

*Detroit*

Feb. 23, 1951

Mr. Edward S. Papelian  
18460 Mansfield  
Detroit 19, Mich.

Dear Mr. Papelian:

I have received your letter of Feb. 14 concerning the request of your chapter for the conferment of the degree of "Higher Doctorate" (Zairaguin Vardapet) on the Rev. Father Isschag, and I advise you of the following for your instruction.

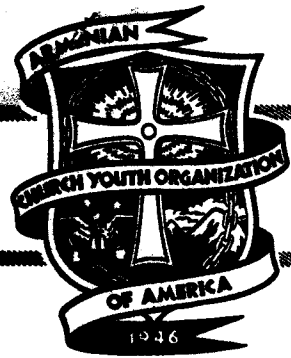
1. "Higher Doctorate" is conferred: a) on professors of theological colleges, b) on doctors (vardapets) who are about to be consecrated bishops, c) on vardapets who are authors of eminent theological treatises.

It is true that in the past great laxity has been shown by many bishops in this matter. But such bishops cannot be said to have acted in an exemplary manner.

2. Your request is beyond your jurisdiction, and even beyond the jurisdiction of any lay body. However, your appreciation of the merits of your president and pastor is praiseworthy, and I would suggest that you express that appreciation in some appropriate fashion.

Yours with my paternal blessings  
and prayers

Bishop Tiran  
Primate of the Armenian Church  
of America



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Prelate of the Armenian Church in North America  
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New York 16, N. Y.

Your Grace:

At a general business meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the A.C.Y.O.A., held on February 13th, 1951, a motion was passed to the effect that our President, the Very Reverend Issahag Ghazarian, be conferred the title of "Tzayrakouyn Vartabed" (*Տշրակայն Վարձպետ*).

This request is being made in recognition and appreciation of the constant and untiring devotion, guidance, and assistance, Reverend Ghazarian has shown toward the A.C.Y.O.A. and its members from the first day he assumed his duties in Detroit.

We hope to hear from you in regard to this matter in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edward S. Papelian*  
Edward S. Papelian, Chairman  
Detroit Chapter, A.C.Y.O.A.

*Sarah Toomajian*  
Sarah Toomajian, Secretary