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St. John's Armenian Church  
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SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

May 20, 1965

The Most Rev. Sion Archbishop Manoogian  
Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Your Grace:

On behalf of the diocesan delegates of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, I wish to express appreciation to you for the time devoted to our delegation at the recent Diocesan Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We are aware of the great demand on your time and of the many pressing problems requiring your personal attention.

As you will recall, the subject discussed was the assignment of a second clergyman to our parish. The clergymen named as our choice were the Very Rev. Fr. Yeghishe V. Gizirian and Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian. Fr. Yeghishe expressed a willingness to accept, and Fr. Dajad made no committment.

The needs of our parish are growing to such an extent that it is impossible for our hard-working pastor, Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian, to do justice to even a portion of his many duties. Under the present conditions, it is most difficult for Fr. Diran and the Parish Council to serve our parishioners adequately.

Your Grace stated that he would take this matter under advisement and inform us of your decision in a short time.

The Parish Council respectfully urges Your Grace to resolve this matter as soon as possible. We appeal to you in the name of all our parishioners for your paternal help in providing us with adequate spiritual leadership.

We hope it will be possible for you to visit Detroit after the St. Nersess Armenian Theological School Board Meeting in Evanston, Illinois during the month of June. The urgency of this matter requires a meeting to resolve our problem. Please inform us of your plans in order that we may make arrangements to meet with you at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

*Martin P. Apkarian*

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Chairman, Parish Council

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November 16, 1965

The Most Rev. Sion Archbishop Manoogian  
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Your Grace:

Per your request, this is to reconfirm the telephone conversation of Friday, November 12, between the Very Rev. Yeghishe Vartabed Gizirian and Mr. Martin P. Apkarian, regarding the status of the former and the Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian as Senior Pastor and Pastor, respectively, of St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit. The status of the clergymen in question is the same as outlined in your letter addressed to the Pastor and Parish Council of our Church dated September 17, 1965, your file #12055.

Concerning the article which appeared in the October issue of our Jahagir, this item was merely one of information to our parishioners stating that Hayr Soorp Yeghishe had accepted the call from our Pastor and Parish Council to serve our parish. The designation of "second clergyman" was meant only to indicate that we would in the near future have more than one clergyman in Detroit and was not referring to the status of Fr. Yeghishe in the clerical order.

We trust that the above will meet with your approval and clarify this matter.

Respectfully yours,

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN  
Pastor

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Chairman, Parish Council

  
EDWARD B. KORKOLIAN  
Secretary, Parish Council

cc: Very Rev. Yeghishe Vartabed Gizirian