

November 18, 1966

The Rev. Fr. Haik Donikian, President
Parish Council
Saints Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church
70 Jefferson Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Der Hayr,

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council and myself may I express my thanks and appreciation to you, to Deacon Sarkis and the Parish Council for the courtesy and cooperation extended during my stay in your parish for the field work of your chapter.

Your parish is bestowed with a tremendous potentiality and a number of capable individuals, who can contribute toward the growth of your ACYOA chapter and the creation of a more dynamic interest and enthusiasm among the youth.

The efforts of the field worker were but a humble beginning, possibly a spark in organized activities which should continue to be planned and executed with proper and competent leadership in order to bear fruits. The spirit of helpfulness and assistance displayed by you, the Deacon, and the Parish Council assures me with great confidence, that with the guidance and leadership you can give and procure, both branches of your ACYOA chapter will be considerably strengthened and improved.

You have a group of wonderful boys and girls to work with. They need the spark of enthusiasm, the fire of interest, and the security of guidance and support on the part of their advisors, the Central Council representative, the Parish Council and other lay leaders, under the leadership of the clergy.

The practical steps the Parish Council can take to help the ACYOA may be outlined as follows:

- 1) Have a brainstorming session with the Council and the executives of Jrs. and Sr. discussing ways and means of improvement.
- 2) Plan and organize a youth week to conduct a large scale membership drive.
- 3) Find an interested young man or woman to be trained as Youth Director with the sponsorship of the Church.
- 4) Help organize a mission program locally, with the participation of both Jr. and Sr. ACYOA members.

In addition, progress reports should be sent to the Central Council periodically, so that the latter can continue to offer the necessary assistance and guidance.

Faithfully yours,

Deacon Hovhannes Kasparian
Field Worker for ACYOA

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CC:
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Parish Council Chairman