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Armenian CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO

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Reverend Father:

It is indeed a pleasure to address this letter knowing that, despite the actual distance, you are in an adjoining state!

We are, as you may know, about 40 to 50 families who share, wholly or in part, an Armenian heritage. Our association was formed following the first visit to our state in December 1977 by the Primate, His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. We have been honored with a pastoral visit each year since then.

We issue a newsletter and other mailings at irregular intervals. Could your church office provide us with a representative list of Armenians who live in Houston and elsewhere in Texas? By adding names of interested and active Armenians to our mailing list, we hope to establish a sense of community in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain states. We are also writing to Utah, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona, each of which has recently become more visible. We are suggesting 15 to 30 names but, of course, the number would vary depending upon the size and activity of the parish or community.

Enclosed are snapshots taken last May 9, 1981 when we dedicated a tree and plaque to our Martyrs of 1915 on the grounds of the Albuquerque Museum. The Very Rev. Jirayr Tashjian of Chicago officiated. One of the pictures includes Father Sondergaard who spoke enthusiastically of his friendship with you.

We will be grateful for any suggestions or opinion you may have about our request.

Respectfully yours,

Storace Jasouhi Chakerian

(Mrs. M. J. Chakerian)