

August 9, 1988

Ms. A. Nancy Avakian
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Dear Ms. Avakian:

We are grateful for your letter of July 20, and your gracious remarks concerning our presentation. We do remember our meeting and conversation in Rochester. The Genocide and its annihilation of an entire generation is a difficult story to tell but one that must be told and retold in the name of truth. We appreciated both the opportunity to do so and your very kind response.

May we also extend our prayers and best wishes to you and your son in your new homes and in the challenge of your new positions.

God bless you and may His Spirit fill your lives with grace and love.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate



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Thank you*

Virginia Commonwealth University

July 20, 1988

Archbishop Torkom Mannogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church
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New York, NY 10016

Your Eminence:

I read with interest a copy of your presentation, The Genocide: A Terrible Living Memory. It was a thoughtful and well-written account of an emotional laden remembrance. The facts were presented and your logical rationale is hard to refute. I am sending a copy to my son, a second generation American Armenian.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Nancy Avakian".

A. Nancy Avakian
Associate Vice President
for Academic Affairs

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P.S. You may recall we met in Rochester, New York about 15 years ago. My son is now a mathematician and physicist now living in Los Angeles. I have returned to the East Coast after living 10 years in St. Louis. I ask your blessing.