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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

It is with ever increasing joy that we greet the young men and women of our Diocese on the occasion of the ACYOA Annual Assembly and Sports Weekend. We are gratified by the growing numbers of young Armenians who now seek each other out under the dome of their beloved church.

The Armenian Church has grown as the Armenian people have grown, through much tragedy, much accomplishment. Every remarkable step forward has been dogged by misfortune. Every night has, in turn, brightened into a glorious day for our people. It would seem that the Armenian faith is a braid of joy and sorrow and no one present this weekend can forget the twin sorrows of the earthquake and Karabagh and the continuing story of its victims.

And yet, we are happy at the sight of a young Armenian generation in America filled with a new sense of faith, a strong desire for fellowship with each other and with their community, and a greater sense of the Armenian world beyond their own. The Cleveland ACYOA is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, a milestone of no small importance as it stands proudly alongside those of other chapters in the United States and of Armenian Church youth throughout the world. Such an anniversary is vivid testimony to the challenge and vision of youth and to the special enthusiasm and challenge they give to the entire community. God bless you, all who have passed through the Cleveland ACYOA these past 25 years.

And God bless all who have gathered this weekend, not only in the name of fun and fellowship, but in the name of God and people. May His Spirit continue to grace you with the unique gifts of youth, gifts that inspire older generations to see the past more clearly, to live the present more vigorously and to believe in the future more deeply.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

February 1990

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His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
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Your Eminence:

The St. Gregory of Narek ACYOA chapter in Greater Cleveland has many things of which to be proud. Most notably and recently, we were awarded the honor of hosting the ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend to be held August 29 through September 3, 1990. This will be the 20th anniversary of the sports weekend competition. The enthusiasm of our youth has rapidly spread throughout the rest of our parish and beyond into neighboring Armenian communities in Ohio. Committees have already been formed and work begun. The enormity and responsibility of this undertaking is not being taken lightly. It is a joy to see the youth drawn even closer in their collaboration to produce what we all feel will be an unsurpassed experience for the Armenian youth of our diocese.

Your Grace, it is with great pride that we extend to you this invitation to the General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1990. Your presence during that weekend and support of the ACYOA and its many programs and projects is a source of encouragement to all our youth throughout the diocese.

✓ Traditionally, a weekend booklet is prepared and distributed to the attendees. We would deem it an honor and privilege to have a message from Your Grace, as well as a black and white photograph to include in the booklet. We understand that for similar events in the past, you have used your good offices to respectfully request a message and black and white photograph of His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. This booklet will become a historic document and inspirational messages from

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both Your Grace and Vehrpar Hayre will be cherished and treasured by all of those who participate. Soorpazan Hayre, in order to meet production deadlines, we look forward to receiving this information prior to June 1, 1990.

Also, we look forward to sharing the "O-Hye-O '90" experience together in the best location in the nation...

Prayerfully yours,

Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian

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President, ACYOA Cleveland Chapter and
Pastor, St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church

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