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REVEREND FATHER MAMPRE A. KOUZOUIAN Pastor

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Dear Parishioners:

The Appeal of the Primate of Karabagh to the Armenian Community in the Diaspora to Help the Armenians in His Diocese.

As your Pastor, I appeal to your conscience and wholeheartedly encourage you to help our brothers and sisters of Karabagh who are in dire need of our financial support.

Won't you please be generous and send your gifts in the enclosed envelope to our Church, so that we may present it to him on his visit to our Parish on Thursday, March 10.

I remain with gratitude to you, and pray for your welfare.

Fr. Mangree

Father Mampre A. Kouzouian

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Please make checks out to Holy Trinity Armenian Church Karabagh Relief Fund.



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

The following appeal was issued by His Grace Bishop Barkev Mardirosian, Armenian Primate of Artsakh (Karabagh) prior to his 1992 visit to the United States. The situation in Karabagh remains critical.

My Dear Compatriots:

Karabagh (Artsakh) is waging a war of life and death. Shellings of Armenian villages are intensifying day by day. During the course of two days alone, March 7 and 8, more than 200 Armenians - our brothers, sisters and parents - were brutally killed.

The Armenians of Karabagh are suffering. Should Karabagh be lost, the very existence of our homeland, the newly-independent Republic of Armenia, will be threatened. During the past twelve days, attempts have been made to portray the heroic people of Karabagh as perpetrators of a massacre. The genocides of Sumgait and Baku are being drowned in a flood of public relations rhetoric.

We are at a critical time in our history, and events are moving at a tremendous pace. We must show full solidarity with the Armenians of Karabagh who are struggling for liberation.

While the existence of our people hangs in the balance, it is our obligation to respond overwhelmingly as one united people. His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, has made an international appeal for humanitarian support on behalf of the people of Karabagh. It is extremely urgent that every Armenian respond by making a financial commitment to provide the necessary humanitarian aid.

> Bishop Barkev Mardirosian Primate of Artsakh

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