

The Eucharist
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Dear Serpazan Hayr:

Francis and I thought, you might enjoy having the enclosure, as a reminder of our love and respect for you. It is small and simple, but we hope you will agree with us that it has a distinctive beauty and appeal.

It was a gift of appreciation by the former Fencing Champion of Armenia whom we had the privilege of bringing in 1964 from Armenia to be reunited with former repatriate. The donor is at Yale University where he has been teaching fencing for a number of years. I thought you would be interested in the background of the gift.

We loved and enjoyed the gift for fourteen years, but decided to share it with someone very special, and of course, we did not have to think hard, for you have been on top of the list of friends we have had for many years. You might also be interested in knowing that, the only spot which the gift occupied, has been in front of an autographed photograph of our esteemed CATHOLICOS. The silver section of the item may be polished with regular mild silver polish once or twice a year.

Sunday November 5th was a special day of retreat for me... It was good to see you perform officially in the various programs of the day. Nevertheless, I must admit, I was deeply concerned as to how much more you could have undertaken without being unfair to your health.

Boston's Channel 5 TV showed the program of the Dedication of Martyrs Memorial at 5 and 11 p.m. You looked magnificent and Francis was happy as can be. We received numerous telephone calls from Francis' former Immigration colleagues who told us, they watched the program with special interest knowing that we both are members of the St. James Armenian Church, and added "your Archbishop was most impressive and sang beautifully." I am only repeating what I was told.

I am enclosing herewith the tag which apparently broke away from the painting (depicting a crucifix, a glass of wine and a loaf of bread) which I had the privilege of presenting to you in our new residence. The official title of the painting is the **EUCCHARIST**. I found the tag a few days ago in the closet where the painting was. I suppose the word **EUCCHARIST** should be noted on the painting. It is such a descriptive word.

As far as our health is concerned, we both have much to thank the Lord. We had our medical check up with Garo on December 4th. He told us, we are doing quite well, that our blood pressure is normal and so are our heart beats. I explained to him, "because we have a very special friend who remembers us in his prayers." He smiled, and I did not have to explain who the special friend was. We are grateful to you Serpazan Hayr.

Sincere wishes of the Season.

Sincerely and devotedly

Francis.