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His Eminence, Archbishop M. ASHJIAN
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Your Eminences,

On November 20th 1988 the members of the Diocesan and Prelacy Church Councils of Atlanta agreed to combine their efforts and meager resources in periodically inviting Diocesan and Prelacy clergy to fulfill the spiritual needs of the Atlanta Armenian community. This arrangement was made on a trial basis and subject to review within about a year. During this time it has been made evident that the Atlanta Armenian community overwhelmingly has approved of the arrangement.

At a meeting held on March 17th 1991 the undersigned Diocesan and Prelacy members voted to establish one ARMENIAN CHURCH COUNCIL OF ATLANTA accepted by both the Diocese and the Prelacy. The members felt that in a small community such as Atlanta, it would be physically and economically impossible to maintain two separate church councils. Moreover, it was made clear that the Atlanta Armenian community, bearing in mind past divisive and destructive conflicts, could not accept a church council exclusively adhering to either one of the jurisdictions.

Under these circumstances the Diocesan and Prelacy members, whose signatures appear below, petition Your Eminences to accept the newly formed ARMENIAN CHURCH COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, composed of the following duly elected individuals: Bedros Dido, Ara Dostourian, Armen Gheblikian, Seran Megerian, Barbara Tellalian and Armen Karapedian.

We, the Diocesan and Prelacy members of Atlanta, well understand that this is an unprecedented step to take. Moreover, we are well aware of the complex jurisdictional and canonical issues raised by this petition. Nevertheless, we ask Your Eminences to welcome this serious and constructive step to maintain peace and unity in this small Armenian community, and to endorse our desire to work and worship together harmoniously, free of internal squabbling and divisiveness.

Faithfully and Respectfully Submitted,
Diocesan and Prelacy Members of the Atlanta Armenian Community.
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