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HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER LAWRENCE

54 E. HAVERHILL STREET, LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS 01841 — 683-9942

THE VERY REV. VAZKEN KESHISHIAN  
Rector

July 5, 1989

*His Eminence,  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese of The Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York 10016*

*Dear Surpazan Hayr:*

*I am submitting this letter to His Eminence for his sanction in considering Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretzian as Pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Church, Lawrence, Mass. Despite the previous communications which were sent to His Eminence concerning other clergy, our Parish considers it appropriate for Father Baret's appointment for several reasons. In addition, we feel that, at this time, with our parish heavily involved in its building obligations and expansion plans, Father Baret would guide our parishioners with a leadership of surety. In a recent meeting with Father Baret we discussed and tentatively agreed upon the following terms, pending the approval of this appointment by His Eminence.*

*Holy Cross would provide:*

- 1. A \$15,000 annual stipend.*
- 2. All housing and utility expenses.*
- 3. An automobile with mileage allowance.*
- 4. Medical and insurance costs.*
- 5. Pension plan expenses.*
- 6. Moving expenses to Lawrence.*

*We thank His Eminence for his considerations and acknowledge with gratitude and deepest respect the deliberations which involve the position of the Primate.*

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Harry Azarian*  
Harry Azarian, Ch.  
Parish Council

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July 24, 1985

Reverend Fr. Zenob Nalbandian  
620 Menomonee Avenue  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53172

Dear Der Hayr:

First of all, on behalf of the parish council and parishioners of the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church of Lawrence, I want to thank you for coming to meet with us and performing Divine Liturgy. The parish council, having had the opportunity to talk to you in person about the needs of our parish and the possibility of having you as our pastor, has agreed to formally request that you accept the pastorate in Lawrence effective upon approval of the Primate. Since your visit, I have talked by telephone with the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, and conveyed the pertinent details of our meeting with you as well as received his instructions. Accordingly, I am sending this letter which details the agreements we reached between us regarding your stipend and allowances. They are listed as follows:

Basic Stipend	\$15,120.00
Service Increment (6 years)	2,160.00
Membership Increment (150-300)	1,080.00
Housing Allowance	6,500.00
Car Allowance	2,500.00
Medical Insurance	3,156.00
Clergy Pension	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$31,516.00

If you agree with the above total stipend, please sign and date below and forward this original letter to the Primate. One of the two enclosed copies is to be signed and dated and sent to me, the other copy is to be kept for your records. As indicated by the Primate, this matter will be presented at the next Diocesan Council meeting set for August 16, 1985. It is important that you respond without delay. If there are any questions, please call me.

We hope and pray that the necessary approvals and your arrival to our parish will go smoothly and as quickly as the administrative system will allow.

Sincerely,

  
Charles R. Kochakian  
Chairman, Parish Council

cc: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate ←  
Very Rev. Fr. Baret Yeretian, Vicar, New England Region

Signature of Addressee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_