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Dear Sylva,

Although we haven't had a chance to talk in some time, we have noted through the newspapers and parish activities that you have been as busy as usual and producing some positive results. This is certainly good to see.

Enclosed are the latest releases regarding (1) Audio-Visual Educational Programs, and (2) Archbishop's Essay Contest.

The Audio-Visual Programs are available to all parishes. Thus far, the Symbolism (part 1) program has been completed and is available. As new programs develop, we will inform. If you can mention these resources if someone asks, we would appreciate your help in promoting this ACYOA Program.

The Archbishop's Essay Contest is in its second year. We offer this contest for the young people who wish to compete via their literary sources and talents. (We have finally convinced the ACYOA that competition exists outside the realm of athletics!!!) The Contest includes both an English and Armenian language category. Using your many talents and resources to promote this contest in the parishes as you visit will certainly stimulate some of our shy writers to come out and share their literary work. Last year, we did not receive any entries in the Armenian language category. Perhaps you will assist us to reverse this situation. [Please note the guidelines for details and limitations.]

Hope you are well and enjoying this glorious season of the Holy Birth.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES MACARTAN