

March 24, 1973

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Dear Father Diran:

I have received your letter of March 16, glad that it was in Armenian which I managed to understand without any help. If you are content with the explanations, so am I.

I wish only to add a couple of notes. In all my public experience, which goes back more than 20 years, both with the church and with the AGBU, I never received a letter or a communication or whatever, from a chapter or a church, which was addressed "To Whom It May Concern." I was surprised when this one arrived in this manner.

Finally, regarding the election of parish council officers, it is not true that all churches elect before confirmation. Some do, most do not. And those that do are operating contrary to our by-laws, and are so informed. If elections are held, the confirmation becomes pointless. What is of consequence here is adherence to the forms established by the by-laws. And if the by-laws say what must be done, I cannot see the need to issue directives.

In any event, the confirmation is enclosed, and all this, important or not, becomes academic.

Sincerely,

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Jack Antreassian
Executive Director