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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

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TO: The Reverend Clergy and Parish Council Chairmen

The issue of godfathers, that they be members of the Armenian Church, has been the subject of several consultations during clergy conferences.

Recent and frequently submitted requests, and changing conditions, require that the following clarification be made:

The baptismal godfather or godmother must be a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church. *Only* a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church can respond to the questions posed by the clergyman performing the baptism.

If the parents of the baptized express a desire that the godfather or godmother be a person of another Christian denomination, then the other godparent must be a member of the Armenian Church, and must be present at the ceremony.

With prayers,

+ *Bishop Khajag Barsamian*
Primate