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Your Grace:

I have received your letter designating me as Deacon-in-Charge, beginning March 13, 1996. Thank you for your trust and support in providing me the chance to continue the work begun in both Ann Arbor and Lansing.

As requested and in response for monthly reports, I am providing the first one. I am requesting that all groups, as activities begin, provide me with monthly reports so that I can summarize monthly activities.

ANN ARBOR:

1) Conducted Jashou Service on Easter Sunday--called many non-frequently attending members. We had 52 souls in attendance and collected over \$220. I provided reserve sacrament to 20 people.

We had Badarak on the previous Sunday, performed by Fr. Diran, and 22 people attended services.

We had Badarak last Sunday, and 35 people attended. Over \$100.00 was collected.--The phone calling and general keeping in touch is somehow paying off since I resumed duties.

2) Appointed Irma Bedrosian to assist with youth outreach projects that I have proposed in submitted plan. Her specific duties will be worked out as we better understand the needs. I will also be contacting Ani Bardakjian, Dr. Bardakjian's daughter from Ann Arbor, to see if she would be interested to do the same from Michigan State U. in Lansing. This may take a little longer as she is going to Armenia this summer.

We had requiem service on April 23 at University of Michigan, following a lecture. About 65 people attended.

3) Talked with Michelle Kazanjian, regarding Sunday School class materials. Presently, she does not use (and sees no reason) for the Diocesan materials that my wife Shakeh had been instituting, such as the WE BELIEVE collection. I have requested that Diocesan materials be utilized and some of prayers, e.g. Hayr Mer and Sourp Asdvadz, be taught. Children need to learn to cross themselves properly.

Michelle will present me monthly reports and has done so for this month. Some of what we have discussed is being reflected in her reports. Rather than rush Shakeh back in there, I am contemplating having her focus on Lansing's needs and as an advisor working with teachers there, when she finds them.

I am going to propose a parent/teacher meeting for Ann Arbor so that we can get the parents involved and start dialogue and hope that this will instill usage of Diocesan material.

4) Started altar server training with Shahin Uzuncan (60 year old) and Steve Mangigian. We have had two practices that are showing to be quite beneficial. I am focusing on Shahin because he has very little experience in both language and singing. As far as John Kazanjian, due to some concerns he has or has had, I am waiting for him to let me know what he would like to do. I indicated in a phone call to him that the "door is always open" if he wishes to serve. It appears now that his altar server involvement will have a limited status. He is not and has not been interested in attending training, but I do believe that there is need for some polishing.

5) I have approached a new-comer, Cnar Ebrahimian, to sing with our choir. She has some musical training and voice.

6) New council members have been designated, and list will be sent for approval by Your Grace.

7) I have called many families thusfar to simply say "hello".

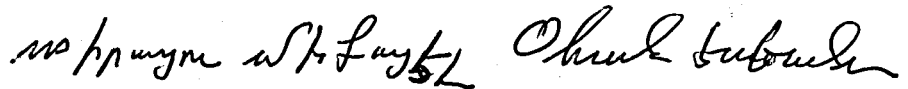
LANSING:

1) I have talked with Ted Terzian, Virginia Atayan, and Knar Ciritto regarding the state of affairs with the Lansing council. They have had initial meeting to discuss my appointment by Your Grace. Their next step is to have general body meeting on May 19th to select new council members, since some have left community. After that, the pro-tem council will meet to formulate positions and submit for approval by Your Grace.

2) Will have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, May 1, and one more before the next Badarak on May 19. Once I have restored some order to choir rehearsals, then I can start Deacon's practice there. We have about 4 individuals that are interested, two in their thirties and two in teens.

3) Visited 5 families in Lansing over the weekend and performed home blessing. I have asked one gentleman to coordinate the visitations on a monthly basis. That way, I will visit about 60 families per year, hopefully. First time went very well.

Prayerfully submitted,



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