



DIocese OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

February 5, 1993

Mr. Michael Takesian  
Parish Council Chairman  
St. Gregory the Illuminator Church  
P.O. Box 435  
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Dear Mr. Takesian:

It is our pleasure to inform you that on the weekend of February 20 and 21, we shall be making a pastoral visit to the St. Gregory the Illuminator parish. On this occasion, as we have discussed with you, we shall ordain to the Holy Priesthood in the Armenian Church, Deacon Michael Kaishian who presently has been serving your parish as Deacon-in-Charge.

The ordination services cover a period of two days. Saturday evening we shall perform the "Gochoom" or Service of Calling during which the candidate is presented and questioned in the midst of the congregation. On Sunday morning during the Divine Liturgy the rite of consecration and anointing will take place ordaining the candidate into the rank of the sacred priesthood.

We trust that you have properly announced our visit and the forthcoming ordination and, likewise you have planned an appropriate celebration banquet to honor the new priest.

We shall inform you of the details of our arrival within the coming week. Let us pray to God that with this new servant who enters the fold of service to our people, the Armenian Church will grow and realize her mission.

With prayers,

*Atop. K. Barsamian*

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Primate