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to: His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
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re: Deacon Michael Ohanesian
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Your Eminence,

I am glad I had an opportunity to see you recently in Detroit during the visit of His Holiness Karekin. It was truly a blessing, inspiration and privilege to be present during this occasion.

Per your request, I am writing on behalf of the parish council and the entire community to ask that you appoint Deacon Michael Ohanesian as Deacon-in-Charge of the Ann Arbor Armenian Church.

As you know, Diratsoo had served us faithfully for several years before his recent resignation. We were deeply saddened by this event and had hoped he would reconsider. After recent conversations with the Chancellor and Deacon Michael, I learned his "case for ordination" and service to our community had been re-opened, hence this letter. I am optimistic that his return will refresh our community and further strengthen our spiritual life.

Is it possible for you to give me as specific a date as possible regarding Deacon Michael's ordination? I understand it may be forthcoming and we would like to be prepared for this event since it will more than likely directly affect our community.

Also, I request that you communicate your response to this letter to Der Diran Papazian so that his role may be further clarified.

By now you should have received Diratsoo's letter regarding his responsibilities to our community. Any wisdom you could share in this matter will be greatly appreciated. This is "uncharted" territory for us and we are unfamiliar with the protocol involved.

I am once again honored by your concern for us and ask for your continued prayers and support of our endeavors.

Sincerely,



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