

## Fr. Kochakian Receives Interfaith Award

The Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, pastor of the St. John Church of Southfield, MI, received a special honor last week from the Detroit region's ecumenical and interfaith community. Following Badarak on November 17, the president of Detroit's Interfaith Leadership Forum, Robert Bruttell, presented Fr. Kochakian with an award for his distinguished representation of the Armenian Church on the city's Religious Leaders Forum. The St. John parishioners were proud to witness the award presentation at their church, and personally congratulated Fr. Kochakian afterwards.

No stranger to inter-church cooperation and interfaith outreach, Fr. Kochakian served for many years as the Eastern Diocese's Ecumenical Officer, and has been deeply involved in the

ecumenical arena—on the regional, national, and international levels—throughout his ministry.