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SCENES FROM "THE UPPER ROOM"

During a Retreat at St. Nersess Seminary, ACYOA Central Council Members Energize for a Concerted Effort to Revitalize Local Church Youth Chapters

"During this weekend, we have retreated to this symbolic 'upper room,'" said Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, "to take stock of ourselves and the work that needs to be done." The "upper room" to which the Primate referred was the secluded place where Christ's original apostles gathered as they awaited the resurrection of their master, and His instructions on how to proceed with the Christian mission.

It was an apt analogy for the occasion: a dozen Armenian Church leaders—including several clergymen, a Diocesan Council member, staff from the Diocesan Youth Ministry department, and the entire newly-elected central council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America—had come together at the St. Nersess Seminary in New Rochelle, NY, to map out a strategy for revitalizing local ACYOA chapters throughout the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The aim of the retreat—which lasted a full weekend from October 29 through 31—was to help the ACYOA central council leadership develop the tools for bringing more young people into active church involvement—much as the original apostles, after leaving the upper room, aggressively sought to bring greater numbers into the nascent church.

"Project Growth" is the pithy watchword for this mission. "The ACYOA central council has been somewhat unfocused in recent years," says Laura Gononian, of the Diocesan Youth Ministry department, "and this new crop of central council members is eager to channel its energies into a single, well-defined project which will have a lasting impact on our churches."

The problem which Project Growth will address, of course, is the relatively thin membership of the ACYOA at the local level. "Our national youth activities have generally high participation," explains Ms. Gononian, "but in the day-to-day life of local parishes, the activity of young people is pretty uneven. Some ACYOA chapters have lots of members, a rich variety of activities, and consequently a strong relationship with the rest of the parish; other chapters are struggling—or virtually non-existent."

The basic difference between the active and inactive chapters, according to the presentations during the October retreat, seems to be leadership, direction and initiative. The impulse behind Project Growth is that the ACYOA central council members, working at the regional and local parish levels, can provide these "missing ingredients" wherever they are needed.

By infusing new life into the local chapters, and by combining the strength of several chapters in regional programs and activities, the framers of Project Growth hope to initiate a new wave of inspiration for young Armenian Christians.

"The point is that our ACYOA "membership -gap" is not an inevitable and unavoidable problem," suggests Ms. Gononian. "We can solve it—we can fill the ranks of the church youth movement. But we need to concentrate on the local and regional level." In the ACYOA central council, a leadership structure already exists, which can be deployed to execute Project Growth, and start the "chain of apostleship," whereby a few committed individuals can bring in more people, who in turn attract still others, and so on.

Presentations during the retreat were given by Fr. Mardiros Chevian, the director of the Youth ministry department, Fr. Garabed Kochakian, the diocesan Chancellor, Deacon Hratch Tchilingirian, Rector of the St. Nersess Seminary, and Dean Shahinian, a member of the Diocesan Council. But the prevailing spirit of the event was conveyed by Archbishop Barsamian, in his remarks to the ACYOA central council members:

"This is a time of great possibilities. For people of your generation, there is much work to do; but we should view this as an exciting prospect, and a great privilege to serve God and His Church. Like the world-changing events of two thousand years ago, something new and exciting can emerge from this retreat in our symbolic upper room. With clarity, strength and inspiration, I have no doubt that such people as yourselves can start that chain of apostleship which will bring the light of Christ into the hearts and souls of the young people of this Diocese."

PHOTO CAPTION:

The Primate, Diocesan Youth Ministry Department staff, and the entire newly-elected ACYOA central council gathered at the St. Nersess Seminary for a weekend-long retreat, to energize for project which seeks to revitalize local ACYOA chapters.

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There are 83 parishes and mission communities in North America, which are currently being served by 60 priests. The average church membership is 300 per parish, for a total of approximately 25,000 members.

Therefore, to serve a potential of 500,000 Armenians (at 300 per parish) we need a total of 1201 priests and lay workers.

Here is a list of opportunities for you to serve God through the Armenian Church.

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- Coordinator of Social Service/Charity

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 - a) Children
 - b) Youth
 - c) Adults
- Department of SOCIAL SERVICES
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 - c) Food & housing assistance
 - d) Geriatrics
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- Department of COMMUNICATIONS
 - a) Public Relations/Media
 - b) Information Management and Data Analysis
 - c) Development/Fund Raising
 - d) General Administration

(Potential Programs)

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 - a) Language & Music
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 - c) Publications
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 - b) Youth/Young Adults Ministry
 - c) Singles Ministry
 - d) Young Couples Ministry
 - e) Family Education Ministry
 - f) Family Counseling Ministry
 - g) Geriatric Programs
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Opening Prayer

Leader: Recall to mind the presence of a loving God who has given us everything.

Reading of Ephesians 3:14–21 (May Christ Dwell in Your Hearts)

Responsive Reading from the Epistles

Leader: There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4–7)

All: Set your hearts on the gifts that help the People of God.

Leader: The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity. Against such there is no law! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's lead. Let us never be boastful, or challenging, or jealous toward one another. (Galatians 5:22–26)

All: Set your hearts on the gifts that help the People of God.

Leader: Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all the members have the same function, so too we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. (Romans 12:4–6)

All: Set your hearts on the gifts that help the People of God.

Leader: Let us, then, be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine that originates in human trickery and skill in proposing error. Rather, let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ the head. Through him the whole body grows, and with the proper functioning of the members joined firmly together by each supporting ligament, builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:14–16)

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The Order of the Common Prayers of the Morning Hour or MATINS

Priest Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Priest For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, if thou will open my lips, my mouth shall sing praise.

Deacon Blessed is our God.

Priest Blessed be the consubstantial and undivided Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

All Psalm 148 (*antiphonally*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens,/praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels,/praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon,/praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,/and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,/for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;/he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon Let us hold the Holy Mother of God and all the saints as intercessors with the Father in heaven, that he may be pleased to have mercy and compassion upon us his creatures, and save us. Almighty Lord, our God, save us and have mercy.

Priest Receive, O Lord, our prayers, through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God, the spotless bearer of thine only-begotten Son, and through the supplication of all thy saints. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy; forgive,

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expiate and remit our sins. Make us worthy to thank and glorify thee together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

All Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev huzor, soorp yev anmah, vor haryar ee merelotz, voghormya mez. (*Repeat three times.*)

Priest That he may be pleased to deliver us from temptation and from all our perils.

Deacon And again in peace let us beseech the Lord, that the voice of our supplications may be heard by the Lord God through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and that the mercy and compassion of the Lord God may descend upon us.

Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy.

Priest Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

All Psalm 113 (*antiphonally*)

Praise the Lord! O servants of the Lord,/praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord,/from this time forth forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting;/blessed be the name of the Lord!

The Lord is high above all nations,/and his glory is above the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high,/and sees the lowly in heaven and on earth?

He raises the poor from the ground,/and lifts up the afflicted from the ash heap.

He makes them sit as princes,/with the princes of his people.

He makes the barren woman dwell joyfully in her house;/like a mother rejoicing in her children.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon Alleluia, Orthi.

Priest Peace unto all.

All And with thy spirit.

Deacon Hearken ye in fear.

To the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to...

All God speaks.

Reading of the Gospel according to the proper of the day.

All Glory to thee, O Lord our God.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of God the Father, only-begotten, that is of the substance of the Father.

God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten and not made. Himself of the nature of the Father, by whom all things came into being in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate, was made man, was born perfectly of the Holy Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

By whom he took body, soul and mind and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance.

He suffered and was crucified and was buried and rose again on the third day and ascended into heaven with the same body and sat at the right hand of the Father.

He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father to judge the quick and the dead, of whose kingdom there is no end.

We believe also in the Holy Spirit, the uncreate and the perfect, who spake in the law and in the prophets and in the Gospels.

Who came down upon the Jordan, preached in the apostles and dwelt in the saints.

We believe also in only one universal and apostolic Holy Church.

In one baptism with repentance for the remission and forgiveness of sins.

In the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgment of souls and bodies, in the kingdom of heaven and in the life eternal.

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Priest Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All (sing) Hayr mer, vor her-geens yes, soorp ye-ghee-tzee a-noon ko. Ye-ges-tze ar-ka-yoo-tyoon ko, ye-ghee-tzeen gamk ko, vor-bes her-geens yev her-gree. Uz-hatz mer ha-na-ba-zort door mez ays or. Yev togh mez uz-bar-dees mer, vor-bes yev mek to-ghoomk me-rotz bar-da-ba-natz. Yev mee da-neer uz-mez ee por-tzoo-tyoon ayl pur-gya uz-mez ee cha-reh.

Priest Zi ko eh arkayootyoon yev zorootyoon yev park havidans. Amen.

Be ye blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Depart in peace and the Lord be with you all. Amen.

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--Take Exit 7, take left at traffic light, go through one light and take your second right. At first intersection take a left.
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