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His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian Primate-Diocese of the Armenian Church of America President-Diocesan Council 630 Second Avenue New York, NY 10016-4885

January 30, 1995

Your Eminence,

Yesterday I received this letter regarding our annual parish assembly. In accordance with Diocesan By-law #20 I am forwarding it to you and the Diocesan Council for clarification. I look forward to your response so that I may illuminate my parishioners regarding this issue.

Respectfully,

Jrn. Sahag Kaishian

Fr. Sahag Kaishian Pastor

Reverend Father Sahag Kaishian St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church 110 Main Street Haverhill, MA 01830

Dear Father Kaishian:

As you know on Sunday, January 22, 1995, St. Gregory Church held its Annual Assembly. At the Assembly we had an unprecedented turnout which was truly commendable to see, everyone involved and caring about their church.

But it also came to my attention that many of these parishioners who paid their 1993 and 1994 Annual dues on that day of in the few weeks preceding the Assembly, and voted and ran for office at that Assembly, may not in fact have been eligible to vote or hold office.

I then read the by-laws governing our Church and am writing this letter to question specifically Articles 7 and 8 under the heading "PARISH ASSEMBLY."

I request from you and/or the Diocesan Council, a clarification of these Articles 7 and 8 and the legality of these parishioners eligibility to vote at Annual Assembly by paying dues after the six month date as stated in Article 7 which addresses the issue of members in good standing.

According to Article 7, there seems to be good reason to question the votes taken and passed at our Assembly.

I respectfully await your answer concerning these matters through clarification with our Diocesan Council.

Sincerely, (GALABED Esther Quadorian Bonin

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