

Diocese Launches Million Dollar Fund Raising Campaign

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America is launching a fund-raising campaign to create a multi-million dollar trust fund for the support of its programs and operations in the future. The campaign will be inaugurated late this fall, and continue through 1973, in conjunction with the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

In the three-quarters of a century since its founding in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1898, the Diocese has grown into a massive operation, with 46 parishes, and an impressive Cathedral and Cultural Center complex as its headquarters in New York.

The expansion of Diocesan programs has been breathtaking. Its current programs include the training of priests to serve its parishes effectively; the creation

of appropriate texts and language tapes for Armenian schools, as part of a comprehensive program to make these schools truly effective educational media; the enhancement of its Sunday schools with a new curriculum of outstanding texts and related aids; the publication of music and preparation of other materials for church choirs; the development of relations with other churches as part of the ecumenical movement; the publication of magazines, books, pamphlets and records for the dissemination of Armenian culture; the maintenance of the Armenian Museum and Library at Diocesan Headquarters; and the sponsorship of effective programs in music and the arts, such as drama, painting, literature, from which both the artists and community may benefit, and making such programs available to all communities throughout the Diocese.

To fulfill these specific functions, and at the same time its overall obligation as the heart of the church community, the Diocese requires substantial funds, both for its present endeavors, and for the security of its existence in the future.

The dramatic milestone of the 75th Anniversary will occasion the initiation of such a drive.

The Anniversary will be celebrated in appropriate fashion with a number of great cultural events, presented during the course of the year, in various parishes as well as in New York. They will include special exhibits, striking artistic presentations, and the publication of a history of the Diocese.

The creation of the trust fund will be supplemented with a special Stewardship Program through which individuals will be asked to become Saint Vartan Stewards with gifts of \$100 a year to the Cathedral.

Clergy Reassignments Effected by the Diocese

NEW YORK, N.Y. - A number of clergy reassignments have been made in the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, effective between the middle of September and the early part of October of this year.

The following presents have been named to new pastorates as indicated:

Rev. Levon Arakelian, New Pastor of Holy Ascension Armenian Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Rev. Arten Ashjian, New Pastor of St. Leon Armenian Church, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Rev. Carnig Hallajian, New Pastor of Armenian Church of the Holy Martyrs, Bayside, New York.

Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian, New Pastor of St. Mary Armenian

Church, Elberon, New Jersey.

Rev. Guregh Kalfayan, New Pastor of St. John The Baptist Armenian Church, Miami, Florida.

Very Rev. Arshag Khatchadourian, New Pastor of Holy Resurrection Armenian Church, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rev. Vartan Megherian, New Pastor of Holy Cross Armenian Church, Union City, New Jersey.

Rev. Diran Papazian, New Pastor of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very Rev. Vasken Tatoyan, Pastor of the St. George Armenian Church in Waukegan, Illinois, will be serving in Holy Etchmiadzin for an indefinite period.