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The Diocese of the Armenian Church has embarked on a program to secure a minimum of 1,000 individuals who by their moral and financial commitment will become St. Vartan Stewards. As such they will represent the vital pillars on which our entire Diocesan structure can rest with a measure of security.

St. Vartan Stewards, as the name implies, will be the immediate supporters of Diocesan Headquarters and the Cathedral, which has no membership of its own. Their obligation would be a donation of \$100 a year, in addition to the moral strength their commitment would imply.

Stewardship is a concept of Church support which the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, has sought for years to impress on the consciousness of all our parishioners. It is hoped that this St. Vartan Stewardship program, in addition to meeting the immediate needs of the Cathedral, will serve as a decisive step in that direction.

This Stewardship program is being initiated on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese, to be celebrated throughout 1973. At the same time a concerted campaign will be undertaken to establish a large trust fund for the future security of the Diocese.

St. Vartan Stewards enrolled to date are:

Avedis Boornazian
Simon Eksouzian
Sue Boyajian
Archie Kolligian
Jack Antreassian
Michael Kehyaian

Plans are being made to accord special recognition to St. Vartan Stewards.