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Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian  
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Dear Hayr Soorb:

I would like to plan a one week or weekend seminar on the present and future situation of Armenian youth in relation to the church, language, and culture. We have so many ideas and concerns that should be dealt with as a large group instead of individually. The seminar would be strictly for college students and could be held at a ski lodge during the winter or at the beach during the spring or summer.

I know I am new member of the Diocesan Staff and may not be too familiar with the Church and Armenian language; Because of this I feel sometimes my views are not perceived seriously. However, I know I am Armenian and have great concern about the state of the church and our culture. Remember, educating oneself with culture, religion, language, and history is not as difficult as shaping the future and working together. I am willing, able and truly believe that if any action will be initiated it must begin with college students. They are old enough to know that there are problems and young enough to determine and develop the solutions. Even a seminar with the Armenian Youth Federation should be considered; it could open new doors for our causes.

Dealing with the four interns these past few weeks has made me realize that youth planning is very important and should be granted full attention by the Armenian Diocese. After all, we are the future of tomorrow, so let us start today. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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cc: Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian ✓  
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