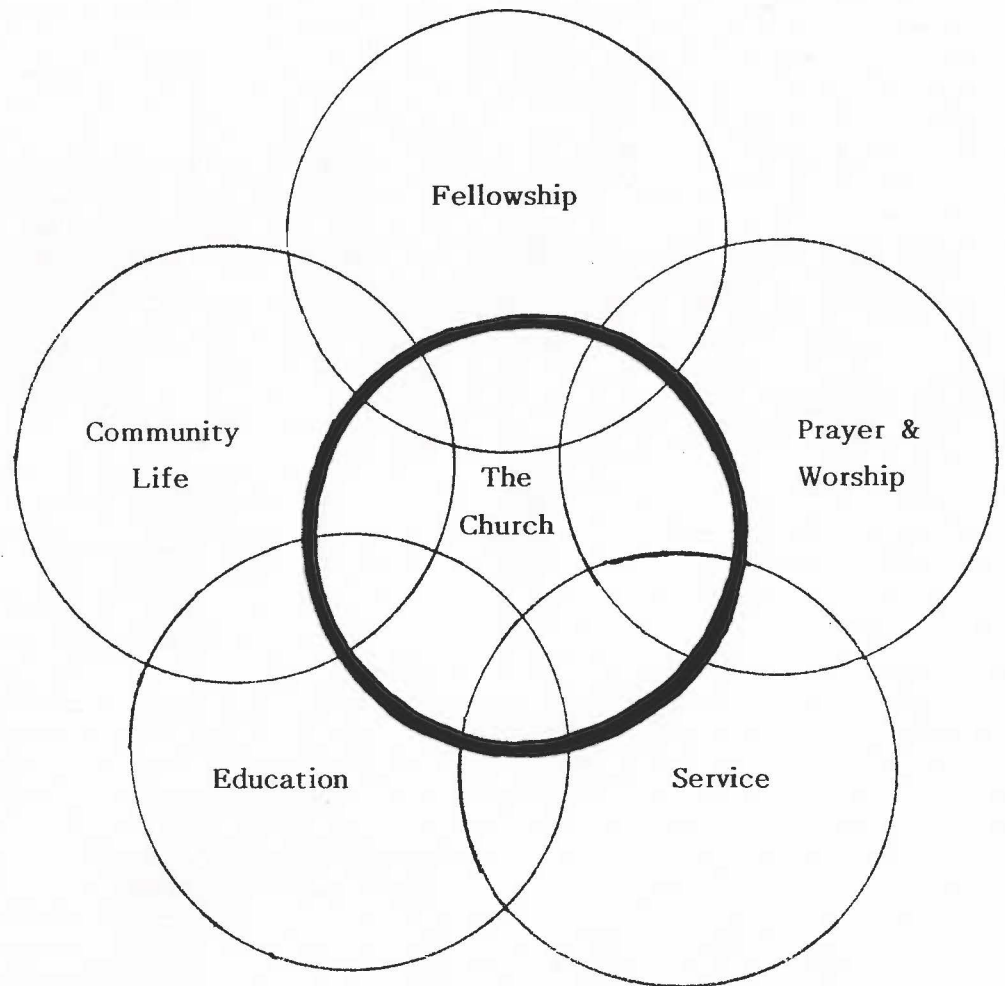




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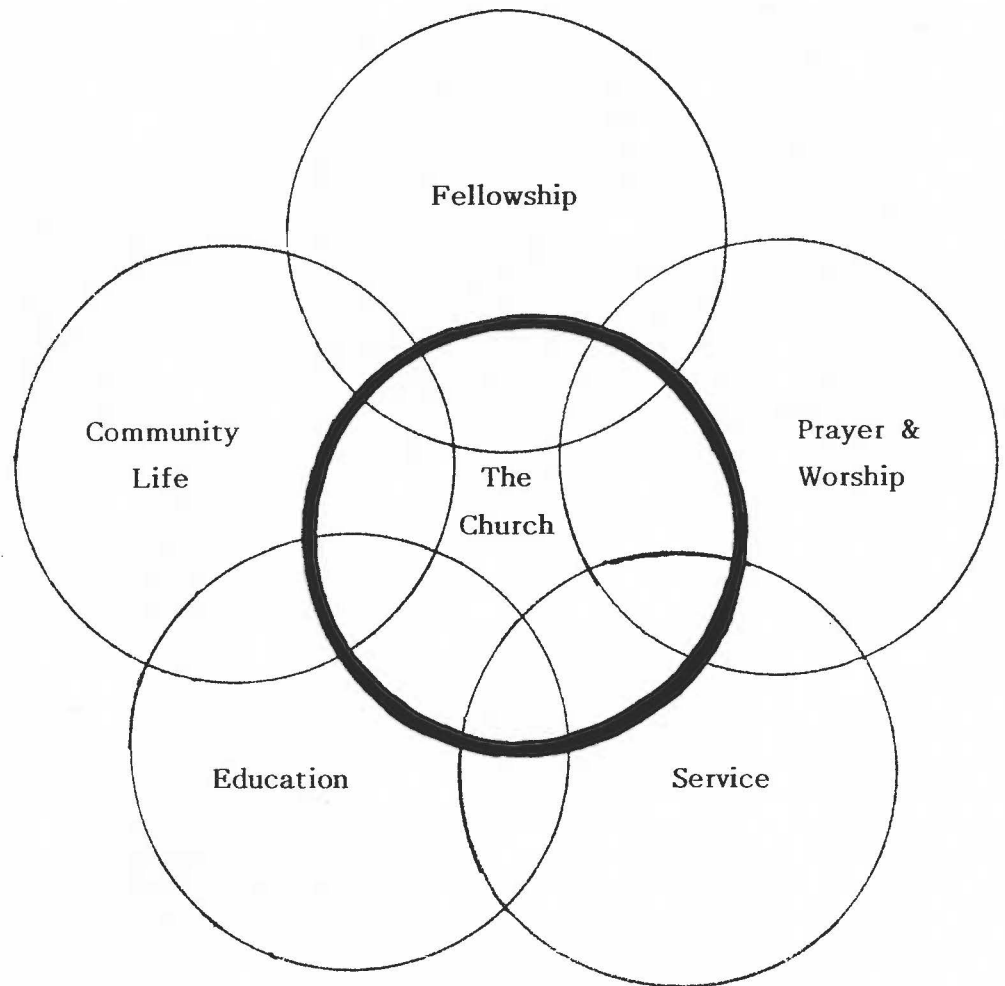
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## PRIMATE'S ACYOA ASSEMBLY MESSAGE

This has been a year of both remembrance and rebirth for the Armenian people. It is a remembrance of a glorious heritage that we carry with us to this day, and a bitter remembrance of the attempt to wipe it out 70 years ago. But it is also a time of renewal and rebirth, a time to look forward, and no one is better equipped to do this than you, armed as you are with a fresh outlook and the vigor of youth.

Our question to you today - indeed our challenge to you - is "What is Armenian Youth going to do now?" That means, in the name of the Church (our family) and for the Armenian heritage and culture. You are the children and grandchildren of survivors, people who faced death and went on to build new life. The threats that faced them are not your threats. But this is not to say that the youth of the Armenian Church does not face a threat to its survival. Now, it is a threat of assimilation, of losing our grip on what it means to belong to an advanced people, to speak an ancient language and carry on the faith of our first Christian Fathers.

We feel your energy and power.

What we want to stress to you is how important your energy and power and your imagination are to the survival and prosperity of our people and their faith.

What the Armenian Church of America is expecting from its young is a blend of spiritual strength and a striving for excellence. Your education is critical to the future of your Church and your culture; ignorance is the armor of the weak, education is power. Your community has nurtured you since birth. Becoming all you can be is your best way of repaying that debt.

Look backward for inspiration, but look forward for growth. Our heritage is an endless source of inspiration, a gift from God. Take care to grant yourselves private moments to reflect on this; it will help you in your personal striving after excellence. The beauty of Armenian faith and example is that personal success need not take a back seat to personal faith. For most of you, membership in the ACYOA is an affirmation of your commitment to your Church and your far flung people. We thank God for this.

The young have always had a refreshing voice in church affairs, but there is always room for improvement. Let us hear from you about ways in which our clergy and our young people

can better talk with each other. Over the next few days, you will be discussing many important projects. Let clear communication be one of them. Issues are only resolved by plain speaking. The natural tension between generations is only bridged by understanding and the dispersal of myth and preconceptions.

This is a landmark year, in more ways than one.

The 70th Anniversary of the spiritual stamina of our people, who lived the heroic and saintly life of martyrs; the enthusiastic participation of the young Armenians all over the world committing themselves to the spiritual values of their history, culture and faith; and their determination to disseminate the necessary information and knowledge to the society in which they live today; all these are heart-warming features and hopeful signs for the future of our people.

Administratively, our Canadian parishes were organized into a separate and self-governing Diocese. This gives an opportunity to our Canadian Armenian youth to re-organize themselves and become a viable spiritual resource for the Armenian Church in Canada.

We propose a personal plan to foster international dialogue and fellowship among our youth. We suggest that, initially every two years, an "International Youth Fellowship Week" be held. At first, it would bring together delegates from the Eastern and Western dioceses and Canada. But there is every good reason to hope that such a gathering, for discussions and seminars, sports and recreation, worship and socializing, could extend its reach on each occasion to bring youth from Dioceses worldwide, as far as Yerevan and beyond. Each bi-annual "Fellowship Week" could be held in a different Diocese. It is an idea that springs from our deep faith in the benefits of such exchange, not just for the participants, but to the wider Church membership. We hope that this assembly will consider this idea, add and improve upon it, and make it a reality in the very near future, even perhaps in time for next year's 40th Anniversary of ACYOA.

It is our desire that in the year to come we can make visits to university campuses across our Diocese, to meet and talk with Armenian youth there. Many colleges are now offering Armenian language as a credit course and we urge those of you with access to such courses to take advantage of them. Through our heritage programs, the Church is endeavor-

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## ACYOA General Assembly In Worcester

The 39th General Assembly of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA), Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, convened at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, MA, August 28-30, 1985. The Assembly was hosted by the Worcester ACYOA Chapter of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour, and preceded the 16th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

Presiding over the Assembly was the Primate, Archbp. Torkom Manoogian, attended and assisted by the vicar-general, the V. Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, and the ACYOA executive secretary, James Magarian.

Participants in the Assembly included eight clergymen and 41 delegates from the ACYOA Chapters. Preparing the many necessary arrangements and administrative functions were members of the ACYOA Central Council.

Officers of the Assembly were Scott Najarian, chairman, Gary Townsend, vice chairman, Sara Martinian, secretary, John Harpootian and Michael Yappachian, parliamentarians, and Robert Shamgochian, sergeant-at-arms. A special prayer service opened each session of the Assembly, led by the Primate.

### ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

In his address, the Primate challenged the young and referring to the 70th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, he asked, "What are Armenian youth going to do now?" He said, "The Church expects from its young a blend of spiritual strength and a striving for excellence. Your education is critical to the future of your Church and your culture; ignorance is the armor of the weak; education is power. Look to your past for inspiration, but look forward for growth."

The Report of the ACYOA Central Council was presented and received with recommendations for further elaboration. The lengthy report included the various operations of the Council over the past year, as well as information on the many ACYOA programs offered.

James Magarian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, addressed the Assembly on the issue of the need for serious and radical changes in the structure of the ACYOA. He stated that, "While we are in the late stages of the 20th century, our Organization is still using a structure that was created in the 1940's. This

structure is facing very serious problems in keeping up with the needs of young people who have changed to a considerable extent over the past 40 years, while their Church Youth Organization has not." He concluded by saying, "Preparing for the future cannot begin tomorrow, it cannot be put off, it must begin today."

Fr. Khajag Barsamian presented a 30-minute slide program on the Armenian historic provinces of present day Eastern Turkey. The beautiful slides and explanation by Fr. Khajag were very much appreciated by the delegates.

### MAJOR PROPOSAL

The proposal initiated by the ACYOA Central Council that called for a major restructuring of the Organization, including hiring regional youth directors, was voted down by the delegates after lengthy discussion.

Citing the changes too radical in the proposal, the delegates decided to appoint a committee of five members who would assist the Central Council in covering the many parishes of the Diocese. Nominated to the committee were Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit), Sara Martinian (Providence), and Dean Shahinian (Washington). The fifth member will be a member of the Diocesan Council.

Several proposals dealt with the problem of participation of ACYOA Canada members. Since the formation of the Canadian Diocese last year, the question of official participation by those members in programs and events of the ACYOA has been discussed at length. It appears that several rules changes, as well as Constitutional Amendments will be needed. All the proposals were defeated, mainly due to unclear wording.

### PRIMATE HOSTS DELEGATES

The Primate invited the Assembly clergy and delegates to a luncheon on Thursday, with the intention of initiating dialogue and discussion in an informal atmosphere. During the luncheon, several young adults stood up and directed questions of genuine concern to the Primate and clergy. Such questions as unity with the separated brethren, inter-diocesan exchange, Church issues, and the need to address the fundamental needs of the Church were discussed.

### ELECTION RESULTS

Elections were held for three positions on the ACYOA Auditing Committee, and ACYOA Nominating Committee, as well as four openings on the ACYOA Central Council.

Elected to the Nominating Committee were Robert Shamgochian (Worcester), John Harpootian (Providence), and Arda Nazerian (Bayside). Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) will be the alternate.

Elected to the Auditing Committee were Diane Kapikian (Bayside), Carol Kazerian (Wisconsin) and Susan Ashjian (Worcester).

Newly elected Central Council members include Scott Najarian (Worcester), Melina Spinuzza (Evanston), Gary Townsend (Lawrence), and Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian (Racine). The alternate will be Sara Martinian (Providence). The four will join Shake Ajamian.

As with all proceedings and proposals of the Assembly, the elections will need approval of the Primate and Diocesan Council.

Outgoing members of the ACYOA Central Council include George Jevarjian, Arda Nazerian, Sona Palvetzian and Susan Boyajian.

### PHILADELPHIA WINS BID

Bids were received to host the next Assembly and National Sports Weekend from Philadelphia (Wynnewood, Ss. Sahag and Mesrob Church) and Detroit (Southfield, St. John church). While both presentations were well received, the delegates clearly indicated 2 to 1 that they wanted to be in Philadelphia in 1986 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA. Lisa Manookian presented the Philadelphia bid, and Nancy Kazanjian, Wynnewood Chapter chairman, accepted the "Host Banner" from Worcester Chapter chairman, Louis Mikitarian.

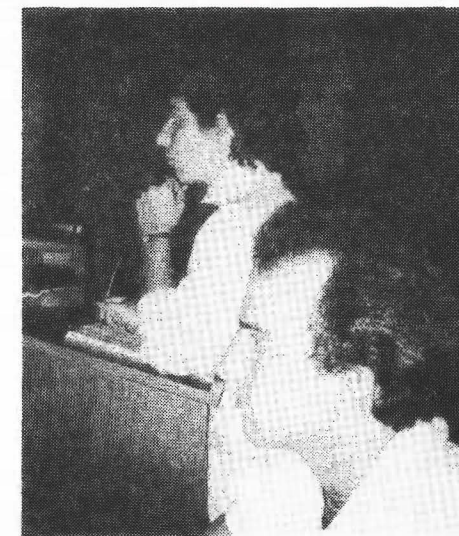
### CLOSING

The Assembly closed on an enthusiastic note as chapters announced their upcoming events and activities. John Apkarian from the Lowell Chapter announced that his Chapter intends to bid and host the 1987 ACYOA Assembly and Sports Weekend.

Following adjournment, Fr. Khajag Barsamian led the delegates in the closing prayer, and blessed the outgoing and incoming ACYOA Central Council members.



Presiding over the Assembly is His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate, while Scott Najarian of Worcester Chaired the proceedings.



Shake Ajamian presents the Financial Section of the Central Council Annual Report. She will Chair the Council in 1985-86. Seated is Assembly Vice Chairman Gary Townsend, who was elected to the Central Council and will serve as Secretary.



Raising their hands in favor of adjournment, the delegate complete the Assembly agenda in 15.5 hours.....a record from many perspectives....



# The ACYOA Sports Weekend In Worcester

Sixteen ACYOA Chapters from across the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America came to Worcester, Mass. over the Labor-Day Weekend Holiday for the 16th Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend. "Marvelous" was the only word used throughout the entire 4-day weekend describing the efforts of the Host Committee.

Immediately preceding the Weekend was the ACYOA Annual General Assembly which brought together representatives of the various ACYOA Chapters to discuss the programs and status of the ACYOA. Over 50 delegates participated in the Assembly presided over by the Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. The Assembly took place at the Worcester Marriott Hotel, and immediately led into the festivities of the Weekend on Friday evening.

## Highlight of the Year

The ACYOA National Sports Weekend is the largest youth event of the Armenian Church in America. Bringing together over 500 young people for its many festivities, this year's edition was particularly well done as the many details that are part of the over-all 6 day Assembly and Weekend Event were well taken care of by the hosts - the Worcester ACYOA Chapter of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour.

Moreover, beyond the sports competitions, the dances, all-night parties, dinners and banquets, and other programs, is the warm atmosphere of camaraderie and friendship among young Armenians. "I come to this (weekend) every year to meet new friends, and see old friends too," said one young man who has been to 9 ACYOA Sports Weekends. "You can't get this type of a good time anywhere else. Next year in Philadelphia will be my 10th - some of us are going to form a "10-year Sports Weekend club" when we get there."

Chairing the Host Committee of the Worcester ACYOA Chapter was Scott Najarian. Among the many Committee members giving their time and effort were: Paul Nighosian, Awards Banquet and Ball; Robert Shamgochian, Hotel and Yearbook; Mark Mikitarian, Treasurer; Mary Kay Elloian, Secretary; Lisa Najarian, Communications and Registration; Steve Migridichian, Athletic Director; Louis Mikitarian (Chapter Chairman), Assembly et al; Linda Jorjorian, Friday

Night Welcoming Dinner-Dance; Beth Bilbilian and Susan Hagopian, Saturday Night Dinner-Dance, and a cast of many others giving invaluable service to make the Weekend "marvelous."

## Festivities Began Early

The Host Committee began the festivities on Wednesday night, welcoming the delegates to Worcester with a reception at "Margaritaville," a nearby Mexican Restaurant. Thursday, after a long day of Assembly sessions, a very special excursion to Boston was planned, featuring a simply "marvelous" harbor cruise, complete with Armenian music and dancing on board. The cruise provided a spectacular panorama of the Boston skyline.

Friday brought the bulk of the "weekenders" to Worcester - with registration going full steam, and the few remaining package plans bought up like Celtics tickets.

Friday evening featured a tremendous "New York Style Deli" buffet which had a never-ending amount of good food. Armenian music filled the ballroom of the hotel with the Roger Krikorian Ensemble (a tradition at ACYOA Sports Weekends) providing the dance music. A local comedian was also part of the night's lineup.

## Dances Thronged

Saturday evening's Dinner-Dance entitled "Hye in the Heart of New England" - the theme of the Weekend - was filled to capacity for dancing and a great time. The brief program during the dinner featured the Worcester Chapter Chairman, Louis Mikitarian; Parish Council Chairman, Asbed Zakarian, and the Pastor of the parish, Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian, giving brief remarks.

Sunday evening's sold out Award Banquet and Ball was held at the magnificent historic landmark, Mechanic's Hall.

## Sunday Morning Martyrs Dedication

Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour on Sunday morning, with the Primate, Archbp. Torkom Manoogian, presiding. The Vicar General, the Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian celebrated the "Badarak", assisted by the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian of Westchester, NY, and the Worcester Pastor, the Rev. Fr. Aved Terzian, along with many local and guest deacons and choir members.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, representatives of each participating parish carried a magnificent linden tree dedicated to the memory of the Armenian Martyrs of 1915, into the Church for a special blessing by the Archbishop. A procession was formed with the choir, deacons, priests and Archbishop leading the faithful to the designated place for the tree planting. The Archbishop then invited each young person, to place a shovelfull of earth around the towering tree. This particular tree-planting dedication and service capped a Diocesan-wide ACYOA Martyrs Commemoration.

## Primate Addresses Large Audience

His Eminence shared his joy of again joining the young people of the Diocese in their largest event of the year. "You represent a new generation - with new ideas, better education, new and exciting perspectives that can revitalize our culture and breathe new life into our communities. You are the up and coming stewards of our Church, and you will be charged with the care and protection of our Church and culture in the years to come." His Eminence said.

He then announced that a new award was to be initiated this year and presented to a former ACYOA member who has continued to remain close to the Church, to serve and to bring to it his talents, resources and energy in an effort to improve and continue our faith, traditions and heritage. Moreover, the recipient is one who has made significant achievements in his own life and profession. His Eminence then gave a brief biography on the person selected to receive this year's award. After stating the many personal and outstanding achievements, the Primate announced that the Honorable Judge John Najarian of Providence, RI was the recipient.

Mr. Najarian was more than surprised as he had been asked by the Primate to attend and give a brief speech during the Awards Banquet. The Primate placed a special medallion with a purple ribbon around the neck of the award winner.

Judge Najarian spoke to the young adults as someone who has participated in ACYOA from its inception. He mentioned the difficult times of his family and how his faith remained with the Church, as he offered all he had as a youth, a young adult, an up and coming professional, as well as a Court



Having a great time and proud to be from Evanston are Nora Ovassapian, left, and Melina Spinuzza. Both were Assembly delegates, and Melina was elected to the Central Council.



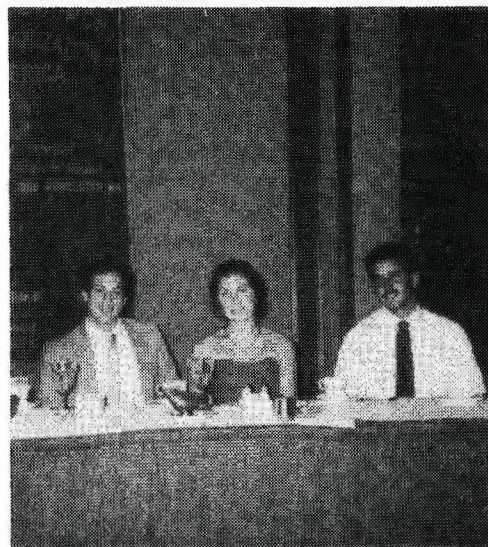
Archbishop Manoogian presents the Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Award to Ararat Hacetian from St. Catherines.



Accepting the Kulhanjian Chapter Sportsmanship Award from His Eminence are Nishan Akgulian, right, and Gail Giragosian, Chapter Chairman representing the combined effort of Wisconsin-Palos Heights, respectfully.



Enjoying "Margaritaville" Wed. evening are (l to r) Scott Najarian (Worcester) John Harpootian and Sara Martinian (Providence), and peeking in, Nick Akgulian (Racine).



Among the Head Table Guests at the "Hye in the Heart of New England Banquet" Sat. evening were (l to r) Louis Mikitarian, Worcester Chapter Chairman, Arda Nazerian, Central Council Chairman, and Steve Migridichian, Spts. Wknd. Director of Athletics.



Archbishop Manoogian presents the Babayan Cup, symbolic of Spts. Wknd. Champions, to Montreal ACYOA representatives Alain Tchaderjian and Aram Kazanjian. Montreal won over 40 trophies this year.

Judge. Today, as a mature adult, he hopes to continue this service to the Diocese, and to the Church as a whole.

Arda Nazerian, Chairman of ACYOA Central Council announced the recipients of the special ACYOA annual awards. The "Sam Nersesian Award," presented each year to a young person nominated by his parish and selected by ACYOA Central Council, was awarded to Ron Godoshian of the St. John Armenian Church Parish in Southfield, MI. The ACYOA "A" Award was presented this year to the hardworking and very active Watertown ACYOA Chapter of St. James Armenian Church. Accepting the award was the 1984-1985 Chapter Chairman, Peter Babigian.

ACYOA Executive Secretary, Mr. James Magarian, made brief remarks, commenting on the outstanding job of the Worcester ACYOA Chapter and Host Committee for the 1985 National Sports Weekend. He then extended appreciation to the members of the ACYOA Central Council who completed their 2-year terms in office. The Primate presented each with gifts and special "Certificates of Recognition." The Council members were Arda Nazerian (Bayside), George Jevarjian (Detroit) and Sona Palvetzian (Toronto).

## Athletic Competitions

Under the direction of Steven Migridichian, athletic competitions in the 35 categories took place on Saturday and Sunday. Many surprises took place which saw some traditional rivalries step aside for other

chapters to take their turn as champions.

Strong teams from Bayside, NY, Wisconsin-Palos Heights, Worcester, Saint Catherines and Detroit saw considerable action in the semi-final and final games. The big surprise was the dominance of the Montreal Chapter. The large contingency from Montreal won 41 trophies of the 110 offered - a new record. This achievement placed Montreal in the first place for overall points accumulation, and thus the winner of the "Babayon Cup" - the overall weekend champions.

The two other annual major awards were the Kulhanjian Chapter Sportsmanship Trophy, won by Wisconsin-Palos Heights, and the Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Trophy, won by Ararat Hacetian, of St. Catherines.

The surprise team of the competitions was a "rise to the occasion" basketball team from the Worcester ACYOA. After a fine showing at the ACYOA Archbishop's Basketball Tournament in June, the Worcester team put it all together in their home court and took the Basketball Championship.

The over 100 award and trophy recipients greeted the Primate as they were presented with their symbols of victory. Following this, the celebrations continued with a spectacular dance.

## Seminars Offered

For the second consecutive year, 3 separate seminars were offered during the Weekend, coordinated by Mr. Dean Shahinian of St. Mary Armenian

Church in Washington, DC.

Speakers and leaders of the seminar topics were: Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, pastor of St. James Armenian Church in Westchester, NY - "Know Thyself and Thy Neighbors in Christ;" Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, pastor of St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA - "The Humanity of God;" and the Seminar Coordinator himself, Dean Shahinian - "Reality vs. Illusion - Wishing Doesn't Make It So."

The Seminars were well attended and very well received as lively discussion and question-answer periods proved equally worthwhile. Mr. Shahinian, a very busy attorney, is to be commended for his efforts.

## Farewell Picnic

The traditional "Farewell Picnic" marked the closing of the 16th Annual Sports Weekend. Monday noon, a large crowd had gathered at the Cultural Center of the Armenian Church of Our Saviour to enjoy lots of food and Armenian music and dancing.

Final "good-byes" were made as a most successful Weekend (noting that the number of young adults was one of the largest in the past four years), came to a close. Looking on to the 40th Anniversary of ACYOA, the young adults of the Armenian Church can plan for a most "marvelous" time when Philadelphia hosts the ACYOA in 1986, continuing that magical Armenian Spirit.

## RESULTS OF THE ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

1985 ACYOA National Sports Weekend  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Hosted By: Worcester ACYOA Chapter  
Armenian Church of Our Saviour

## PARTICIPATING CHAPTERS AND POINTS AWARDED

1 - MONTREAL	120.75
2 - DETROIT	55.00
3 - SAINT CATHERINES	54.00
4 - WORCESTER	45.00
5 - WISCONSIN-PALOS HEIGHTS	30.50
6 - BAYSIDE	24.75
7 - PROVIDENCE	13.50
8 - FAIRLAWN	10.00
9 - CLEVELAND	9.75
10 - NEW BRITAIN	7.25
11 - WATERTOWN	5.00
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13 - BOSTON	2.00
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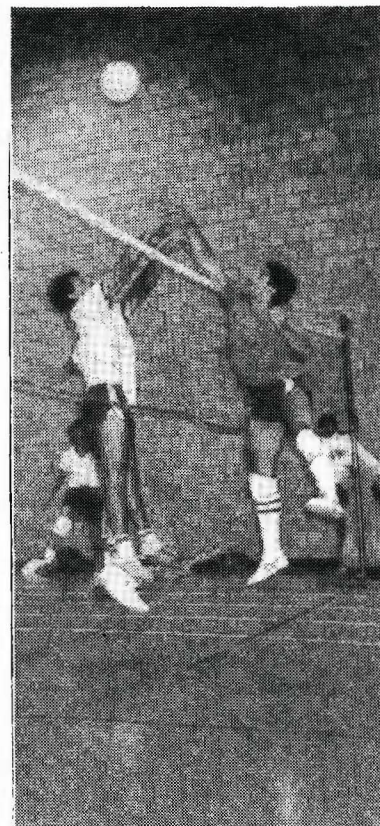
## SPECIAL ANNUAL AWARDS

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Kulhanjian Chapter Sportsmanship Award  
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(See back page for complete sports results.)





# HERE'S & THERE'S . . . .

**WISCONSIN**....members dined together in Milwaukee with dancing afterwards - 30 people attending...tailgate party before brewers game...pool party/meeting in Aug...held practices for Spts.Wkd....teamed up with Palos Heights for competitions and was awarded the "Chapter Sportsmanship Award"...congrats!...Nick Akgulian received a Knights of Vartan Scholarship...and have members involved in Church and Armenian Schools, as well as choir and altar servers...planning Christmas dance Dec. 28...8-10 people planning to attend Detroit's Thanksgiving Dance...Nishan Akgulian, newly elected chapter chairman reporting....**CLEVELAND**....Nancy Bagdasarian informs of their participation in parish Martyr's Commemoration...planted Dogwood Tree...Father's Day Coffee Hour...prepared and cleaned church grounds...assisted with Pastor's "Farewell Dinner"/July...invited Junior's to canoeing...Ed. Kazanjian tells us they had a great time in Worcester at the Spts.Wknd. and will sponsor with the Jrs a Community Halloween Party on Oct.26th.....

**WYNEWOOD**...Received the honor to host the 1986 Assembly and National Sports Weekend to be held in Philadelphia...commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the Martyrs on June 2nd with guest speakers and honored 8 Survivors...held many meetings to prepare for '86 Wknd... Sunday Brunches Oct.27, Dec.29, Feb.23, Apr.27 ...already planning ACYOA Day program/banquet March 23...will host Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Nov.15-17...Nov.1st begins membership drive program....after church coffee hour...a busy year indeed, reports Lisa Manookian, chapter chairman...**PALOS HEIGHTS**...Susan Sahagian tells of a drive to create more social offerings for the group...pool party, dinner & show, amusement park...they shared honors with Wisconsin in the Spts.Wknd. competitions and won the "Chapter Sportsmanship Award"...hosted Midwest Regional Volleyball Tourney back in June...well done...are very excited at receiving a new Pastor - Fr. Hairabedian.....

**WATERTOWN**....Daniel Shadbegian, chpt.chrmn., reports on "Pre-Picnic" dance Aug.17...trip to pastor's summer home at Lake Winnepesaukee in Aug...prepared for Spts.Wknd. with many new faces....received the ACYOA highest Chapter honor - the 1984-85 "ACYOA Chapter 'A' Award"...for a very good year...host after church coffee hour for one month...horseback riding...continue chapter newsletter - "The Chat"...congrats to Susan Bergoudian for receiving State Certification in Education...will again host Halloween party for parish children...planning for Christmas Night Dance...can they repeat as "A" award winners???...let's see.....

**TENAFLY**...Northern N.J. continues under the concerned leadership of Lori Kalemkerian...they are planning to come under the jurisdiction of St.Thomas Parish, with Fr. Arnak Kasparian as their Chapter President...they've planned a membership dance for Oct...an "Instructed" Badarak for Nov...and a Slide Show on Armenia in Dec.- very good....**PROVIDENCE**....Debbie Kalian reports many activities...assisted in welcoming dinner for new Pastor - Fr. Baret Yeretzian...participated in Spts. Wknd....congrats to Debbie who received "Best News Story for 1984" from the R.I. Press Assoc....chapter will see "Agnes of God" movie and discuss issues raised in the film (v.good idea)...big Hayride at apple orchard Oct.25...plan to attend the Lawrence ACYOA Dance, Oct.26...will have their own booth at Church Bazaar - will sell pocket calendars and jar openers with ACYOA "logo"...will observe "cultural month" in Nov. with open discussion sessions between youth and elderly regarding the Armenian Massacres...it will be videotaped (v.good!)...and will have "The Big Event" cocktail party on Nov.30...Thanksgiving Wknd. inviting those home from school for a great time and promotion of ACYOA membership and participation...to be held at a hotel...should be great!...planning annual "Christmas with Onnik" Dance at Church Auditorium, Dec.7..... certainly a busy group....**BOSTON**....represented at Assembly by Melanie Mooradjian...a flyer received tells of a "College Dinner" in Sept. for Boston area college students and friends...an idea successfully initiated last year...coordinated by Jim Kalustian....**LOWELL**....represented at Assembly by Chairman John Apkarian...who informed that they are putting together an unbelievable package for the the 1987 Sports Weekend, which they hope to host...assisted in celebrations of the Parish's 75 Anniversary...**LAWRENCE**....Gary Townsend elected to Central Council...Cory Sirmaian taking over as Chairman...big annual Fall Dance Spectacular Oct. 26....**WORCESTER**....recovering from a "marvelous" Spts. Wknd....regrouping for a good year ahead we're sure....**DETROIT**...planning annual "Fall Dance" Nov.30...will host Midwest Reg. Conf. as well same day...after winning 5 straight "Babayan Cups" (a record) lost this year to Montreal...but they'll be back....**MONTREAL**....won an unprecedented 41 trophies at Spts. Wknd. with a strong team....**ST.CATHERINES**....fine showing at Spts. Wknd. with Ararat Hacetian winning the Yaghoobian Individual Sportsmanship Award.....**no room left here....more next time.....**

## Primate's Message (con't)

ing to maintain our ancient and beautiful language in its sung, spoken and written form. This will be made much easier with the presence of an articulate and bilingual community such as we are experiencing today.

We always feel free to speak with our youth who intelligently express their aspirations and concerns that spring from their minds and hearts.

Enjoy the fellowship and the sporting events of this Weekend. Contend not just with each other on the playing field or court, but with the very real and pressing issues of your Church and culture. We asked at the beginning what Armenian youth is going to do. Ponder this, think on it, muse over it, because the Armenian people look to you as their hope for the future, for faith, for culture, for homeland.

May the Lord guide us in our service and fellowship, and may His blessings remain with each one of us in all the days of our lives.

(Message delivered by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, to the delegates of the 1985 ACYOA General Assembly in Worcester, Mass., August 29th.)

## FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Primate and Diocesan Council has approved the election of the following to serve on the ACYOA Central Council, they will join Shake Ajamian (Bayside) who has one year remaining to serve:

Scott Najarian (Worcester)  
Melina Spinuzza (Evanston)  
Gary Townsend (Lawrence)  
Sara Martinian (Providence)

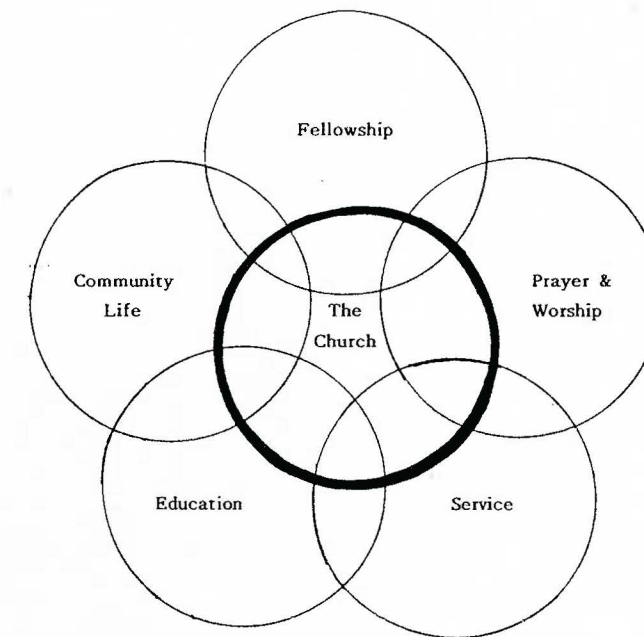
Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood) 1st alternate

Also approved were the Assembly appointments to the newly created "Committee", they are:

Dean Shahinian (Washington)  
Myles Couyoumjian (Detroit)  
Rev.Fr. Mardiros Chevian (St.Nersess Sem.)

The Primate and Diocesan Council suggested that the Central Council invite Rev.Fr. Garabed Kochakian to serve on the new Committee.

## Five Components for an Effective Youth Ministry



### FELLOWSHIP -

parties, eating out, movies, camping, beach, recreation, cookouts, horseback riding, athletics, dances, cultural events, ball games, sailing, sleigh rides, museums, ski trips, theater, mountain climbing. . . . .

### COMMUNITY LIFE -

organize workshops on religious and cultural topics, help in Church and Armenian Schools, assist with Parish Newsletter, video and audio tapes of Church Services for shut-ins and hospitalized, provide rides to church for elderly and children, tutors, landscape church grounds, help in preparing church for major Feast Days, organize food and blood drives. . . . .

### EDUCATION -

sponsor lectures, classes, attend same, individual and group study topics, research projects, presentations of same to parish on Church history, language, dance, literature, the teachings of the Church, the Holy Fathers, Heros of the Church, spirituality, social issues. . . . .

### SERVICE -

neighborhood cleanup, care of lawns for elderly, adopt a child - local and overseas, craft projects as gifts for shut-ins, parties and picnics for children's home or retarded children's center, singing at nursing homes, puppet shows for children and adults in hospitals, assist in projects of the parish, food and clothing collections and distributions, shovel snow. . . . .

### PRAYER & WORSHIP -

participation on Sunday mornings and at other Services, design and lead worship for children, Lenten Services, prayer at parish functions, worship at retreats or lock-ins, visit other churches, write hymns and songs, Christmas program/play/concert/service, Easter program/play/concert/service, Palm Sunday Procession, design and conduct worship at parish church picnic, worship workshop, pray with those in homes, hospitals. . . . .



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# Winners of Fun & Games '85 Nat. Sports Weekend



## AQUATICS

### BREAST-STROKE:

- Womens:  
1. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
2. Gail Giragosian-Wisc./Palos  
3. Archa Baltadjian-Montreal  
Mens:  
1. Aram Kazanjian-Montreal  
2. Kai Kazarian-Wisc./Palos  
3. Alain Tchaderdjian-Montreal

### BACK-STROKE:

- Womens:  
1. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
2. Gail Giragosian-Wisc./Palos  
3. Tamara Kabodian-Detroit  
Mens:  
1. Alan Fenerdjian-Montreal  
2. Kegham Giragosian-Wisc./Palos  
3. Kevin Giragosian-Wisc./Palos

### FREESTYLE:

- Womens:  
1. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
2. Gail Giragosian-Wisc./Palos  
3. Jill Boyajian-Wisc./Palos  
Mens:  
1. Kegham Giragosian-Wisc./Palos  
2. Alain Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
3. Kevin Giragosian-Wisc./Palos

### FREESTYLE RELAYS:

- Womens:  
1. Wisconsin/Palos  
2. Montreal  
Mens:  
1. Montreal  
2. Lawrence  
3. Wisconsin/Palos

## BADMINTON

1. Vahan Kasabian-Montreal  
2. Ardash Boyajian-Montreal  
3. Kirsan Ashekian-St.Catherines

## BASKETBALL

### Womens:

1. Detroit  
2. Bayside  
3. Montreal

### Mens:

1. Worcester  
2. Wisconsin/Palos  
3. Fairlawn

## CHECKERS

1. Gary Mousegian-Detroit  
2. Arda Nazerian-Bayside  
3. Joe Kludjian-Detroit

## CHESS

1. Kazar Terterian-Detroit  
2. Gary Mousigian-Detroit  
3. George Tekeyan-Watertown

## GOLF

1. Sam Sarkissian-St.Catherines  
2. Ararat Hacetian-St.Catherines  
3. George Arslanian-Cleveland

## TABLE TENNIS

### Womens:

1. Kiana Kayserian-Detroit  
2. Dianne Parnigian-Bayside  
3. Annie Karadjian-Montreal

### Mens:

1. Jeff Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
2. Ara Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
3. Mike Kashian-Wisc./Palos  
Doubles:  
1. Montreal

## TAVLLOO

1. Diane Kapikian-Bayside  
2. Lisa Arslanian-Cleveland  
3. Lisa Coloian-Evanston

## TRACK & FIELD

### LONG JUMP:

- Womens:  
1. Annie Karadjian-Montreal  
2. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
3. Lois Sarkisian-St.Catherines  
Mens:  
1. Alain Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
2. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal  
3. Minas Daldalian-Montreal

### SOFTBALL THROW:

- Womens:  
1. Janet Shekerjian-Detroit  
2. Snake Ajamian-Bayside  
3. Kiana Kayserian-Detroit  
Mens:  
1. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal  
2. Michael Merzigian-Worcester  
3. Ara Ajamian-Bayside

### SHOT PUT:

- Womens:  
1. Annie Krikorian-Montreal  
2. Lucine Arslanian-Cleveland  
3. Lois Sarkisian-St.Catherines  
Mens:  
1. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal  
2. John Harpootian-Providence  
3. Alan Fenerdjian-Montreal

### MILE RUN:

- Womens:  
1. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
2. Carol Alexander-Boston  
3. Julia Sarkisian-St.Catherines  
Mens:  
1. Guy Simonian-New Britain (tie)  
2. George Devejian-Bayside (tie)  
3. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal

### 880 YARD RUN RELAYS:

- Womens:  
1. St. Catherines  
Mens:  
1. Montreal  
2. New Britain

### 440 YARD RUN:

- Womens:  
1. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
Mens:  
1. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal  
2. Vahan Kassabian-Montreal  
3. Guy Simonian-New Britain

### 220 YARD RUN:

- Womens:  
1. Annie Karadjian-Montreal  
2. Sandrine Mirasxedi-Montreal  
Mens:  
1. Alain Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
2. Minas Daldalian-Montreal  
3. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal

### 100 YARD DASH:

- Womens:  
1. Annie Krikorian-Montreal  
2. Nora Ovassapian-Evanston  
3. Lori Abramhamian-New Britain  
Mens:  
1. Minas Daldalian-Montreal  
2. Alain Tchaderdjian-Montreal  
3. Aram Kazandjian-Montreal

## TENNIS

- Womens:  
1. Sue Mahtesian-Providence  
2. Linda Haytayan-Watertown  
3. Dianne Parnagian-Bayside  
Mens:  
1. Osep Armagian-Wisc./Palos  
2. Mike Mousigian-Detroit  
3. Gary Mousigian-Detroit  
Mixed Doubles:  
1. Detroit  
2. Montreal  
3. Montreal

## VOLLEYBALL (co-ed):

1. St. Catherines  
2. Wisconsin/Palos  
3. Montreal





# Armenia



*Centuries have passed over my land, but they have left their trace in cuneiform inscriptions, in old ruins and impregnable fortresses. The whole of Armenia is like an open-air museum where, without the help of a book, you can learn the history of the country and its people. Not only has every age left its ruins and wounds, but each one became a rung on the long and steep ladder of history that our people ascended, rising from suffering to happiness.*

Gevorg Emin

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Since we could not bring some of you to ARMENIA this summer on the ACYOA Armenian Studies Program, due to its cancellation, we decided to bring a small glimpse of present-day Armenia to all of you. The center pull-out section provides a different perspective and content to the usual discussions and descriptions of Armenia. This short but informative section should prove interesting, and maybe cause you to ponder a moment over returning one day to Armenia.

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