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SUBJECT: DIOCESE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR DRAWING
OCTOBER, 1972

In our Regional Meetings last fall at which our 1971 Diocesan deficit was the principal matter of concern, methods were discussed for raising sufficient sums in 1972 to prevent the sort of emergency that confronted us last year. A tentative plan was presented for a support program in the form of a drawing with 1500 tickets printed for sale at \$100 each.

Twenty prizes will be offered totaling more than \$40,000, drawings for which will be held in October 1972.

It is hoped that a substantial sum can be realized from this effort, for which a listing has been entered as anticipated income in our 1972 budget.

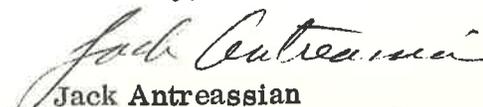
We feel confident it will succeed, but only if the full cooperation of our parishes is assured.

This plan is intended as a remedy for our immediate needs. For the future, we have in mind the establishment of a trust fund, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese in 1973, the income from which will serve to cover our growing operating costs; in addition we have in mind cultivating and developing the stewardship concept. Both of these are long-range propositions, and more immediate action will be necessary at the same time.

All these will again be discussed at our March Regional Meetings. Meanwhile, it is urgent for you to develop ways by which these certificates will be sold locally. The income anticipated from them is essential for the balancing of our budget in 1972. A group should be appointed to lead this undertaking in your parish, headed perhaps by your delegates who can spearhead the effort. Please let us know about your plans, as well as the names of the committee you appoint.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

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