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Mr. Barkev Khojajian,
Chairman, Parish Council,
Toronto Holy Trinity Armenian Church,
26 Snowcrest Ave. Willowdale Ont.

Dear Mr. Khojajian:

I thank you for your letter of March 3, 1974, which I received today. As you are well aware, the AGBU has been the instigator of the idea of developing a Community Centre together with the Church on the piece of land that the AGBU now owns. It is most encouraging to see in your letter, that the Parish Council has now come to the same conclusion.

It is true that our meeting of February 27 was a frank discussion of the problems related to this subject, but if you read the minutes of this meeting, you will note that we simply recorded the Parish Council's "counter offer" to our "offer" outlined in our letter of February 1st, 1974. As we have already made clear in our letter of February 1st and in our meeting of February 27, our final answer will depend on the decision of our President.

On the 28th of February we reported to our President the facts and our impressions of our meeting of February 27. We are now waiting for his instructions. Most probably a problem of this nature can have an equitable solution in a meeting to be held in the presence of Sprozan Arachnort and our President with the representatives of the Parish Council and AGBU Executive Committee of Toronto.

We have always believed that the cooperation of the Church and the AGBU will prove to be most beneficial to our community. Hence, each organization should be willing to sacrifice its sectional interests for the good of the community at large; and none should seek to exploit the situation at the expense of the other. The fact that the building of a church is beyond the financial means of the present Parish Council without the help of the AGBU or some other major benefactor has never led us to think of dictating our own terms to the Parish Council. Similarly we hope that such a mentality will never prevail in the Parish Council by thinking that the development of an AGBU Centre, without the cooperation of the Church, will not create the envisioned Community Centre.

Yours truly,

c.c. Archbishop Torkom Manougian
Mr. A. Manougian, Mr. E. Mardigian

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