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Rev. Edmund Vasvary  
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Dear Rev. Vasvary:

During a recent visit to Detroit, my sister Martha Vargha (nee Kemény), translated an article written by you about two years ago, concerning our father, George Kemény. I wish to express my appreciation for your article discussing my father's talents and contributions to literature and the life of the American-Hungarians.

Since his death most of his writings have been put into storage at the Wayne University Library. Dr. Watson Kirkconnell of Canada, who did some translating for him, thinks it will be about seventy-five years before these works will be worked over and given their proper place in the American-Hungarian scene. I am trying to interest someone before this time, ~~since~~<sup>while</sup> so many of my sisters and brothers (eight are still alive, but three are well into their seventies) can co-operate in deciding what should be done, before the accumulation of material deteriorates or is scattered.

In the vault of the rare book room at Wayne University Library are about three shelves of published and unpublished works. I have had about 65 notebooks of handwritten material microfilmed for safekeeping. At some future date I am hoping someone will conduct research on this unpublished material. So far, my attempts have not been too fruitful. Dr. August Molnar of the American-Hungarian Studies Foundation contacted me several months ago, hoping to obtain some contributions to be used for display for the upcoming bicentennial in 1976. This is the first indication of a re-awakening interest in my father's work. At least this is a starting point.

My oldest sister remembers hearing you deliver your first sermon. She is the only one of us ten children who has the ability to speak and read Hungarian, but does not have the strength

to do much reading.

If you have any ideas about how to proceed to awaken any interest, I would be most happy to hear from you. I realize you have been busy transferring your own library to microfilm, before the originals are sent back to one of the Hungarian universities.

I also have about thirty-five copies of my father's printed book Élet Könyve which are available for public and academic libraries. If you can suggest the names of interested parties, I will send them a copy. So far, I have contacted about sixty-five libraries and university staff.

Thank you again for your sincere appreciation of what my father contributed during his life.

Sincerely yours,

*Olga K. Roth*  
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