

December 6, 1976

The Reverend Father Parea Metjian  
Pastor and President of the Parish Council  
St. Leon Armenian Church  
12-61 Saddle River Road  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410

Dear Father Parea:

We are pleased to inform you and your Parish Council that the Diocesan Council, at its meeting held on November 12, 1976, and the Diocesan Board of Trustees, have approved the purchase of approximately 1.1/4 acres of land adjacent to St. Leon Armenian Church, 12-61 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as a site for a community center complex and classrooms.

The purchase price of \$40,000.00 (Forty thousand dollars) has also been approved. The purchase will be made in the name of the Diocese.

We pray for the success of your undertaking.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate

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ST. LEON ARMENIAN CHURCH

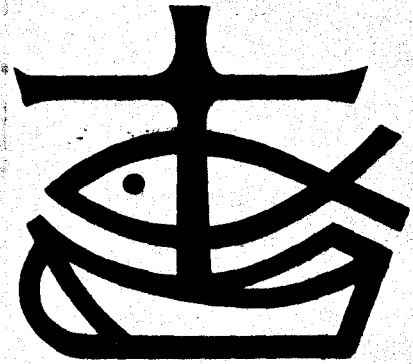
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October 18, 1976

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate of The Diocese of The  
Armenian Church of North America  
President of the Diocesan Council  
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New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

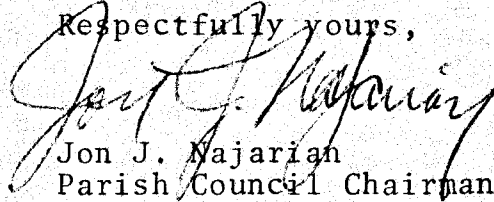
On October 3, our church held a special Parish Assembly to discuss future church expansion. By an overwhelming majority the Parish voted to acquire a parcel of land immediately adjacent to our present property. We would be buying approximately 1-1/4 acres which would fall to the south and rear of our present property line as shown on the enclosed plot plan. The purchase price would be \$40,000. This parcel is actually almost 2 acres and a large house sits in the front of this property. A group of doctors have contracted with the present owner to buy this house with the remaining land to be used as a professional office. We would therefore be acquiring the rear portion as stated above. We are therefore seeking permission from the Diocesan Council to purchase this property. We seek quick action by the Council because the owner must go through subdivision approval for us to buy the rear piece and we are under some pressure, both from the doctors and the present owner to proceed with this purchase.

At this special Parish Assembly the parish also affirmatively voted to have the Parish Council select a negotiating committee to meet with the A.G.B.U. to seek a mutual understanding for the possibility of a cultural center on our property. We will keep you informed of the committee's progress.

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We have enclosed, for your information, minutes of that special Assembly. Should you or any members of the Diocesan Council have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I may be reached during the day at my office (201) 265-5400, or at my home, (201) 666-9304 during the evening.

Respectfully yours,



Jon J. Najarian  
Parish Council Chairman

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Enclosure

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ST LEON EXISTING PAD -  
 ST LEON PROPOSED ADD'L PAD -



STATE TAX DEPARTMENT  
 APPROVED AS TO THE TAXING TO THE  
 PROPERTY OF COUNTY & CITY OF HILL  
 J. H. TRAVIS, CLERK  
 SEP. 14, 1968