Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Pastor, and Members of the Parish Council of St. Thomas Armenian Church P. O. Box 53 Tenafly, NJ 07670

Dear Father Papken and Parish Council:

We feel it necessary to write to you in response to an Editor's Note which was inserted in the article on the Caspar M. Kasparian Memorial Fund in the November, 1992, NOR TAR.

The insertion gives the impression that as Directors of the Kasparian Fund, we overstayed a two-year term provision of the Fund Bylaws by many years. We wish to point out there is nothing in those Bylaws which limits the number of terms a Director may serve. We served at the discretion of the Parish Council. Over the years, there were various Parish Council Liaisons to the Memorial Funds at St. Thomas. The fact that the Parish Council did not appoint new directors to replace us amounted to our de facto reappointment to additional two-year terms. Many appointive committees function in this manner.

It should be noted that serving on this Memorial Fund Board was not quite the same as for other church committees in general. The Directors were very close to Caspar Kasparian as well as to St.Thomas and the religious education of our youth, and we believe past Parish Councils considered this.

If the current Parish Council felt we should be replaced, that was their prerogative, and we accept it, but to imply we long overstayed a two-year term contrary to the Bylaws is misleading.

When we received our letters informing us of our replacement on the Kasparian Fund Board of Directors with the rationale our twoyear terms had expired, we chose not to make an issue of it, but we take exception to the Editor's Note in the NOR TAR and felt the matter needed to be addressed.

We wish thenew Kasparian Fund Board of Directors success in their endeavors on behalf of the religious education of the youth of our church.

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Respectfully,

George Mekenian