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We acknowledge receipt of \$ 200.00 Dollars

Name St. John's Arm. Church

Address 22001 Northwestern Hwy
Louellfield, Michigan

Purpose

- ծխական Տուրք
Parish Dues
- Օրացոյցներ
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- Ս. ծննդեան Դրոշմիկներ
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- Գրատուն
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- Նուիրատու Լուծիւններ
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- Մշակութային կեդրոն
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Nora Martoyan
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		50th ANNIVERSARY Air Fare - Abp. Torkom Manoogian	

TOTAL \$ 200.00

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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

17 June 82

ARTHUR S. MARDIGIAN
Chairman - Parish Council
Saint John Armenian Church
22001 Northwestern Highway
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Dear Mr. Mardigian,

We are in receipt of your letter to the Primate, dated May 27th, regarding the 1982 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament. His Eminence directed that we respond to some of the more important points in your letter.

While we appreciate the concern and input by the Parish Council for the well-being of this popular annual Tournament, we cannot help but notice the singular perspective of your comments. Of the sixteen teams participating this year [a record], your Parish is the only one to offer any negative criticism. Moreover, we have received praise regarding the Tournament and weekend festivities from other parishes, including people who attended.

In planning such tournaments, we assume very little. This especially includes local or distant parish participation. Announcements and registration forms were sent to all parishes of our Diocese, with sufficient time for response before the prescribed deadline. Your Parish did not respond by the deadline. In addition, special treatment is not given to past participants - winners or losers.

The annual ACYOA Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament is not a "challenge", as provided in the Official Rules and Regulations for other times of the year. Therefore, past champions are not recognized for special or conditional treatment. Your letter is careful not to accuse the Tournament hosts [ACYOA Central Council] of treating your Parish team unfairly. This is good, for they were not. All teams participating are treated equally - local and distant, large and small. This is the only way we shall allow the Tournament to be held.

Regarding the schedule of games, we remind the Parish Council that the Tournament is "single-elimination" competition. Your Parish team was fortunate to have the chance to play in four games. Some teams played in only one game. Your team could have lost its first game and faced immediate elimination. The whole point of the Tournament is to play basketball, not to sit and watch from the side-lines. Indeed, it is a shame that such a large parish as yours can only produce seven players for the men's team. Most parishes are not as fortunate and do not have such resources.



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In addition, your letter fails to mention that your Parish team did not have to play "back-to-back" games, as some teams did. These "rest periods" were a result of proper scheduling. Your letter also leaves out the fact that your Parish women's team won the championship in their division.

There have never before been sixteen teams competing in this Tournament. The ACYOA Central Council did a fine job in organizing the entire weekend festivities, especially the fair scheduling of games, in light of receiving registration forms and team fees late. A fine job, that, we admit, can be improved; but nevertheless successful - despite the fact that none of the Council Members reside in New York City!

We feel that some of the points expressed in your letter are worthy of consideration, and we appreciate your interest.

Our concerns are mutual.

Yours sincerely,



JAMES MAGARIAN
Executive Secretary
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ACYOA Central Council Chairman
1982 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball
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