

January 10, 1973

Mrs. Dertad Guleserian  
36 Adams Avenue  
Watertown, Mass., 02172

Dear Mrs. Guleserian:

Your letter of December 18, 1972, reached me in due time. In order to give you an intelligent explanation in connection with the \$500.- check photostatic copy of which you had sent us, my secretary had to go through our closed and put away records. Hence the delay in answering you.

Before I give you the explanation you have asked for, I have to tell you that during the entire period of my chairmanship of this Project, that is since 1946, yours is the first letter I received in that tenor. Please do not forget, dear lady, that we are not paid employees, but volunteers to do a thankless job, always paying out of our pockets in our efforts to collect old pledges that sometimes people forget about. I have written hundreds of reminders, but I repeat, nobody has answered in the tone of your letter. I don't think that anybody has the right to criticize our methods of working unless they are really "victimized" as you put it, and even then, errors are human and people can just say that they have already paid their pledge.

Now to the matter in question. The check for \$500.- is in payment of one seat in the Cathedral for the Consecration ceremonies in April 1968, ticket #241, and has no connection with the pledge of \$500.- we have written to you about. In fact, you have made a first payment of \$250.- towards that pledge in August 27, 1968 and we have sent you a receipt #5011. As you can see, you have made a payment towards that pledge AFTER you had sent us the \$500.- check. The pledge in question was made to the Boston Cathedral Campaign Committee.

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You see, dear lady, we are not victimizing "Innocent" people. We are trying to do a thankless job and I don't think we deserve harsh words and undue criticism.

As I had said in my original letter, if you do not wish or cannot fulfill your pledge, you are perfectly free to say so and we will not bother you anymore with reminders.

I hope the above explanation will convince you that our records ARE in order and that we are not out to "Upset innocent faithfuls".

Very truly yours,

Haik Kavookjian

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Encl. Photostatic copy of your card  
on our files.