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## Armenian Church Assembly opens in NB

The 80th annual Diocesan Assembly of the Armenian Church of America began yesterday at the Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection in New Britain. Church primate Archbishop Torkom Manougian, third from right, is flanked from left by church executive director Frank A. Stoneson, New York State Supreme Court Justice Vincent Gurahi-

an, chairman of the Diocesan Council the Rev. Mampre Kouzouian, the Rev. Vartan Der Assadourian, pastor of the host church, and assembly manager Charles T. Avedisian. A banquet will be held tomorrow evening at the Holiday Inn and the assembly will end after a 10 a.m. service Sunday.

# Armenians Fill Tiny Church for Diocese Session

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NEW BRITAIN — Armenians from all over the United States and Canada packed into the tiny Church of the Holy Resurrection here Friday for the 80th annual assembly of the Armenian Church in America's eastern diocese.

During the four-day-long assembly that will end Sunday, the governing body of the church will elect an archbishop, discuss church business and deal with pressing church matters ranging from improving cultural and religious education for children to a shortage of priests.

The assembly also is expected to take up a resolution condemning terrorism — an issue in the Armenian community, where a few extremists are seeking revenge for Turkish massacres of Armenians in the early years of this century by assassinating Turkish government officials.

About 200 priests and lay people worked at sessions Thursday and Friday, but participation is expected to swell to about 500 this weekend as youth and women's organizations begin meetings.

The high point of the convention will be today's balloting for primate, the archbishop in charge of the diocese, which comprises all of the United States and Canada except California and Texas, said Charles T. Avedisian, the manager of the assembly.

Lay delegates and priests from each parish choose a leader for each diocese every fourth year. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has served an unprecedented four terms and is seeking a fifth, Avedisian said.

Besides setting the diocesan budget and other administrative matters, the assembly is scheduled to discuss ways of encouraging American-born



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**ARCHBISHOP MANOOGIAN**

men to study for the priesthood. About a dozen parishes are now without priests, officials said.

Organizing the assembly was a daring effort for the local parish, said the Rev. Vartan Der Assadourian, pastor, since the church has only about 75 families.

"We had a lot of nerve taking this one," said Avedisian, who has written a manual to help other parishes organize assemblies. He estimated that 80 of the church's 125 adult members were involved in preparing for the assembly, planning meetings, meals, social events, transportation for delegates and other matters.

## Article #295 BAYSIDE THE LOURDES OF AMERICA May 8, 1982

Excerpts from messages given to N.Y. voice-box for Heaven Veronica Leuken, since 1970.

Many changes in the church, do not please God.

"YOU HAVE MADE MY MASS INTO A MEAL ... You have brought into My House, all manner of WHIMS and FANCIES giving in to your Carnal Natures. Will you stand before Me and say that your teaching has been PURE in My sight? I WILL SPIT YOU OUT INTO THE FIRES!" Jesus ... August 21, 1974

**ORDINATION OF WOMEN:** "The simple plan for the redemption of mankind was given you in the past by your Prophets. Already, we hear you clamor for the ordination of women! NO WOMAN SHALL STAND IN MY HOUSE, TO REPRESENT ME! HOW DARE YOU BRING HERESY TO MY HOUSE! I SHALL GO AMONG YOU AND I SHALL SLING YOU OUT FROM MY TEMPLES!" Jesus ... December 27, 1975

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Dear Friends in Jesus and Mary: When we started printing these excerpts from Bayside Messages in Aug. 1976, a full page ad cost \$1600.00. Today a half page cost \$1 444.50. What price to save a soul? Priceless!!

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Correction: April 24th article: "the war will start where My Son first walked." (not worked)

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## Commission Director Accelerated Rehabilitation

MANCHESTER — Arthur L. Green, executive director of the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, was put on accelerated rehabilitation Friday in connection with a fourth-degree-larceny charge that he shoplifted two bottles of deodorant from a supermarket.

Green maintained his innocence in Manchester Superior Court Friday, and said the incident stemmed from a "misunderstanding."

Green was arrested April 9 after a security guard for the Stop & Shop supermarket on West Mid-

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