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2. Encyclical of His Holiness Gareguin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, to Sos Sargsian on the Occasion of his Decoration with the Order "Saint Sahak - Saint Mesrop", 19 May 2000, no. 8 (p. 5-6).
3. Encyclical of His Holiness Gareguin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, to the Sevan Vazguenian Seminary on the Occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Foundation, 5 December 2000, no. 32 (p. 7-8).

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