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Monsignor **Gabriel Malzaire**Archbishop of Castries

St. Lucia

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus, the Messiah, whom you sent me (Jn 17:3).

Dear Brother:

It was with deep sorrow that we received the news of the death of our brother, Cardinal Kelvin Edward Felix, Archbishop Emeritus of Castries, on Thursday, May 30. In spiritual communion we express our condolences and closeness to him.

The members of the Presidency of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) join in the grief of the community of which he was father and pastor and especially his family, to whom we ask you to extend our heartfelt condolences for this sensitive loss.

As Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank God for the extensive and fruitful episcopal ministry of Cardinal Felix, for more than 40 years, for his life witness, vocation of service and dedication for the good of the People of God and the Kingdom. Our fraternal prayer for his eternal rest.

We ask the God of Resurrection and Life to welcome him into his bosom from where he will continue to encourage us to be faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples.

Fraternally in Christ and Mary

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