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Your Eminence:

This letter is in follow up to recent discussions we have had regarding Sub-deacon Herman Gennetian. As Your Eminence is aware, Sub-deacon Herman has recently been meeting with me to improve his familiarity with and ability to perform the various liturgical services of the Armenian Church.

Sub-deacon Herman has made significant improvement in intoning the litanies of the Divine Liturgy in accordance with the musical notation provided in *The Deacon's Guidebook to the Divine Liturgy*. He has also advanced in his familiarity with the *Kisherayin* and *Aravodyan* Hours Services as well as the Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Services.

Sub-deacon Herman would do well to continue to improve his knowledge of the hymns (*Sharagans*) sung in the various sacraments and services that are performed on a regular basis. He would also do well to improve his public reading of English texts so that he may assist in the rituals of the Church with full confidence.

Be that as it may, based on the progress that Sub-deacon Herman has made and based on my observance of the performance level of other deacons in the Armenian Church in this area I feel that I can report to Your Eminence that, liturgically, Sub-deacon Herman Gennetian is sufficiently prepared to serve the Armenian Church as a Deacon. Sub-deacon Herman has indicated to me that it is his desire to serve the Church in this capacity and is willing to be ordained at Your Eminence's discretion.

I respectfully await Your Eminence's instructions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian