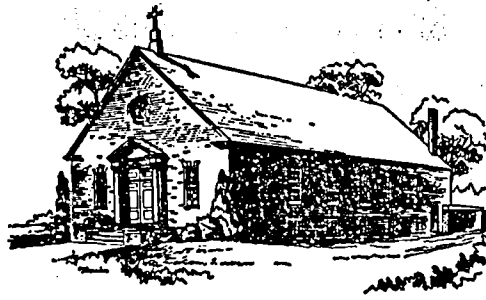


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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate and President of the Diocesan Council  
of the Armenian Church of America  
630 Second Avenue  
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Dear Surpazan Hayr:

Please accept this letter as a status report on our parish's effort to secure a priest. Several months ago, we established an ad hoc search committee which has been diligent in its efforts. Though at times, we become disappointed that our effort have not brought about the desired result.


Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to meet with Very Reverend Sooren Chinchinian. Having given thorough and deliberate consideration to the evaluation process, a decision has been reached that the Very Reverend Sooren Chinchinian is not suitable to the needs of our church and community. We regret that our mutual efforts did not resolve the situation.

The search committee and parish council will initiate contact the three other possible condidates as follows:

Very Reverend Popken Anoushian  
Very Reverend Yeznig Balian  
Reverend Nerses Jebejian

Our Search Committee has made numerous contacts and we are proceeding with great expectations. We appreciate your continuing support in this regard.

Respectfully,

  
Bedros C. Bandazian  
Chairman, Parish Council