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Your Eminence:

We have reviewed your letter of March 23, 1981, relating to our Church dues. Unfortunately, in your review of our "reserves" as submitted with our annual report, you were not aware of all the facts.

We submit, herewith, a copy of our Building Committee report for your review. As you can note on the last page of the report, we have a current debt of about \$50,000. Most of this amount is now due.


We have extensively reviewed the various options open to us and are juggling our finances to maintain solvency. We also understand your views and are aware of our obligations to the Diocese.


We have just concluded a complete review of this problem at our Parish Council meeting of April 6, 1981. We have agreed to send the Diocese at this time another check for \$1,000.00. This brings our payments this year to \$3,000.00 through April 1981. As of year end 1980, we owed \$5,529. Our dues through April 1981 amounted to \$2,004.00. Therefore, as of May 1st we owe \$4,533.00. We agreed to pay \$501.00 per month beginning May through the year 1981. This will bring our debt by year-end to the \$3,500.00 level, which is significantly lower than presently owed.


We feel this is the best we can do at this time. We have several money making affairs planned and if we can improve our position through the year, we will do so. Hopefully we can continue this plan through 1982.

We hope that with this approach we are taking will be acceptable to the Diocesan Council and yourself, and that your approval of our elected Parish Council will be forthcoming. This approval is needed since our problems are large and the situation made more difficult by operating with a mixture of two Parish Councils. We respectfully request that you approve our above plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Chairman Parish Council

  
Fr. Vartan Der Assadourian  
Parish Priest

  
Charles Hovsepian  
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