

September 29, 1983

Mrs. Floyd David Smith
6816 Edmonstone Avenue
Richmond, VA 23226

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter dated September 23, 1983 has been received by the Primate's Office.

The Primate is out of town, due to his visit to Holy Etchmiadzin to take part in the Blessing of the Holy Muron. His Eminence will return to New York at the end of October.

Upon his return, the Primate will turn his attention to your letter.

Prayerfully,

The V. Rev. Fr. Houssig Bagdasian
Vicar General

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from Primate*

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on Oct 30*

September 23, 1983

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Diocese of The Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Eminence:

How does one adequately thank someone for courtesies that were unexpected but totally welcome. Please let me say how very much I appreciated meeting and talking with you and your staff, and the many kindnesses extended.

Mr. Frank Stoneson made the original telephone contact with me, and his friendliness and desire to help made a tremendous impact on me.

Michael Zeytoonian did so many things for the event, beginning with the publicity, the securing of a photographer, and the purchase of some personal items that I would never have located in the brief time I was in New York

The Reverend Arden Ashjian was most helpful and friendly, and the church service on Sunday was a credit to his expertise. He also found a head covering for me, and saw to my comfort in every way, for which I am indeed grateful. The fact that the Reverend Arsen Barsamian had the privilege of celebrating the badarak was heartwarming both for him and for me.

Most importantly, I am well aware these fine folk acted upon your indulgence, and my humble and heartfelt thanks are sent to Your Eminence. It was a rare privilege to meet and know you in some measure, and your thoughtfulness in inviting Mrs. Patterson and me to your conference room for the informal reception for Mayor Koch and his party was an outstanding memory.

You are fortunate indeed to have such dedicated people on your staff, as I am sure they all are, including those I did not meet. Of course, they reflect the characteristics of their superior.

We did make our flight to Richmond, and were home by four o'clock. My brother Ernest met us and helped with our luggage. The trip was exhausting, but well worth the effort.

Again, many, many thanks to you and your staff for a memorable visit.

Respectfully,

Virginia D. Smith