

## Department of Youth Ministry Turns Attention to College Students

NEW YORK, NY - August is a month often associated with vacations, a trip to the shore, a trip to the mountains, or simply a time of some good rest and relaxation. August is also famous for those special "back to school" advertisements in all the big department and stationery stores. Students from kindergar-

ten to college are busy preparing for the upcoming year. Little kids are buying their lunch boxes, while college students are packing their bags and heading out to a life in the dorms. In New York City, the Department of Youth Ministry (DYM) is also preparing for the upcoming year and they too are ready to hit the

college dorms.

Ministry to college students is a major goal of the DYM, through the Young Adults division. In order to meet the pastoral needs of our college students, a thrust in Campus Ministry is beginning this fall. The upcoming year will be filled with many regional activities within the Eastern Diocese of America. Programs will be spiritually and culturally oriented, offering various retreats and seminars on topics such as: marriage, articles of our Christian faith, contemporary issues, Armenian culture, and prayer in the Armenian Church. A monthly newsletter, whose first issue is due out in October, will also be published by the DYM especially designed for college students.

In order for the DYM to effectively minister to the needs of hundreds of Armenian college students, help is needed from the general public. In order to create an Armenian college student mailing list, please furnish the DYM with names, addresses and phone numbers of any Armenian college student you may know (whether they commute or live on campus). If you have any questions regarding the programs of the Department of Youth Ministry, please contact Laura Gononian, Director, or Dn. Greg Doudoukjian, Young Adults Coordinator, at the Diocese of the Armenian Church, 636 Second Avenue, New York, NY, 10016-4885 or call (212) 686-0710.