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Office of the Pastor

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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Your Eminence:

As you are aware, Herman Gennettian has been serving at the altar of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church since before my assignment to this parish in November of 1992.

Herman was elevated to the rank of Sub-Deacon by Your Eminence in December of 1993 and is now aspiring to proceed to the major order of the Diaconate.

Sub-Deacon Herman has assisted me during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, during Jhamerkootyoon and on occasion for baptisms and funerals. I have given instruction to Sub-Deacon Herman on the performance of our church services and on the use of some of the Liturgical books used.

Consequently, Sub-Deacon Herman has shown an increased understanding of the structure of our services and greater ability to perform the functions of a deacon during the liturgies.

I believe Sub-Deacon Herman would do well to continue to study in order to be prepared to perform all the duties and responsibilities of a deacon with adequate confidence and competence. However, in view of the fact that other altar servers in the Merrimack Valley area have been elevated to the rank of Deacon and in view of the situation that Sub-Deacon Herman surpasses some of these Deacons with respect to the ability to read and understand Armenian, I believe it is in order to request that Your Eminence consider Sub-Deacon Herman Genettian as a

Candidate for Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate.

I will be happy to continue to work with Sub-Deacon Herman in order to help him to be as fully prepared as possible for this next step in the service of the Holy Church.

I await Your Eminence's decision and directions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Sahag Kaishian".

Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian

Pastor