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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church, Eastern Diocese
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Your Grace,

I am writing to report very good news for our Armenian Church community. We have found land to purchase for a future church location.

The land, located in the greater Ann Arbor area will cost us \$27,500 for 1.74 acres. This land will be a tangible expression of our faith and commitment to building a church in this area. We also sincerely believe that this land will bind the Armenians together in a common cause and vision.

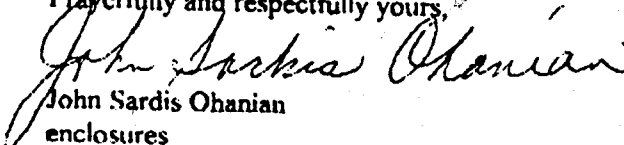
As of this date we have approximately \$11,000 in our bank account. We plan to deposit this amount as a down payment and borrow the remainder as a five year loan. We have calculated the monthly mortgage payment to be \$350. A dues system and a pledge program will be implemented to cover this amount. We have faith that we will be able to meet our financial commitments.

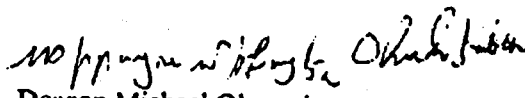
Personally, I am eager to donate \$1,000 to our church building fund in the hope that we will get your Grace's blessing to name our local church "Soorp Mariam.". This name would be in honor of my beloved mother and would suit our community well.

We understand that the next Diocesan Board meeting is on November 24 and we hope to hear from you soon after regarding this matter. The proposed closing for this purchase is December 12, 1996.

We hope this information meets with your approval and that of the Diocesan Board. Your blessings and guidance are paramount in the success of this venture. We rejoice with you as you celebrate 25 years in the priesthood. We send our blessings and regret that we cannot personally participate in the celebration.

Prayerfully and respectfully yours,


John Sardis Ohanian
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