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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

LOOSE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF A LETTER IN ARMENIAN DATED
DECEMBER 1, 1980 RECEIVED FROM THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF TORONTO, CANADA

Serpazan Hayr:

It is the responsibility of church officers to protect the interests of the Armenian Church.

When churches submit themselves to the spiritual authority of their Diocese, as duly-registered benevolent institutions, they are also obliged to submit themselves to Federal and State laws.

The 96th article of the Diocesan Bylaws also clearly indicates this.

When our church was made liable for annual Diocesan assessments, we approached the appropriate ministry in Canada to determine the feasibility and legality of dues payments.

Because it is of concern to all Canadian churches, as duly registered benevolent institutions, we sent a copy of the reply we received to the parish councils of each Armenian church in Canada.

We have enclosed \$50.00 for the Etchmiadzin Looma, which members of the parish council have personally contributed.

Dr. Vatche Kerametlian
Secretary

Armen Kurkjian
Chairman

December 23, 1980