His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America 630 Second Avenue New York, NY. 10016-4885

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Your Eminence,

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 1994 regarding your request of our Parish to send a delegate for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly.

When I first received the information about the Diocesan Assembly I read through it and decided we could not attend based on the costs involved. As we are a new and very small Parish, we have only a little more than \$1000 being held for us by St.John's.

At this time, we are currently in the process of acquiring nonprofit status. This process will cost us roughly \$600 which members of the council are personally absorbing so that we may protect what money we have. We feel once we reach this status we will be able to take more active steps at soliciting and developing a dues paying membership. We are also in the process of looking for a larger facility to better meet our needs.

In spite of the fact we do not have the resources to attend the assembly, all of the members of the council were contacted to see if someone could attend, putting cost aside. Unfortunately, everyone either has a previous commitment or cannot get away from work.

I would like to thank you for your letter. I was personally humbled by your concern for even the smallest members of your flock. I am also encouraged and rejuvenated by your support for us.

I hope you understand our situation and excuse our attendance at the assembly this year. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any service to you.

Respectfully yours,

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