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Subject: Canonical Warning

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Please be advised of the following:

On February 7, 2022, a Canonical Advisory was sent to all of the Priests, Pastors and Administrators of the Archdiocese of Chicago concerning a Mr. Demetrio Lopez and his organization, *"Conquistando las Naciones para Cristo"* (CLNPC).

Since last February, Mr. Demetrio López and the CLNPC (sometimes described as a movement – MCLNPC) are no longer in association with each other. However, it has come to our attention that Mr. Demetrio López will once again be holding an event in Cicero, Illinois on the 11-12th of February 2023. The event is being promoted as "Aviva El Espiritu Chicago."

From past experience, we know that the event usually involves priests from other dioceses who have not been granted faculties from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Having reached out to Mr. Lopez, the Office for Externs and International Priests has determined that it has not received any request for temporary faculties or received any Letters of Good Standing for anyone involved in this planned event.

PLEASE NOTE: We want to stress that this event, "Aviva El Espiritu Chicago," is <u>not supported</u> by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mr. Demetrio Lopez is not authorized to operate, work, recruit, promote, collect donations, stage events or give congresses and retreats in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He does not represent the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago in any way. He should not be active in our archdiocese and local parishes, pastors, priests and administrators should not support, promote or encourage his activity or this event. Sanctions are possible for those pastors, priests and administrators who disregard this warning and participate in this event by attendance, support, promotion or encouragement.