

Dear Fr.

"A Proud Past[†]...A Bright Future" was the feeling at our 89th Diocesan Assembly - new energies and new direction.

There were comprehensive discussions concerning our youth, young adults, Sunday schools, Armenian language schools, Church services, religious education, family ministry, senior citizens, social services, need for more clergy, and Church unity. These discussions were very productive and the suggestions for change were noted and will be implemented as much as possible by the Primate and the Diocesan Council.

But to make these changes possible, to expand and improve the programs and services of the Diocese, and thereby benefiting each and every parish which is an extension of the Diocese, your assistance is urgently needed.

A Stewardship Program was instituted last year and I am pleased to state that the number of Stewards is steadily increasing. After our last Diocesan Assembly, it was most encouraging when one of our clergymen voluntarily became a Steward.

Stewardship is a noble concept and an acknowledgement that we accept our share of the responsibility of lightening the heavy burden of our Church and Diocese. Since all of us are the Church itself, we add strength to ourselves.

You can become a Steward by:

1. Make a yearly pledge of \$100., OR
2. Becoming a Life Steward by making a one-time donation of \$1,500. per person.

You have asked the Diocese to be innovative and aggressive in its mission, and such plans are ready; but, without our ongoing financial support, the most imaginative and effective projects will not succeed. Your support is vitally needed to make the difference.

You can definitely help to strengthen our Diocese and support our Primate by joining us as a Steward. May I count on your participation as a member of our Stewardship Program? Please give it your serious consideration - complete the enclosed form and mail it today.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

George K. Papalian
Coordinator