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THE PRIMATE'S MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST ARMENIAN CHURCH OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

A jubilee, an observance of an anniversary or of the laying of a foundation, often offers an occasion for contemplation. First, we rejoice over the work which has borne fruits, then we count our stocks, and we continue cultivating new plans for the future.

The members of our community in Miami are observing the 25th anniversary of the consecration of their Church. They rightfully enjoy the satisfaction of having realized a God-pleasing work. The basic purpose of this endeavor was to glorify God and to initiate activities for the preservation and dissemination of the cultural values, inheritance and traditions of the Armenian people; furthermore, to cultivate new plans and programs, to seek out new avenues for the edification of the children of God, by conveying the living message of the Lord to His faithful.

Those who were instrumental in making the Church viable and active for 25 years, were certainly men of dedication, faith, patriotism and vision. They will always be remembered with gratitude. It is incumbent upon us to solemnly promise to continue this good work for the glory of God and for the welfare of the old and the new generations of our community.

We pray that the blessing of God may abound on our sons and daughters of the Miami community, and may the Pastor and the Parish Council in cooperation with church-affiliated organizations, maintain prosperous the spiritual and national life of the community.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate