

May 16, 1975

Mr. E. George Dabagian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
St. Leon's Armenian Church  
12-51 Saddle River Road  
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Dear Mr. Dabagian:

We have received your letter of May 1, and are pleased that there have been discussions with Fr. Paree with a view toward his possible service as pastor of St. Leon's. Please keep us informed about the progress of your discussions.

With respect to Fr. Arten's reassignment, we feel sure that it will be implemented prior to September 1. You can make tentative plans accordingly. We hope to furnish more specific information very soon.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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May 1, 1975

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Archbishop Manoogian:

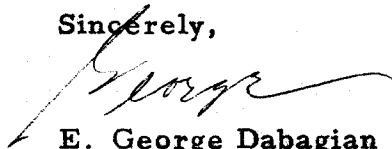
The parish council has received your copy of the letter addressed to Der Arten Ashjian, in which you refer to his resignation from St. Leon's Church in Fair Lawn, New Jersey to take place in the near future.

As you know, we have talked to several clergy who we thought might be available or are ready for a transfer. We have personally interviewed Der Paree Metjian on a very informal basis and plan to see him again on May 7 and May 8, where he may have an opportunity to sit in as a guest and observer at several of our organizational meetings.

In your letter no date has been specified as to when Der Arten may be leaving. However, if it does not cause any undue hardship, the Parish Council feels, in all fairness to everyone concerned, especially the parishioners of St. Leon's, we would like to take the proper steps to implement this change-over in a very smooth and friendly atmosphere prior to September 1, 1975.

We trust that this schedule will meet with your Grace's approval.

Sincerely,

  
E. George Dabagian  
Chairman, Parish Council  
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cc: Rev. Arten Ashjian  
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