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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **AECYA 2025 CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The AEC Youth & Vocation Commission regrets to announce the cancellation of AEC Youth Assembly 2025, scheduled to take place in the Archdiocese of Castries from July 17 – 28, 2025, due to unforeseen circumstances.

After careful consideration and consultation with the Archdiocese and stakeholders, we believe this is the most responsible course of action.

We understand the disappointment this may cause to those who were eagerly anticipating the reemergence of AECYA 2025, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused. The decision to cancel was not made lightly, but ultimately, it is our responsibility to provide a Youth Assembly of the highest standard of organization and content.

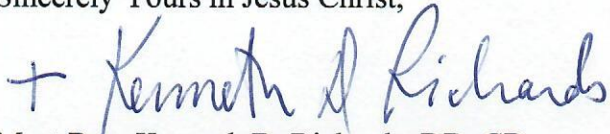
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who was engaged in the planning and preparation AECYA 25 Castries, as well as those who showed interest in attending. Rest assured, we are exploring alternative options pending further developments and circumstances.

In deliberation with Officers of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, President, Most Rev. Charles Jason Gordon, Vice-President, Most Rev. John Persaud, Treasurer, Most Rev. Robert Llanos, Archbishop of Castries, Most Rev. Gabriel Malzaire, General Secretary, Fr. Donald Chambers and I, the proposal is to take the opportunity to enhance the leadership potential of more youth leaders in the Region as an expansion of the EQSAINTS Programme which began in December 2023. The AEC Youth & Vocation Commission will explore the feasibility of this option. Update will be communicated promptly.

Once again, we apologize for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your continued support and understanding. For further inquiries and assistance, please contact our Secretariat.

The AEC Youth and Vocation Commission remains committed to delivering exceptional experiences, and we look forward to welcoming you to future events.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth D. Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small cross symbol at the beginning.

Most Rev. Kenneth D. Richards, DD, CD

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