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Very Rev. Fr. Vahan Hovhanessian, Pastor

November 29, 1993

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
c/o St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York, 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

I am very pleased to inform you that The Very Reverend Father Vahan Hovhanessian , as Pastor of the St. Leon Armenian Church, in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, has served our Church and community with dignity and enthusiasm. He has revitalized the religious spirit of all our parishioners from the elderly to the young.

Starting from the first day of his installation, Hayr Soorp has dedicated his efforts towards the improvement of existing programs and the introduction of many new programs. All of these programs have had increases in attendance, and attendance at Sunday Badarak has increased over 50%. Our parishioners find Hayr Soorp to be a warm and sincere individual, dedicated to serving the Church and community.

On November 3, 1993, the Parish Council reviewed Hayr Soorp's accomplishments and were extremely pleased. Based on his performance, the Council feels that Hayr Soorp's efforts should be recognized by an increase in ranking. It is our earnest prayer that Your Eminence agrees with us and accordingly elevate Hayr Soorp to the rank of Vartabed. We anxiously await your answer.

Respectfully yours,


Sarkis Rex Kachigian

Parish Council Chairman

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