

HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH OF TORONTO

TELEGRAMS

1. December 21, 1982 - Signed "Special Meeting of Holy Cross" to Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

The Parish Council is authorized to meet with the Diocesan Council to settle the issues according to Canadian Tax Laws.

2. February 25, 1982 - Signed "Holy Cross Armenian Church, Kurkjian Chairman, Shahmelikian Secretary" to Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

Primate asking for ratification of newly elected five members of the parish council by February 20, 1982 parish assembly.

3. March 8, 1982 - Signed "Catholicos Vazken to Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

From Toronto Armen Kurkjian telephoned asking permission for Bishop Intoyan. We absolutely refused. He promised to respect the order but ask permission for the deacons to perform services. We thought that much may be permitted temporarily. Please make the necessary arrangements.

4. March 8, 1982 - Signed Torkom Arkepiscopos to His Holiness Catholicos Vazken.

According to the mandate of the Diocesan Assembly and the decision of the Diocesan Council, we have dissolved the Holy Cross parish and parish council, and we have assigned Father Houssig Nishanian and a parish council as the responsible body. The unruly and disobedient executive committee continues, inviting the defrocked Barouyr Minasian of Jerusalem. We are not to encourage and disregard.

Telegrams (continued)

5. March 8, 1982 - Same telegram as No.4 sent to Patriarch Shnork Kaloustian in Istanbul.
6. March 12, 1982 - Signed by Torkom Arkepiscopos to Catholicos Vazken

The unruly and deposed group uses your Holiness' name causing disturbance and performing services. It is necessary that no communication be kept with the deposed persons in the name of Your Holiness.

7. March 30, 1982 - Signed by Catholicos Vazken to Archbishop Torkom Manoogian

Lately we have received telegrams of complaint, asking for a pastor by our arrangement. We have not responded to any. However we are concerned about the situation. Try to find a peaceful solution otherwise the division will be final. Please wire to me the means you and the Diocesan Council plan to use to save the situation.

8. March 30, 1982 - Signed Torkom Arkepiscopos to Catholicos Vazken

A large number of former Holy Cross disenchanted by the unruly leaders are organized under the authority of the Diocese. Services are performed regularly under the guidance of parish council all of whom are members of dissolved parish. The expenses of the dozens of telegrams are provided by certain individuals. By disgraceful actions the unruly gang tries to worsen the situation and to become independent depending on Your Holiness. The interference of the Mother See will be wrong in the Diocesan administrative works by making any promise or arrangements. Again we ask Your Holiness to disregard the information of deposed persons and to trust the Diocesan Council. The decisions made up to March 19 and the records will be sent soon to Your Holiness.