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Dear Parishioners:

The pastoral work has many phases, for convenience I have summarized them under the following headings.

CHURCH SERVICE.

Each Sunday morning at 9.30 A.M., I have performed a morning service, followed by a Divine Liturgy at 10.00 A.M. The sermons were either in Armenian or English or in both languages. Special feast days have been celebrated according to religious calendar of the Diocese. During the Lenten season each Wednesday evening had church service. The deacons, the boys and the girls of A.C.Y.O.A. read the prayers of St. Nerses the gracious.

SACRAMENTS.

Baptism and confirmation 1, weddings 2, funeral 1.

PASTORAL CALLS AND VISITATIONS.

I have visited our parishioners on happy and sad occasions. Sick visitations included homes and hospitals.

MEETINGS.

I have attended and presided over the meetings of all the church organizations and the Building Committee, and provided the necessary spiritual guidance and counselling.

BLESSING OF HOMES AND GRAVES.

Upon request homes of our parishioners have been blessed at Christmas or Easter and graves on Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES.

The annual celebration of the Women Saints of the Armenian Church was held on March 5th. in the St. George's Church, Hartford, our Womens' Guild taking part in the church service.

On April 5th.the Sunday School pupils were administered Holy Communion.The Women's Guild served breakfast.

Sunday,September 28th.we marked the historic event of consecration off our church by His Eminence,Archbishop Torkom Manoogian.

On October 23rd.we performed an evening service for the Board of Directors of the Conference of Churches. The Women's Guild of our church served refreshments.

On December 13; I attended the Regional Conference of the Diocese, held in St.Geore's Church,Hartford, and in the evening I took part in ~~of~~ the 27th.Anniversary Banquet of the church at Ramada Inn.

In conclusion,I would like to say that it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve our church.Thanks for attending this meeting and making it a success with your suggestions and cooperation.

May God bless us all and prosper the work we have undertaken.Amen.

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