

August 13, 1976

The Very Reverend Houssig Bagdasian
Pastor, St. Mary Armenian Church
200 West Mount Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

Dear Father Houssig:

The existence of jurisdictional boundaries is a traditional concept, and a practical one, in our Church and Diocese. And on occasion, especially where several parishes exist in close proximity to one another, it poses something of a problem.

We would like to give some attention and study to this matter as it affects your parish, and ask that you send us a list of the cities that you regard as belonging to your parish. Our concern is to clarify lines of jurisdiction in the area, respect for which must be established and maintained.

We will expect a response from you no later than September 15.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

cc. Parish Council Chairman