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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

December 13, 1995

Mr. John Sarkis Ohanian 3695 Frederick Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Dear Mr. Ohanian:

Thank you for your thought provoking letter of November 28, 1995. The issues which you address in regard to the present situation of the Ann Arbor Armenian parish have given us cause to revisit and rethink the pastoral needs of the community at the present time. We cannot agree with you more that the importance of establishing a liturgical life for the continuity of the community. Truly, the life of the congregation begins from the Holy Altar table.

We are indeed impressed by the work and zeal of Deacon Michael Ohanesian and are encouraged by the ministry he has offer to the Armenian Church in Ann Arbor. We are confident that under his leadership you shall someday see a viable and strong parish. As to his ordination, we accept your insightful comments and position regarding supply priests and their ministry within our Diocese.

May Our Lord continue to imbue you all with the fervent zeal and desire to build His Church for the glory God and his Kingdom come.

With prayers,

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian

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