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The Honorable Judge Laura Taylor Swain
Judge of U.S. District Court
150 Carlos Chardón Street
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1767


Dear Judge Swain,

We would like to welcome you to Puerto Rico. You are in our prayers as you take on this important task to help restructure our debt, prevent austerity and protect our people.

It is important that the venue for this trial is here in Puerto Rico, *Nuestra Patria*. Our people who are most affected by this crisis need to be able to monitor these proceedings and we hope you will be able to hear their stories and their struggles.

We are grateful you are here and we hold you in prayer as you arbitrate this crisis impacting nearly 60% of our children who live in poverty. We pray this bankruptcy process will reduce child poverty on our island. While you are here, we are at your service and we pray that God grants you wisdom and courage on the task ahead.

Gratefully,



Metropolitan Archbishop Roberto O. González Nieves, OFM of Catholic
Archdiocese San Juan de Puerto Rico



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