

Legal Update

In Chicago court, on July 20, 2007 the presiding judge ordered that the ACOE's case is "stayed" until further notice. Plaintiffs (ACOE) cannot take any further action on their case in Illinois until otherwise notified by the court.

In San Jose, California, on July 30, 2007 the presiding judge denied the ACOE's complaint for injunction and TRO regarding the loan obtained by our Diocese to help in the payment of legal cost. The ACOE have appealed this ruling as they have appealed the first ruling of February 1, 2006, which denied their complaint for injunction, and TRO regarding the possession of church properties.

The ACOE have filed their long anticipated Motion for Summary Judgment. Our response is due in court on October 15, 2007. The court hearing for Motion for Summary Judgment is scheduled on October 25, 2007

The deposition of Mar Aprim Khamis of the ACOE was taken on August 2, 2007. It was to be completed at a later date.

At the trial date setting hearing of August 21, 2007, Judge Murphy set the trial date on December 10, 2007.

The third deposition of the Patriarch Mar Dinkha and first deposition of Mark Thomas took place as scheduled on August 28 and 29, 2007 in Chicago.

On August 28, 2007, the Appellate Court denied the opposition's appeal of Judge Murphy's ruling of July 30, 2007 regarding the loan we obtained recently.