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DIRATZOO'S PLAN

As we approach the end of this millennium and with the celebration of the centennial of the establishment of the Eastern Diocese, it is time to reflect and respond to the needs of the worshipping community of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of Chicago.

On the horizon, the Armenian Church shall be celebrating not only the centenary of the diocese, but also the 2000th anniversary of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as well as the 1700th anniversary of the conversion of Armenia to Christianity and the establishment of the Church of Armenia. At this momentous point in the history of the Armenian Faithful worldwide, it is incumbent upon us also to take a step back and reflect upon who we are, where we have come from and most importantly, where we are headed.

The past belongs to the past. We must now look to the future of this worshipping community within the context of; our diocese, the greater Armenian Church, the Mid-West region, the greater Christian Community Worldwide as well as within the context of a multi-ethnic and multi-religious city.

As children of God we must examine the soul of this community and decide what the needs and wants are of the community of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church.

With this in mind, a 12 member committee--to be called the "St. Gregory 2001" Committee--be appointed by the Deacon-in-Charge in consultation with the parish council. The task of this committee shall be to assess the anticipated needs of this community and to make recommendations, in a proposal which shall be presented to a special parish assembly called in September of 1998. The proposal shall contain a thorough assessment of the Sanctuary and physical building as well as the spiritual needs of the faithful and shall make recommendations back to the parish assembly. Areas to be investigated are to be, but not limited to:

A. Spiritual

1. The Sanctuary - as the center for worship
2. Christian education
3. Development of Lay leadership
4. Cultural education

B. Physical Enhancements

1. Classroom facilities
2. Office facilities
3. Kitchen facilities
4. Sports facilities

Without vision, purpose, hope and goals for ourselves, we simply exist as a ship without a rudder.

God has blessed us with many gifts, it is our duty to use those gifts to the best of our ability for His glory.

Dn. Aren
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