

PLEDGE REPORT-1979

STATISTICS: **Twenty-three** families pledged.

Total amount of income: \$3855.- (as of Jan. 15, 1980).

THANKS: We are grateful to Paul Garamanian and Mrs. Hasmig Mavoulian; to all those who pledged (cf. list in Church Bulletin, Jan. 1980). and especially to Fr. Terenig Kondralian, without whom, the pledge system, like many other organizations, would not have worked.

ACTIVITIES: Letters were sent to all parishioners. There was some response. Ten follow-up letters were sent on Jan. 1, 1980. And there was more response.
In general, the response was good and we are hopeful....

DEFINITIONS, PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE PLEDGE SYSTEM:

A PLEDGE IS A PROMISE made by a Christian-Armenian to help support (financially) the activities of the church.

We believe that one can support the WORK of the church by giving time, talents and/or some money. Remember we are giving a gift to the church to support (financially) the mission, the many needs and services of the church.

The money that we give is a sign of our faith; it is a manifestation of our belief; it is an indication of our stewardship. (cf. Luke, ch. 12 and 14, and 1 Cor. ch. 4). We are all, according to the Bible, stewards of God in this world.

Since we believe in the special mission of the Armenian church in this community, we need to tell our friends about this regular way of supporting this church.

Our church offers:

- spiritual services- in six or more different ways;
- Educational services- in four or more different aspects;
- social services- both humane and national.

We have a pledge system so that the church and YOU may be fortified to say " NO " to the great melting-pot, the "White genocide" in this country. It is time we realize that complacency and indifference are powerful enemies of Armenians.

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For these and many other services, and above all for the glory of God, the church, through the pledge system, asks us to promise that we will donate so much, each year, and regularly....

Anyone who has this awareness - and acts accordingly - will be blessed personally in his mind and heart; I refer to the psychological-personal consequences, to the satisfaction that the giver will feel and find....

Let us remember that the smallest DEED is better than the grandest intention.

Respectfully submitted,

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