

4/16/56

His Grace
Archbishop Mampre Calfayan
New York, New York

Your Grace:

Your letter of April 7 was indeed greatly appreciated and in accordance with your request for dimensions of our altar, enclosed are several different views and measurements, from which we hope you will be able to send us blueprints immediately since we are extremely anxious to get started in the construction of the altar.

Our membership drive started as of March 1st and dues were collected from most for a 3-month period and soon we will have to be requesting another 3-month payment and must have our altar started in order to convince that we are accomplishing all that the members expect of our Council. Therefore, please rush this request for blueprints.

In addition, please send us the following, if they are available, and if not, please advise —

- 1. 3 By-Laws of the Church in book form.
- 2. 6 Books on Activities of Women's Auxiliary.
3. 2 Books "Dargavarki" with or without notes (unpymd unpyp)
4. 10 Books "Dbratz Dasi" with notes. (zypmd zump jmdup)

The above are also very important, since we have organized a Women's Auxiliary and also have contacted several people for choir work, and are interested in immediately undergoing these responsibilities as they are important functions of the Church.

Father Khayan has been very helpful and in a letter which we received from him a few days ago, he gave us several written examples in the handling of our records. We are sure he will be playing a great part in our activities in East St. Louis and of course, his nearby locale of

Chicago will make it quite convenient for trips from time to time to see our progress.

Thank you again for your sincere cooperation and please make your response to our requests as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ropic Greer, Secretary
Church Council.



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personal commitments).

I do think Holy Shoghagat Parish prospered in 1975 although we did experience some difficulties. Our building fund is growing, and, hopefully, with luck and help we will soon have our own church again.

Deacon Manooz has been great. In my opinion, he has matured immensely and is developing into an outstanding man of God. In fact, I think he and I grew mutually this past year, and I so state in my report to the parish.

Your Grace, I truly did not mean to ramble so. In fact, I only meant to state what was enclosed. I guess the respect and closeness I feel for you prompted the express writing. I hope you do not mind this.

May you enjoy another healthy and prosperous year. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Most respectfully,
Zabelle N. Vartanian
Holy Shoghagat
Parish Council Chairman