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Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to a limited number of persons who in the past have demonstrated their interest in the Cathedral Complex and their respect and affection for Haik Kavookjian.

Please don't let the appearance of this letter belie its importance. The shortness of time has made it impractical to type individual letters. Make believe that it was typed and written especially to you - - that is what is intended!

The 100th birthday of Haik Kavookjian, the "patriarch" of the Armenians in the United States, will be celebrated by the Diocese at a Banquet to be held on Friday, September 5, 1975, at 7 P.M., at The Haik and Alice Kavookjian Auditorium. If you haven't sent in your reservations, I suggest you do so immediately to: 630 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Mr. Kavookjian has requested that there be no gifts to him on this occasion. However, some of Mr. Kavookjian's friends are of the opinion that although we cannot make gifts directly to Mr. Haik, we can, in his honor, on this once-in-a-century occasion, make gifts to a cause which we believe is very, very close to his heart - - that is, to pay off the mortgage on the Cathedral Complex. Although the amount needed to satisfy the mortgage is approximately \$700,000.00, we are hopeful that with your help \$200,000.00 will be raised on this occasion. We are suggesting contributions in multiples of \$1,000.00 only because we believe that only in that way can the goal of \$200,000.00 be achieved.

If you wish to participate, and we trust you do, please jot down your pledge at the bottom of this letter, initial it and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you wish to make payment now, the check should be made to the "Diocese of the Armenian Church of America".

We hope you will participate generously so that our goal may be achieved and at the same time honor a nobleman of the human race.

With kindest personal regards and awaiting your prompt response, I am,
on behalf of the Kavookjian Centennial Committee,

Sincerely,

Chairman

P.S. If time is short for you to respond in writing before September 5, 1975, you may reach me during office hours at (212) MU3-8160 and thereafter at (212) B03-1475.

*I pledge 1000,
to be paid in installments
of \$250. per year.*

Haik Kavookjian

Mrs. Charles