



**Conference of Antilles
Diocesan Fiscal Officers (CADFO)**

December 22, 2021

To: Fellow Finance Officers/Administrators

Greetings to all our fiscal officers and hoping all is going well.

This letter is confirming the virtual conference of CADFO from January 17 2022 to January 19 2022 via Zoom.

We appreciate the effort that each one of you made to attend our introductory meeting in September 2021. It was a pleasure meeting you and sharing with you the possibilities that exist for us to grow and develop as a team of fiscal officers.

In order for us to continue to effectively overcome the moral and economic challenges being faced by our Church and more specifically our Dioceses in the region, it is crucial for us as fiscal officers to continue to collaborate and share about those best practices being adopted by our Chancery offices.

In October 2021, Pope Francis formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality with a call to “look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say.” It is with this in mind that we have set our theme for this year’s conference as **“THE PARTICIPATION, COMMUNION AND MISSION OF FISCAL OFFICERS”**.

We believe that our fiscal officers play a key role in ensuring that the systems adopted by the Chancery offices at our Diocese meet the fundamental criteria of fairness, trustworthiness and humanness. Our roles as Fiscal Officers need to be evaluated and redefined. Our work needs to be strengthened and improved by carefully considering the human impacts of our decisions and systems.

Our conferences provide the opportunities where we come together to connect the moral dimension in our work with economic life. Coming together at the 2022 conference is an act of fraternal charity where we share our knowledge and skills with the hopes of nurturing strong fiscal responsibility.

We strongly encourage all participants to be part of this very important initiative as the existence and success of CADFO depends on the active involvement of our fiscal officers. As fiscal officers, we must take ownership of this very important initiative and propel it forward for the common good of all.

Our executive team and collaborators have decided to waive all charges in relation to the conference with the hopes that all of you can attend. We do encourage each Diocese to settle the membership fees that are outstanding.

We encourage you to mark your calendar for this very important event. We need each other and your contribution to CADFO is invaluable. The continued success of CADFO depends on your involvement and participation.

We hope that you will be able to attend the conference and general meeting. See you soon!

United in prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ortez".

Jose Ortez
Interim President - CADFO