

Dear Parish members and friends:

As beautiful as my trip was across the ocean, the one thing I have confirmed, is that it is always wonderful to come home, and to be with my parish members and friends.

During my travels to other parts of the world, I felt the tremendous driving force of our people. I felt the needs of our church and the goals that we strive to achieve. I know with God's grace and our working together we will accomplish all we strive for.

It is very gratifying to see that we have become the spiritual center of the Armenians of our community in Chicago and related areas.

Our Parish is enjoying a period in excess of 65 years, and we can point with pride, with our arms wrapped around our children and loved ones, that we are bound together in our unity of faith, love and pride.

Without our love for our God, our life is not only empty, but meaningless, without purpose or goal. It is absolutely necessary that we all share with the world, our neighbors and friends our good fortune bestowed on us by God.

Let us all be grateful and give thanks for the many things we take for granted. The path to God is easy once we have learned to understand the signs and directions He wishes us to follow.

Life can be beautiful. Let us enjoy it as such.

God bless you all.

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