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STATEMENT OF INTERVENTION

The leadership of the Province of Castries, Antilles Episcopal Conference, is deeply saddened by the situation unfolding in Grenada, and by the continued public display of disregard for headship, and the policies and processes of the Church.

The series of errant actions which occurred at, and following the annual Chrism Mass on Wednesday 27th March 2024, has brought disrepute to the Church and immeasurable hurt to the faithful.

It has now become necessary for the leadership to intervene and to take action in accordance with the right order of the Church.

Bishop Clyde Martin Harvey is the rightfully appointed bishop of the Diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada and must be respected as such. As required by Canon Law, he submitted his resignation on attaining his 75th birthday. The Holy Father Pope Francis, by letter of January 2024, asked him to remain as bishop of the diocese with full duties and rights until a new bishop is chosen and duly appointed.

Consistent with the policies and processes of the Church, it is the expectation that any instruction which Bishop Harvey, as duly appointed Bishop of the diocese, issues to members of the clergy in the Diocese of St. Georges-in-Grenada, must be adhered to. Any objection to such instruction must follow the requisite internal processes of enquiry and resolution. It is not the practice nor the desired position of the Church to address internal differences publicly.

As Church we take guidance from both scripture and law. The Gospel of Matthew chapter 18 provides us with initial steps for fraternal engagement and correction. Canon Law provides more explicit guidelines for right order in the Church.

As archbishop of the province, I am prepared to urgently hear and consider any objections which Fr. Gerard Paul may wish to make concerning his suspension, or any complaints against his bishop.

It must be clear that the removal of a bishop must also follow due process. The Church is governed by its own system of laws and procedures and these must be respected and followed. Until such time that the actions of Bishop Harvey are revoked or overturned by a lawful process, then they stand and should be respected and followed.

I urge all the faithful of the diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada to join me in fervent prayer for your bishop, clergy and lay faithful that the present tensions in the diocese may soon give way to a stronger, united Christian community at the service of God's people in Grenada.

Fraternally in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire, DD, STD
Metropolitan Archbishop of Castries

"All I want, is to know Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:10)