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Dear Jack:

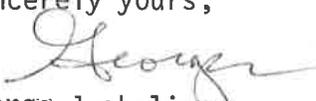
I have just sent a letter off to Ed Bashian enclosing eight \$100 checks from parishioners who have enrolled as St Vartan Stewards. We hope to get a few more, but the appeal results have been discouraging - and it isn't because we didn't try. We sent out two letters (one a follow-up on the first) and then followed up by personal telephone calls or contact.

All of which leads me to this thought: when Vehapar is here, why not try to honor the St Vartan Stewards by special recognition from Vehapar? For example, (by the way, Barry Zorthian at a meeting with him yesterday of the Legate's Council left a copy of the tentative schedule of Vehapar's visit) would it not be possible to arrange some special recognition for the Stewards on, say, Synday, May 13 by giving them special tickets for seating in the Cathedral during the divine liturgy. Or better still, have the Vehapar give each Steward his pin at a reception in the Diocesan Reception Hall right after the badarak. I toss these thoughts out hurriedly for your consideration. The main thing, I think, is that somewhere along the line the Stewards be recognized and complimented by the Vehapar himself - AND THE FACT THAT HE IS GOING TO DO THIS BE GIVEN FULL PUBLICITY BEFOREHAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE OVERALL PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN VEHPAR'S VISIT.

If Vehapar comes to Washington, we might consider that if a reception of any sort is considered desirable, we would have it in honor of the Stewards. In addition, we would make it financial advantageous to the Stewards, giving them complimentary tickets and charging all others an amount to cover expenses, including those of the Vehapar and his party's total Washington expenses. This would make the per ticket cost perhaps high (\$25 or so) and would emphasize all the more the status of the Stewards. I would further propose that if such a reception were held, Vehapar would pass out Stewardship pins to those who had enrolled from the Washington area, thus giving them special attention and status.

You may want to talk this over with the Primate, Barry Zorthian and Ed Bashian. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


George Juskalian