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March 31, 1999

His Eminence
Abp. K. Barsamian, Primate
630 Second Avenue
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Dear Serpazan Hayr,

Thank you for "the confirmation with reprimand". For us at St. Mary's that was a first if not altogether a novel idea.

May I direct your attention, Serpazan Hary, to page 34 of our Annual Report Booklet. It will show that 38 parishioners were candidates for 8 separate offices or committees with less than 2-3 running for more than one position.

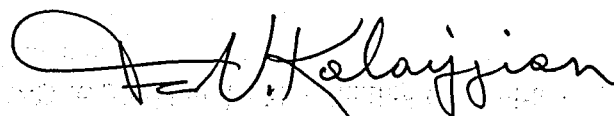
I don't know how many parishes of our size or even larger ones can bring that many parishioners to run for office.

Our offence against article 14B was having the Nominating Committee (only the Nominating Committee!) candidates listed with less than the double of the number to be elected. And for that we have been awarded the prize of "confirmation with reprimand".

The discrepancy in the figures on page 4 as compared to page 6 is surely inadvertent errors of calculation. The corrected version is enclosed with an (X) before the items that were corrected. They do not change the sum total. Please replace this page with the old one.

Attached also is the list of the newly elected officers of the Parish Council with addresses and phone numbers. Please accept our thanks.

Respectfully,



Fr. Vertanes Kalayjian, Pastor

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