

March 17, 1992

The Reverend Father Garabed Kochakian
St. Mesrob Armenian Church
4605 Erie St.
Racine, WI 53402

Dear Father Garabed:

The Diocesan Council appointed a three-member committee (the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Najarian, Messrs. Daniel Dorian and Asbed Zakarian) to oversee cooperative actions between the Diocesan and Prelacy Sunday (DRE) and Armenian (ALLARC) Schools.

In accordance with the Guidelines for church unity, Section III.2.a., this Committee and its Prelacy counterparts (the Very Reverend Father Khajag Hagopian, Richard H. Sarajian, Esq. and Mr. Vahe Amirian) devised a pilot project endorsed by both the Diocesan and Prelacy Councils on January 24 and February 15, 1992, respectively.

The pilot project is two-fold:

1. The Diocesan departments of Religious Education (DRE) and Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center (ALLARC) will meet with their Prelacy counterparts to implement the guidelines for cooperation (attached).
2. In addition to your parish, the following three parish Sunday and Armenian schools were chosen to meet with their counterparts:

St. Mary, Washington, D.C.
St. James, Watertown, MA
St. Mark, Springfield, MA

Would you kindly arrange a meeting as soon as possible with the Reverend Father Grigoris Keshishian, the Sunday and Armenian School superintendents, and also, if necessary, the teachers of the St. Hagop Armenian Church of Racine, WI.

By the end of this school year a written report should be submitted to the Primate. If you need further information in this regard, please be in touch with the Very Reverend Father Haigazoun Najarian, Vicar General.

We look forward to the goodwill and success that these efforts will surely engender.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

Enclosure

**GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE DIOCESE AND THE PRELACY**

Religious and Armenian Education

1. Periodic consultative meetings on a regular basis to be held between the respective appropriate departments, to study the existing Christian Education and Armenian Education programs, to identify the needs and to jointly find ways to satisfy mutual needs.
2. To prepare educational programs for the Sunday and Armenian Schools in order to create more understanding and commitment towards the Armenian Church, its teachings, liturgy, sacraments, beliefs, culture and history.
3. To study the possibility of translating into Armenian the English language Sunday School textbooks of the Diocese.
4. To accurately present in textbooks as well as in other publications, all the Armenian Catholicical and Patriarchal Sees and the importance of their historical and present missions so that the new generations of our people may respect their central and local religious institutions, the clergy and their teachings.
5. Exchange of Religious Education and Armenian Education Classes in various parishes.