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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate

My Dear Children of Faith,

Congratulations on your desire to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage of the Armenian Church. I pray that God grant His blessings of good health, long life, peace, love and joy to you both in preparation of the new life that you will share together.

The enclosed materials have been prepared and are sent with the intention of having the day of your wedding be as special, complete and joyous as possible. The booklet that explains the Sacrament of Marriage hopefully will provide you with the necessary information needed in preparation for the day of the ceremony.

I ask that you kindly fill out the Marriage Application form and send it to me at the Diocese at your earliest convenience. I will then call to set up an appointment for our initial meeting.

Between now and the day of your marriage, I ask that we get together for premarital counseling on at least two occasions. It would be preferable to do this in person, but if not feasible, we can talk about alternate solutions.

However, should you have any questions about any of the materials or any other matters, always feel free to call at anytime.

I look forward to the joy and privilege of receiving you both into the family of the Armenian Church, and blessing you as a newly crowned and wedded couple.

May God be with you always.

I remain,

Prayerfully,

Fr. Tateos R. Abdalian,  
Director, Mission Parishes