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**REMARKS:**

Urgent  For your review  Reply ASAP  Please comment

Srpazan Hayr, please review the enclosed request. If you should wish to discuss it further, I would like to share the sentiments of some parishoners.

I moved on November 12, below is my new address and home phone number:

984 SOM Center Road



September 26, 1994

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate  
 Diocese of the Armenian Church of America  
 630 Second Avenue  
 New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

The Parish of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland hopes this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. We indeed were sorry that you had to rush back to the Diocese upon hearing of the great loss of His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians and could not join us for the St. Nersess Mission Program. We understand and join together in mourning this great loss.

As you are aware, Deacon Norman Odabashian has been serving our parish as our spiritual teacher and deacon in charge for the past two years. During a recent meeting with our parish council, Deacon Norman, and Jack Hachejian, our diocesan delegate, an unanimous decision was made to petition Your Eminence to consider the ordination of Diratzoo. Although we are aware that this is contrary to the canons of our beloved Church, we would respectfully request your thoughtful consideration in this vital matter.

Our parish is extremely concerned that we are without an ordained priest. We can assure you that our entire congregation would be agreeable if you granted special permission in this matter.

Srpazan, we are cognizant of the complexity of this matter and pray that the good Lord will shine upon all of us. If you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact me at (work) 216-248-3700 ext. 3767 or 216-289-2311 (home).

Thank you in advance for your time and prompt consideration. Wishing you success as you carry out the mission of our Mother Church.

Respectfully yours,

Mona Karoghlianian, Chairman  
 Parish Council

cc: Deacon Norman Odabashian  
 Jack Hachejian

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