From the 75th Annual Diocesan Assembly Minutes: Dated May 5, 6, & 7, 1977

Ammendments and Proposals:

Proposal #7

The following proposal is submitted by the Parish Council and Diocesan Delegates of Saint James Armenian Apostolic Church, Watertown, Massachusetts:

WHEREAS, the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America continues to experience a shortage of priests to serve the needs of its parishes, and

WHEREAS, the Clergy, Religious Programs and Spirituality Panel of the 74th Diocesan Assembly made a proposal to alleviate this shortage, namely that a special two-year program be instituted for the preperation of priests; therefore,

It is proposed that a Theological Education Fund be established by the Diocese to educate and provide for the needs of candidates to the priesthood, who would serve in our Diocese. This fund would be administered by the Diocesan Primate and would be funded by contributions from our parishes. It is further recommended that each parish contribute at least 1% of its annual budget to this fund.

The motion was carried.

Appendix II

From the minutes of the Special Assembly of the St. Thomas Armenian Church, Tenafly, N.J.

The Special Parish Assembly of the St. Thomas Armenian Church of Tenafly, N.J. convened on December 10, 1978, approves the concept of constructing a new church auditorium and remodeling the existing auditorium and kitchen area and it authorizes the Building Committee to spend approximately \$10,000 for the development of preliminery plans for the project and a master plan for the Church complex. Upon the completion of preliminary plans and preparation of a cost estimate the project shall be presented to a parish assembly for final construction approval.