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His Eminence Archbishop
Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10016

Dear Srpazan Hayr:

As requested at your pastoral visit to our Parish last month, I have obtained some information regarding the status of St. Henry's Prep Seminary located in Belleville.

As I explained to you, the Seminary has closed its doors as a religious educational institution. The owners of the property, THE CENTRAL UNITED STATES PROVINCE OF THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE, have appointed a task force to consider the Province's alternatives with respect to the property.

The Task Force has prepared and I have enclosed Exhibit "B" - Pre-Application for Utilization of St. Henry's Property and Facility. If you believe that the governing Board of St. Nerses Seminary is interested in making further inquiry, Exhibit "B" should be completed and returned to:

St. Henry's Seminary
5901 West Main Street
Belleville, Il. 62223

Attention: Father Ferguson

I recently spoke with Father Ferguson, a member of the Task Force, regarding alternatives the Province may be considering. He explained that the Task Force has three levels of priorities with regard to the use and/or disposition of the property:

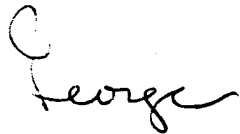
1. Alternative uses within the Province or related missionary groups.
2. The sale of part or all of the property to other church bodies.
3. The sale for commercial development.

Father Ferguson intimated that an offer of \$500,000 by a church body might be roughly equivalent to an offer of \$1.5-\$2.0 million by a commercial developer. Therefore, I believe that the governing board of St. Nerses or perhaps even the Diocesan Council should give serious consideration to the possible use of St. Henry's Seminary in meeting the needs of our church for the next several decades.

I also enclosed a brochure which includes an aerial photograph of the 50-acre seminary. Please note that the description of the buildings is from my recollection and I am not certain as to its accuracy.

If I can be of any further assistance, please call or write.

Very truly yours,



George E. Marifian

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PRE-APPLICATION
FOR UTILIZATION OF SAINT HENRY'S PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

In June of 1984 Saint Henry's Prep Seminary in Belleville, Illinois, will close its doors as a religious educational institution preparing young men for the priesthood and religious life. Owned by the Central United States Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Saint Henry's has served the Church in the Midwest for nearly sixty years. From the very beginning Saint Henry's has had a close relationship with the Diocese of Belleville and others. In more recent years the Missionaries of LaSalette and the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers have become integral parts of the Saint Henry's community.

In looking to the future and what will become of the property and facilities at Saint Henry's, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate wish to be sensitive to the needs of the local Church while recognizing the many contributions of generations of men and women who have preceded us. It is in this light that we will consider any and all legitimate proposals for the utilization of the property and facilities of Saint Henry's. Persons wishing to submit such proposals are asked to use this Pre-Application form. Please be brief and concise in your responses. No attachments to this Pre-Application form will be considered.

Name and mailing address of Applicant (include telephone):

Brief Description of the Project or Program being Proposed
and Name of the Person/Group with Primary Responsibility:

Briefly Detail the Goals, Means, and Objectives of the Proposal:

How much of the Property and/or Facilities does the Proposed Project or Program envision using?

Explain how Proposal responds to real and local needs and is consistent with and respectful of the goals and objectives of the Local Church.

What are the approximate start-up costs?

How will these funds be secured?

What sources of ongoing funding have already been committed or are being considered?

What financial arrangements regarding the property and/or facilities of Saint Henry's are you asking of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate? What kind of financial remuneration for the property/facilities involved are you able to consider?