

January 12, 1971

Mr. Edward Mardigian  
21930 Groesbeck  
Warren, Mich., 48090

Dear Mr. Mardigian:

Every time I open a letter from you I have the most pleasant surprise. You not only made me "happier", but brightened my whole day. I think that a plain heartfelt "Thank you" expresses my feelings.

Your gorgeous check for \$14,300 is applied to the balance of your Catholicos dinner pledge which is now happily completed.

As to your question about excessive expenses being incurred for the Diocesan complex, I am well aware of it and have taken the matter up more than once with Abp. Manougian. I suggested that a committee of laymen be appointed to run the Complex as businessmen know more about administration than any clergyman. However, he is the head of the Diocese and I have no jurisdiction over the matter. Often I think of the Turkish saying which liberally translated says: "When the fish's head smells, that fish is no good"... All this is, needless to say, ~~is~~ "off the record" and between you and me. I do intend, though, to try once more and go to see the Primate with Dadour and Gregory and we might do something.

I wish to thank you for your concern, and with warmest regards and many thanks, I remain,

Sincerely,

Haik Kavookjian

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Encl. Rcpt. #5467 for \$14,300  
dated 12/31/70