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Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Archbishop Calfayan was ordained a celebate priest thirty-five years ago and came to the United States in 1926. Since then he has served in various ecclesiastical capacities. The Diocese of the Armenian Church of America has jurisdiction over more than forty churches in the United States, with the exeption of the California Diocese, which is a separate diocese, with nine parishes.

The Armenian Church was organized in the United States first as a pastorate, in 1889, and as a diocese, in 1898.

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