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ST. JOHN'S ARMENIAN CHURCH - MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMATE

It is with great joy that we send this message of congratulations on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the St. John's Armenian Church of Southfield.

Truly, the parish of St. John's has been a dynamic and flourishing example in our Diocese. When we think of anniversaries, it is natural that we think of the passing years, full of sacrifices and a treasury of dedicated personages who, through their efforts, glorified God and our Church. It is not enough to rest on the laurels of the past because we strongly feel that the past only receives its worth through the present and, of course, the future. The past is the foundation of the present and the future are the structures.

Let your works be worthy of what was started 55 years ago in your parish. and at this time

At this time, we send our congratulations and blessings to your pastors, your parish council and all your church-affiliated organizations and committees. We ask our Lord to always guide you in your works and efforts.

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His Eminence,  
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate  
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Your Eminence:

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As you are aware, St. John's Armenian Church is planning to publish a book commemorating the 55th Anniversary of St. John's this year. We would like to include a photograph of Your Eminence along with a message from you. At this time, I am requesting that you send us a recent photograph of yourself, either color or black and white, and a message for publication. It is imperative that we receive both of these by July 15, since we will go to press on August 1, 1986.

I would also like to ask if it is possible for Your Eminence to request His Holiness to send us a recent photograph for the same purpose, along with an encyclical for inclusion in the 55th Anniversary Book. I had taken for granted that His Holiness would have issued an encyclical on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of St. John's Armenian Church; since we did not receive one at that time, perhaps He would prefer to issue an encyclical for the 50th Anniversary. We leave that decision to His Holiness. Please indicate to Him also, that we must receive these by July 15 since we are going to press on August 1, 1986.

Thank you for your assistance in the above regard. Looking forward to hear from you soon, I remain,

Respectfully,

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