#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Aline Chatmajian

From:

Laura Gononian

Re:

Key Rings

Date:

16 June 1993

Please bill to the Archbishop's account, 25 "ARMENIA" key rings that were purchased from the bookstore on 4 June 1993 for the Boston Young Adult Forum.





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### Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate



June 23, 1993

To:

The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

Subject:

**ACYOA Chapter Chairmen Meeting** 

On Saturday, July 31, 1993 at 12:00 noon, a meeting of all ACYOA Chapter Chairmen will be held at the Diocesan Headquarters in New York City.

The meeting will focus on a new program of the ACYOA Central Council - "Project Growth". The goal of "Project Growth" is to re-vitalize chapters and establish chapters where none exist. It is very important that our young adults be a part of this vital project and we encourage your ACYOA Chapter Chairman, representative, or any interested young adult (in parishes that do not have an ACYOA) to attend this meeting. The travel expenses should be underwritten by each parish.

In conjunction with this meeting the ACYOA and the Department of Youth Ministry is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of St. Vartan Cathedral. There will be celebratory events on Friday and Saturday evenings and a special celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, with participation by young adults. We encourage your parish's representatives to stay in New York for the duration of the weekend.

I look forward to seeing the young adults from your parish at this meeting.

God bless you all and may the Holy Spirit grace you with continuing love and wisdom as servants of Our Lord.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Banamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian Primate



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#### Department of Youth Ministry

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To:

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From:

Laura Gononian, Young Adult Coordinator

Re:

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Date:

May 6, 1993

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Project Growth Action Goals.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Mary Berberian

From:

Laura Gononian,

Re:

Meeting with Charlie Shooshan

Date:

5 August 1993

The Primate would like to meet with Charlie Shooshan - ACYOA Central Council Chairman on or about August 15, 1993. His phone numbers are:

(203) 523-7773 office (203) 667-2564 home

If Charlie asks what the meeting is about, you can say the General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

I will not be attending the meeting, however, could you please let me know what date it is scheduled for.

Thank you.

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From:

Laura Gononian

Re:

ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend

Date:

1 September 1993

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When Srpazan Hayr has his flight information, could you please contact Rita Masloff. Her phone numbers are as follows:

(617) 890-7652 Home (617) 930-2675 Car

(617) 924-7635 Parents Business

I will call you from Boston after I arrive (c. 11:30 am).

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#### Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

To:

Reverend Clergy, Parish Council Chairmen, ACYOA Chairmen,

and Parish Youth Coordinators

From:

Department of Youth Ministry

Subject:

Azerbaijan Blockade of Armenia

Date:

March 15, 1993

The situation in Armenia is worsening every day. The Center for Disease Control as well as the United Nations High Commission for Refugees have estimated that 30,000 Armenians will perish this year because of lack of heat, shelter, food and medical care. Electricity in Yerevan is only available for one hour a day sporadically. Almost all of the hospitals are closed due to lack of electricity, heat, supplies and food. Those that remain open have no anesthetics. Communicable diseases are on the rise. The situation has passed crisis and there is no end in sight.

The young adults of your parishes have a responsibility to assist our brothers and sisters in our motherland who are in desperate need of our help. Young adults say, "We want responsibility, but what can we do?" This letter writing campaign is one of the most important things they can do. The majority of the media is ignoring the crisis in Armenia. Young adults have enormous power over the media simply by being young. They are an important target age group and the media spends millions of dollars to make them happy. Tell the media that young adults want to see and read about the crisis in Armenia.

Enclosed please find materials for a letter writing campaign to urge the media to cover the situation in the Republic of Armenia. Of course, the end goal being to assist in lifting the blockade of Armenia by Azerbaijan.

- 1. Please contact your membership and any other young adults who are not members of your organization and have a letter writing meeting. It is important that parish priests support and assist young adults in this important project.
- 2. Reproduce the "As an American Armenian..." letter and have every member of your group sign and send them to the appropriate recipients. Make extra copies and distribute them after church services.
- 3. It is important that non-Armenians also send the letters. Please reproduce these packets and distribute the "I am not an Armenian..." letter to your non-Armenian friends, neighbors and colleagues. These packets should also be sent to non-Armenian churches in your communities with a letter of introduction enlisting their support. Check the "Yellow Pages" for their names and addresses.
- **4.** If possible, to make the letters more effective, please re-type the letters onto your own letterhead.

**If you** need any additional information or materials, please feel free to contact **the** Department of Youth Ministry.

With prayers,

Fr. Mardiros Chevian

Director

Laura Gononian

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Young Adult Coordinator Youth Coordinator

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All Staff

From:

Laura Gononian

Re:

Worship Service

Date:

15 July 1993

On the following days Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian will be celebrating a "Jashoo-Service" in the Cathedral at 12:00 noon for the Diocesan Interns. All staff are invited to join him and the Interns in this celebration.

Monday, July 19

Wednesday, July 22

Monday, July 26

Monday, August 2

Wednesday, August 4

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# -----Diocese of the Armenian Church of America----Department of Youth Ministry

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To:

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From:

Laura Gononian

Re:

A.C.Y.O.A. Central Council Meeting

Date:

20 January 1993

As we discussed, the Central Council of the A.C.Y.O.A. will meet on Friday, February 5, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 6, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Diocese.

Prior to the Friday night business meeting, we have asked Charlie Shooshan to attend a meeting at 4:00 at the Diocese. If you are available to attend this meeting with Charlie, it would be beneficial.

At the 4:00 meeting on Friday, February 5, 1993 we will inform Charlie that the Friday night meeting should consist of the entire prepared agenda and that the meeting on Saturday will focus on strengthening chapters per your instructions.

I will keep you informed of any changes or modifications to this plan.

Thank you.

cc. Fr. Garabed Kochakian Fr. Mardiros Chevian

### CHARLES H. SHOOSHAN III

### 846 FARMINGTON AVENUE SUITE ONE WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06119-1556

TELEPHONE (203) 523-7773

#### FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TO:

LAURA GONONIAN

COMPANY/DEPT.:

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

CITY:

NEW YORK

FAX NO.:

(212) 779-3558

FROM:

Charles H. Shooshan III

DATE:

February 5, 1993

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#### Notes/Comments:

Enclosed you will find the agenda for the ACYOA Central Council meeting scheduled for February 5-6, 1993, to be held in New York.

The meetings are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Please leave a copy of the agenda with the following individuals:

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian V. Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian

Please note that due to facsimile machine problems (again), I was unable to send the agenda earlier.

Thank you again for all your help!