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The Honorable Judge Vincent Gurahian Chairman, Diocesan Council Diocese of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, New York 10016

Mr. Chairman:

As our parish prepares itself for the upcoming Annual Diocesan Assembly, of which we are the host parish, several formal and informal discussions have taken place. As a result of one of these discussions, the thought of having a designated time for the Parish Council Chairmen throughout our Diocese to meet for an exchange of thoughts, arose.

Traditionally, a Chairman's Breakfast is held, during the Assembly weekend, on an informal social basis. Although enjoyable, it is unfortunate that in the short time span allocated for this get-together, it is difficult to engage in indepth discussions.

It is our opinion that a more structured meeting would encourage an exchange of ideas that could prove beneficial for both the parishes and the Diocese. The following are some suggested guidelines that may be incorporated into the format finalized by the Diocesan Council, if this concept is approved.

We propose that:

- The "workshop" to be scheduled in conjunction with upcoming Diocesan Assembly.
- 2. The length of the "workshop" be three hours.
- 3. Parish Council Chairmen be notified of the "workshop", proposed Agenda and objectives, in advance and request that they bring several copies of their Annual Report for distribution.
- 4. Topics for discussion might include the following:
 - a. Structure of Church Organizations and Clubs
 - b. Special Programs
 - c. Programs specifically for elderly, youth, etc.
 - d. Fund-raising functions
 - e. Eathquake fund-raising programs
 - f. Future concerns



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Although the parishes are geographically separated from one another and from the Diocese, many of their concerns are generally similar. A meeting of this type would surely provide a unique opportunity for us to learn from one another and strengthen the bond amongst the parishes through their Chairmen.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, we await your response and further direction.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian

Pastor

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Parish Council Chairman

