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Mr. Lud Shahbazian
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Dear Lud:

Thanks for the check. I have forwarded it to Mr. Kavookjian's secretary, from whom you can expect an appropriate acknowledgment and receipt.

Concerning Archbishop Shahe, it cannot be regarded as a matter of being in our graces or out of them.

He is a Bishop of the Armenian Church, who in this instance applied to the Primate of our Diocese in a proper way, informing him of his wish to visit this jurisdiction, and was granted the permission, and with it whatever privileges and prerogatives the rank would indicate.

Once a clergyman is accepted formally into the jurisdiction of a Diocese, he may be invited by any church to celebrate the Liturgy. And a proper application could hardly be rejected. Archbishop Shahe was denied these privileges in the past, in an official directive from the Primate, because proper application had not been made, and not for any other reasons, no matter how compelling.

This is about the best answer I can come up with.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian
Executive Director

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