

ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in the Bulletin "Our Parish", we had a General meeting on the 13th of February. At this meeting a few motions were passed:

1. The election of 4 Members of our Community to study with Mr George SHAD, our solicitor, a constitution for our Parish and the mode of ownership of Parish property.
2. The election of the Parish Council.
3. The purchase of the land adjacent to our Property. It was necessary to decide on the spot as other buyers had already made firm offers.

It was deliberated that we are not in a financial situation to buy that land, given that the market value is \$120,000. It was suggested that the Cabramatta property be sold.

Selling that property will take some time as there are legal problems involved. In the meantime we should exchange contracts in the next six weeks.

It was decided to send a circular letter to all our Parishioners asking each working member of our community to contribute a donation of \$100. This money will be used as a deposit and the rest would be borrowed from the Bank.

Why should this concern you?

a - Because in the past it was through your donations that the church was bought and this community should be commended for its efforts in buying the church.

b - Although we have a church, now we need a parish centre, a presbytery. Also we need some classrooms, a cultural centre, library and a Hall...

c - We live in a society where we are in danger of being assimilated and we are rowing against the current. Unless we rise above our personal likes and dislikes, above the antagonisms that we might feel against certain persons or groups and unless we accept to make some sacrifices our future existence as Armenians will be surely endangered.

d - Most of us know very little our language, and even less about our culture and history. It is important that we do not leave our children with the same deficiencies. We should be willing to make every effort to raise our children as Armenians.

What can you do?

If you are a working member of our community, please forward, as soon as possible, your meaningful contribution.

All cheques should be made payable to ARMENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH and forwarded to: P.O.BOX 102, Lidcombe, N.S.W. 2141.

Permit me to remind you that we are asked by God himself, in the Bible to bring our contribution to our Church. And that, that contribution should be meaningful. Know also that the Lord blesses the cheerful giver and assures him of his reward.

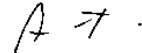
Looking forward to your encouragement,

I remain,

Yours in Christ Jesus

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Totony".

P.S. *This letter is meant for our Parish members. If you are on our list as friends of our Parish, please regard this as an "Informative circular" only,*

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