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Toronto, January 20... 1982...

Your Grace
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate
President of the Diocesan Council
New York, N.Y.
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Your Grace,

After having received the copy of the taxation department's letter of April 1, 1981 as a reply to Mr. Chapien's letter and of the letter dated April 14, 1981, the representatives of the Parish Council of the Holy Cross Armenian Church meet your Grace in New York to discuss the payment of the Diocesan dues. It was asked by our representatives to have sent to us a list of 'services rendered' with their corresponding costs.

The same matter was discussed, in detail, with two clergy representatives of the Diocesan Council, in Toronto. It was suggested at the time, that either the Diocesan Council send a list of 'services rendered' or the Diocese have itself registered in Canada, to solve the problem. It was further suggested, to show our good faith and obedience to the supreme authority of the Diocese, to give a cheque equivalent to our Diocesan dues to the Ad Hoc committee to be kept by one of its members in trust.

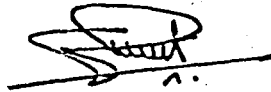
Our lawyer, as well, once more asked, by his letter of Oct. 24, 1981, to have sent to us the said list.

In spite of our willingness to pay the diocesan dues- assessments levied on us, we were accused with disobedience. The Parish was threatened by dissolution of its lawfully elected officers and withdrawal of its priest. We were told to send the dues and if we came up with any difficulties with the government, the Diocese would help us through its lawyers.

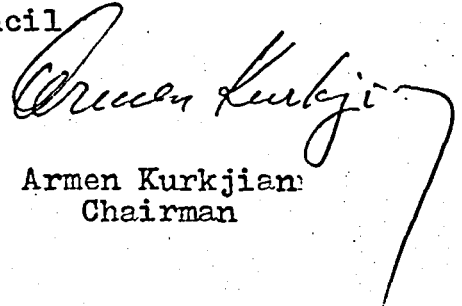
To prove our willingness to pay our dues, in our letter of Nov. 10, 1981, we offered to cover all the expenses which would be incurred during Your Eminence's visit to Toronto, to celebrate the Armenian Christmas. We received no answer.

If the Diocese has come up with a way of payment which we do not know of, which will not jeopardize the status of the church and which is acceptable to the taxation department, we would like to know. Otherwise we would like to have the permission of the Diocese to send the enclosed letter to the Department to get their final saying in this matter.

Respectfully
On behalf of the Parish Council



Ghevont Shahmelikian
Secretary



Armen Kurkjian
Chairman

P.S. This letter was written with the intention to submit it to the Diocesan Council at their meeting on Jan. 22, 1982 in Toronto or to the Primate on the 23rd of January 1982 in Toronto, during the regional meeting.