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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH PARISH OF TORONTO DECLARED DISSOLVED

Pursuant to a recent decision of the 79th Annual Diocesan Assembly convened in Watertown, Massachusetts, the Holy Cross Parish of Toronto, Canada was declared dissolved by the Primate and the Diocesan Council, on February 21, 1982.

In a directive from Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, the clergy, parish councils and representatives of the Armenian Church of America were instructed to sever official relations and communications with that parish.

This unfortunate action was necessitated, after long-standing negotiations and many attempts to come to agreement had failed to resolve ^{the problems of} persistently unreasonable attitudes and disobedient behavior of certain members of that parish with regard to accordance with the established rules and standards by which all parishes in the Diocese abide.

"However, in no way is this communication to be interpreted as abolishing this parish in this community," His Eminence said, "The parish will be re-organized imminently under the direction of Reverend Father Houssig Nishanian and an Interim Parish Council that will represent the Primate and the Diocesan Council, and will ultimately revitalize and re-establish a parish under the authority of the Armenian Church of America."

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