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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

November 25, 1996

To: The Members of the Diocesan Board of Trustees

Re: **Land Purchase by Ann Arbor Mission Parish**

At the November 23, 1996 Diocesan Council meeting, the members considered and approved a request from the Armenian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan to purchase a parcel of land for a future Church site.

In accordance with the Diocesan Bylaws governing the purchase of property - Article 75C

" To sell, convey, lease, improve, exchange, alienate, mortgage or encumber real property belonging to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, in such a manner and upon such terms as may be determined by the majority vote of the Diocesan Council and Diocesan Board of Trustees assembled in a joint meeting presided over by the Primate, having regard to Articles 14-K and 95 of these Bylaws. "

We submit this request for your concurrence forthwith. Attached is a copy of the letter from Mr. John Ohanian, Parish Council Chairman. A quick reply would be helpful since their deadline date of December 12, 1996 is drawing near.

Thank you for your consideration.

With prayers,

Abp. K. Barsamian

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian
Primate

Enclosures

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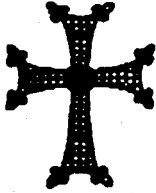
VOTE

- I approve
- I disapprove

of purchase by the Ann Arbor Parish Council

Signature

Please return to the Office of the Primate



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November 7, 1996

Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate
Diocese of the Armenian Church, Eastern Diocese
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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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Deacon Michael Ohanesian