Grace:

We are writing you regarding the decision taken at the regular Parish Council meeting of February 23, 1963.

The particular motion that we are writing you about reads,

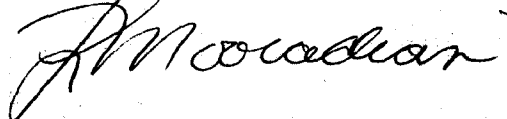
"Whereas the people and the Parish Council of the Holy Shoghagat Parish have expressed approval of Deacon Levon Daghljan as religious administrator, & Deacon Levon in turn has expressed approval of the East St. Louis Parish Council and other relating terms and conditions that exist here, we respectfully request his Grace to make the necessary arrangements for his ordination to the priesthood so that he may better serve our community. The Parish Council respectfully requests that the ordination ceremonies take place in our church because of the interest it will create and the opportunity it will afford to undertake a large fund raising drive."

If Your Grace sees fit to grant this request, may we ask that you try to make the arrangements so that they fall before the hot weather sets in here, about the middle of June.

Also noting that our preparations committee for that day would be completely inexperienced in any said arrangements, would you send us a detailed and complete list of all necessary arrangements.

Since the time is already short, we ask that Your Grace give this matter his earliest consideration.

Respectfully,



Len Mooradian  
Secretary

April 1, 1968

Mr. Len Mooradian  
Secretary, Parish Council  
Holy Shoghogst Armenian Church  
3601 W. Main St.  
Belleville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Mooradian:

His Grace, the Primate has received your letter of March 19, 1968 in which you are stating that your Parish Council and the people of your Parish have expressed the desire to have Deacon Levon Daghlian ordained as religious administrator of your Parish.

In as much as His Grace is pleased that your Parish Council would like to have Deacon Levon Daghlian ordained, as the Pastor of your church, but he finds it necessary to advise you that in accordance with the Diocesan By-Laws, the election of a candidate for ministry in our church, may be performed by the Parish Assembly and the result shall be informed to the Primate by an official letter, signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Parish Council and sealed properly in order to be submitted to the approval of the Diocesan Council, because again, in accordance with the Diocesan By-Laws, the Primate shall ordain clergymen with the consent of the Diocesan Council.

Sincerely yours,

SOOREN MANUELIAN  
Executive Secretary