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Holy Shoghagat
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September 8, 1978

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate of the Diocese of the
Armenian Church of North America

Your Eminence:

Presently I would like to inform you of the schedule we provided for the Very Reverend Father Sooren Chinchinian and the outcome of his visit with us.

On Friday evening upon his arrival in St. Louis, Fr. Sooren was greeted by two Parish Council members. The greeting Parish Council members escorted Fr. Sooren to dinner and spent the remainder of the evening getting acquainted.

On Saturday morning, Fr. Sooren was taken to the Church site to see the progress we were making and also the manual labor put into the structure by the parishioners. He seemed pleased with the community and their relations. On Saturday afternoon, Fr. Sooren met with the Sargavaks and Tibers to go over the Badarak and learn any differences in practice. Saturday evening, Fr. Sooren met with the Parish Council for dinner and to discuss all aspects of duties, salary, his relocation and the future of our Parish. I might add the Parish Council was very much encouraged in our meeting with him.

On Sunday morning, Fr. Sooren celebrated Badarak with us and delivered a very inspiring sermon. Immediately following Badarak, Fr. Sooren was hosted to a dinner for the congregation to meet him.

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At this time Fr. Sooren spoke to the congregation about his Spiritual backround and his future desires for Christian fellowship. After the dinner, Fr. Sooren had the opportunity to converse with individual parishioners who all seemed interested in their conversations with him.

On Sunday evening, Fr. Sooren met with the A. C. Y. O. A. and was told of the future plans and commitments of our youth group.

On Monday evening, Fr. Sooren attended a Finance Committee meeting and was informed of the status of our funds. At this time we also shared with him some insight to different fund raising activities

Fr. Soorens' unscheduled time was spent visiting the ill members of our parish.

As a whole, throughout his entire visit with us, the parishioners receptive of Fr. Sooren. The Parish Council would like to convey at this time our acceptance of Fr. Sooren Chinchinians' temporary assignment at our parish.

Ron Leap

Parish Council-Vice-Chairman
Holy Shoghagat Parish.