STATEMENT

In view of the recent public criticisms of the Diocesan Primate Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and the Diocesan Council concerning their decisions regarding the accomplishment of the much desired unity of the Armenian Church in America, the sister parishes of St. Sahag and St. Mesrob and Holy Trinity of Greater Philadelphia, do hereby issue the following statements:

- 1. After hearing the report of our Diocesan delegates at our respective annual Parish Assemblies held simultaneously on February 13, 1977, we are in accord with the decisions made at the annual Diocesan Assembly held in Philadelphia in May, 1976.
- 2. We find the decisions made by the Diocesan Primate and the Diocesan Council to be in accordance with the decisions of the Diocesan Assembly.
- 3. As parishes under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of the Armenian Church we fully support the decisions made at the 1976 Diocesan Assembly and express our confidence in the Primate and the Diocesan Council in implimenting the decisions of the Diocesan Assembly to the best interest of the Armenian Church in America.

Proposed by

St. Sahag and St. Mesrob and Holy Trinity Armenian Churches of Greater Philadelphia

February 13, 1977

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