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Cardinal Francis George, OMI
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Your Eminences and Excellencies:

We write today to ask your support and that of your Arch/diocese for the Conference for Catholic Facility Management (CCFM). The CCFM's mission is to assist our facility, construction and real estate managers in their work for the Church. In a variety of ways, the CCFM assists these managers to develop professional relationships with others in their respective fields and to exchange ideas and information.

One of the resources offered to facility, construction and real estate managers through CCFM is an annual meeting; this year the conference will be held in Orange County, California from May 2 through May 5. The conference provides educational seminars as well as occasions for spiritual and personal development.

Your construction, maintenance and real estate managers are entrusted with the care, conservation and repair of the patrimony of the Church. Discussions about proper management and care of these assets, especially these time of economic uncertainty, will help facilitate good stewardship of our often limited funds. We encourage you to join CCFM and send a representative to the meeting in Orange County this spring. For more information, please call the CCFM's Executive Director, Mr. Roger Hughes, at 312-831-9362 or e-mail him at rhughes@oldstpats.org.

The current economic challenges are difficult for all of us, which makes it more important now than ever that we share information and work from a common perspective. The knowledge of how one diocese deals with construction issues, for example, could result in a contact or a solution that could save your own diocese millions of dollars. There is no greater resource than our own resources, and since membership in CCFM will provide access to experts in the fields of real estate, facilities and construction, it is a worthy investment.

As we approach Holy Week, you and those whom God has called you to serve are in our daily prayers; please remember us in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
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