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St. James Armenian Church
OF WESTCHESTER

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February 11, 1994

His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America
630 Second Avenue
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Your Eminence,

I trust you are in good health and hope that the numerous snow storms we have had since the beginning of the new year have not caused any serious problems for you.

As you know, our pastor, Fr. Karekin, will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in May and plans are under way for a banquet to commemorate the occasion. We are extremely happy that you will be with us both at the banquet on Saturday, May 14th, and at the worship service the following morning.

A program booklet is being prepared for distribution at the banquet. The committee which is planning the event felt it would be most gratifying to Der Hayr if congratulatory messages, to be printed in the booklet, were forthcoming from the following members of our clergy who, needless to say, would not be present:

- 1) The Catholicos, His Holiness Vasken I
- 2) The Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
- 3) The Patriarch of Constantinople, His Beatitude Archbishop Karekin Kazanjian
- 4) The Primate of Iraq, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Avak Assadourian
- 5) His Eminence Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian, Primate

I have been informed by Der Garabed that the request for such messages should originate in your office. If you have no objection to our idea, we would greatly appreciate your contacting the above-mentioned four clergymen and forwarding our request for a greeting to Der Karekin on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of his ordination.

Our printer has asked that we submit all material for the booklet by April 1st.



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Thank you for your cooperation in this and all matters.

We will be in touch with you again as we approach May 14th regarding the details of your visit to St. James parish.

Respectfully yours,

Martha Gurahian
Chairperson,
20th Anniversary
Celebration Committee