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**ARMENIAN INDEPENDENT CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
OF ATLANTA, INC.**

P.O.Box 7277 Atlanta, GA 30357

February 13, 1993

His Grace, Bishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate, Armenian Diocese
630 Second Ave., New York, NY 10016

Your Grace:

The Armenian Independent Cultural Association, Inc. (AICAA), is the only formal organization representing the interests of the Armenian/American community of the greater Atlanta area. The community members recently elected me President, together with a new seven-member board of directors to cater to the needs of the community.

I am deeply distressed to inform that one of the most essential needs, the spiritual needs, of the community have not been appropriately served for some time. There are many reasons for this, the most essential being our limited financial resources, the lack of an appropriate community center and a resident priest to perform services.

The new AICAA board, in compliance with the expression of the will of the Atlanta community, would like, as a beginning, to arrange bi-annual church services with your blessing and assistance. Tentatively, one service will be scheduled in May and another in November. The November services will be arranged through your Grace, and the May services will be arranged through your spiritual brother, His Eminence, Archbishop Mesrop Ashjian.

Since I am a novice in these matters, I would like to ask your Grace's advice, support, and cooperation to ensure the spiritual needs of the Armenian/American

community are appropriately addressed. Therefore, I ask that your Grace please respond positively to the community's request and inform the AICAA board, what is the most appropriate way to make arrangements.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aram Sarhadian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

Aram Sarhadian, President