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My dear Archbishop,

It is with pleasure and a great sense of appropriateness that I offer my treasured sculpture by the eminent contemporary artist Khoren der Haroutian to the Church of St. Vartan.

This epic piece entitled

Vulture and Skeletal Form is a singular work - a cry of outrage in a magnificently balanced concept. A large work, measuring 84" long, 58" high with a wing span of 68", it has been an important part of my life as I watched it develop from its beginnings in plaster form until it was cast and installed on the lawn of my home.

Since I have moved to an

apartment in New York City, I don't have an appropriate place to display it properly and can't think of a more suitable place than the Plaza of the Church of St. Vartan where the many thousands who pass there can appreciate it.

I will have the sculpture appraised, but I believe the value to be between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

The piece is mounted on a rock which is the perfect size and shape to properly display it - it took a 4 month search to find just the right one and I understand that you will pick up the sculpture and the rock and place them in the Plaza to be unveiled on Martyr's Day April 24, 1979.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours  
Milletta Alexander Hammerstein