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Your Grace:

The following is the brief month report for July

First let me thank Your Grace for your letter of support in the work that I have been performing for the communities of Ann Arbor and Lansing. Yes, sometimes things can be difficult but I must say that I do not regret striving for the good--later, individuals will look back and realize what was the purpose for my somewhat firm actions. I know that God does realize where my heart is with respect to His will for work in the Armenian Church.

As for getting with Der Nerses about his coming to visit the core support people in each community, I have been detained a little because of the need to get Lansing back on track with council issues and organization. A letter is forthcoming to ask for Your Grace's approval. I am attempting to contact an individual in Grand Rapids, so that Der Hayr's visit can involve three communities, thus giving a little more value for the trip up here. Ann Arbor is prepared to discuss in September. I will call Der Nerses to let him know the latest update.

ANN ARBOR:

1) Conducted Jashou Services first and third Sundays. I provided reserve sacrament in context of Jashou service.

2) Michelle Kazanjian, regarding Sunday School class materials. She has shown a marked improvement in her interactions with me and has demonstrated from her monthly report that she is using the We Believe material. Her main focus has been on HOLY SYMBOLS: crosses (with Armenian terms being presented to children), had them make Khatkars (paper), and taught them how to draw Armenian crosses. She gave homework and notes to parents to keep them involved. I have shown much compassion and approval in attitude so that Michelle will continue and understand that she is doing a good job.

3) Shahan Ozuncan continues to practice deacon's parts and is now 99% done with the deacon's training. I will now begin teaching the Psalms and positions and movements while serving at the altar. I will strive to get Steve Mangigian involved at this point, so that they will learn to coordinate intuitively while serving.

4) John Ohanian, Chairman, has conducted a strong effort in setting up raffle projects--latest one Cancun trip will raise perhaps about \$2,000--a very significant start. A fall dance and New Year's Eve dance are also planned.

LANSING:

1) We had our first meeting to select officer positions for the parish council. This was done, and a letter to Sprazer Hayr is forthcoming. We also discussed stewardship ideas.

2) Choir rehearsals have been few and far between. Choir master is attempting to have us meet once a month. The effort to resume practices has not been very sound. I will give some effort to this but will focus on altar server practices. Since Ann Arbor is now strongly in place with servers. We anticipate about 6 or seven people to attend practices--ages 15 to 40.

Prayerfully submitted.

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