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His Eminence,
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
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Your Eminence:

I thought of sending the enclosed letter and questionnaire to you without comment, but then I felt that it would not present my views on the issues properly. The cause of my being disturbed with this letter and the questionnaire is two-fold. First, if it is with your knowledge and sanction, I would have liked to have been informed. However, if it is not with your sanction, do we assume that any individual who has any of the orders within the Armenian Church, can take it upon himself to try to organize a new Parish.

It is not that I would be unhappy if a new Armenian Parish is established in Ann Arbor, but it is the secrecy and the underhandedness with which this is being done that is a disturbing phenomenon. If I, or St. John's had completely neglected the Ann Arbor Community, perhaps the organizers would not have any obligations to approach me or my Church. I would have understood if those were the circumstances, but since that is not the case, and we have shown interest in the Ann Arbor Community, I am terribly disturbed and disappointed.

Bringing the above to your attention, I remain,

Respectfully,

Father Paren Avedikian
Pastor

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