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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

March 8, 1982

TO: The Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen and Delegates

SUBJECT: HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH, TORONTO, CANADA

Pursuant to the decision of the 79th Annual Diocesan Assembly convened in Watertown, Massachusetts, we wish to inform our parishes that the Holy Cross parish of Toronto, Canada, was declared dissolved by the Primate and Diocesan Council on February 21, 1982.

A bulletin will be forthcoming explaining in detail the reasons for the action by the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

At the present time, until further notice, our clergy, parish councils and representatives of the Armenian Church of America, in their official capacities as such, are directed to cease and refrain from communicating with or recognizing the Holy Cross parish of Toronto, Canada.

This communication is necessitated by the behavior and certain actions of the members of the Holy Cross parish, and in no way is this communication to be interpreted as abolishing this parish in this community, but rather this parish will become a reality as an integral part of the Armenian Church of America.

We ask our people to be patient until further directives and explanations are received.

At the present time, Reverend Father Houssig Nishanian and the Interim Parish Council are representing the Primate and the Diocesan Council to revitalize and re-establish this parish under the authority of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

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Primate