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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

TO: All Diocesan Delegates

SUBJECT: The Stewardship Program

The Stewardship program, started with such enthusiasm two years ago, has made little progress since the initial thrust that enlisted approximately 150 Stewards. At that time many in the various parishes committed themselves to active support of the program, but few fulfilled the pledge.

The Diocesan Council feels that the Stewardship Program can still be an extremely significant fund-raising instrument for our Diocese. But no real success can be achieved unless one or two people in each parish assume the responsibility of enlisting a limited number of Stewards in their community. We feel strongly that it is reasonable to expect that every one of our parishes can yield a minimum of 5 Stewards who can afford to donate \$100 a year to St. Vartan Cathedral, with the larger parishes able to secure 10 and 20 and even more. It is a reasonable expectation, particularly now when the parishes themselves will receive credit for such Stewardship donations which will be credited against assessment remittances.

As Diocesan representatives, delegates are ideally placed to assume this responsibility, so important both to the parish and to the Diocese.

We ask, therefore, that the delegates of each parish, either individually or in concert with their colleagues, make plans immediately for approaching likely prospects for St. Vartan Stewardship.

We must not neglect this program any longer. If there is any way our office can be of help, please let us know.

Prayerfully,

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