

His Eminence, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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December 30, 1993

Your Eminence,

May the joy and peace of this holiday season rest with you.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 26, 1993 regarding the status of the Ann Arbor Armenian Community as a Mission Parish. I am also writing regarding your upcoming visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan from January 28-30, 1994.

RE: Mission status: Thank you for your favorable consideration of us as a Mission Parish within the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. We have been working with Father Baret as you have requested and we are very pleased with his desire to help us become better established.

RE: Upcoming visit: Although the Ann Arbor Armenian community is not sponsoring this weekend event directly, we have been working in conjunction with the A.S.C.A. to make it as complete as possible. I believe your visit to this community will solidify a growing relationship between the students in the area and the greater Ann Arbor community.

By now you should have received an itinerary for that weekend event. On behalf of the Parish Council of the Ann Arbor Armenian community I would like to request your attendance for an informal luncheon with our Parish Council at a local restaurant on Saturday January 29, 1994 from 11:30am-1:30pm.

I thought it would be an opportunity for you to get to know us a little better, to ask any questions you may have about us, and to offer your wisdom and guidance for our long term growth.

We are all looking forward to your arrival. If I can be of any assistance at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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