

*Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection*  
*1910 Stanley St, New Britain, Ct.*

**ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORT 1993**

We present to you our seventh (7th) Annual Report for the year 1993. We thank Almighty God for giving us the strength and health to work with you for another year as your Pastor. There continues to be a steady spiritual and physical growth in our parish. We continue to increase our membership and see a constant growth in our Sunday School. It is indeed pleasing that there is an increased awareness, within our parish, of all our people toward their responsibilities to serve God through His Church. For this growth we thank God and pray that he will continue to bless us all.

The following is an outline of some of the highlights of activities in which we were involved during the past year.

**Religious**

1. We celebrated Armenian Christmas Day with our sister Hartford Church, we were the celebrant.
2. Women's Saints Day with Springfield & Hartford was celebrated at St. Vartan's Cathedral.
3. Lenten Services & Lectures with a question & answer period continued again this year.
4. Martyrs Day commemoration with Hartford & Springfield was celebrated at St George in Hartford, Father Michael was the celebrant.
5. American Christmas Eve special service was conducted in English and with the participation of the Youth of our church.
6. Grave Blessings on Memorial Day were again performed at the Armenian section of the cemetery.
7. We participated in the NEWBRACC sponsored Martin Luther King Service.
8. Wrote articles for the Clergy Corner in the New Britain Herald, and recorded messages for the Daily Bread program for NEWBRACC

**Educational**

1. Lectures were given at the DRE in New York.
2. Several lectures were given to the Clergy Association to keep them abreast of what was happening in Armenia and in The Armenian Church.
3. We participated in the program "Clergy in the Classroom", sponsored by the New Britain Area Council of Churches.
4. We regret that Armenian School, on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m could not be continued.

**Administrative**

1. We continued to publish the Church Bulletin.
2. Attended Regional Assembly meetings in Worcester.

3. Attended the monthly Clergy Meetings.
4. Attended meetings with the various organizations and committees of our church.
5. Participated in the Tri-City meetings held at the various churches.
6. Handled the printing of all special notices sent to our parishioners for the Parish Assembly and other special bulletins. We again thank the Senior Citizens who helped with the mailing.
7. Maintained the mailing list to keep it up-to-date.
8. Printed special booklets for the use of parish, as well as the Handbook for Parishioners. (Special thanks to John Maljanian for his compiling and editing.)

#### **Outreach**

1. We took an active part in the NEWBRACC and Clergy Association, serving as an advisor, and was on the committee for the interdenominational services.
2. Served on the committee for food for the needy of our city.
3. Through the cooperation of the Women's Guild hosted the Clergy Breakfast and meeting.

#### **Pastoral**

1. Hospital visitations (41)
2. Home Visitations (32)
3. Counseling (35)
4. Sacraments: (3) Weddings, (8) Baptisms, (8) Funerals.
5. Home Blessings (14)

#### **Things still to be done:**

1. We need a door to door campaign to increase church membership.
2. We have a real need for more educational programs both religious and historic.
3. We would like to start a training program for young deacons & acolytes.
4. We will begin Bible Study classes again this year.

Our deepest thanks to all of the organizations and committees, their chairpersons and workers, for their cooperation, dedication and hard work throughout the entire year. A special thanks to our Parish Council, and its chairman. Last but not least thanks to the choir, its directors and organists and our deacons for their continuous dedication and devotion in serving our church, to the new editor and typist of the Looy's, to our Diocesan Delegates and especially to all our faithful parishioners. God bless you all.

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