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PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that we join you in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Women's Guild of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

The State of Massachusetts was one of the first places in the New World where Armenian immigrants settled in significant numbers. As many other newcomers in other cities, they brought their dreams and traditions and tried to build a life for their children around the Church, founded in the strong Christian faith of our forefathers. The daughters of the Armenian Church were the backbone of the faith and kept it and the community alive and vital. With their tireless efforts, they not only served the needs of our people, but also promoted our faith, culture and very presence to the non-Armenian community.

Today, as in the past, the Women's Guilds continue to work with the same underlying aims and principles; I am confident that they will instill in their children our unique Christian heritage and continue the good work started by their mothers and grandmothers.

God bless you for your achievements and keep you strong in faith and in commitment to the mission of our beloved Church.

With prayers,

Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

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