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CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIRECTOR TO ATTEND EVENTS WELCOMING POPE FRANCIS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DUBUQUE, IOWA – Executive Director, Tracy Morrison of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque will attend events held in Washington, D.C. to welcome Pope Francis on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, during his visit to the United States which will also include stops in New York City, and Philadelphia.

As a diocesan director for Catholic Charities USA, Morrison has been invited to attend the welcoming ceremony at the White House and the canonization Mass of Blessed Junipero Serra, which will be celebrated by Pope Francis at the National Basilica.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to be in solidarity with other leaders in social ministry from around the country to celebrate our Holy Father's first visit to the United States. What an honor!” said Morrison.

This will be the first visit to the United States for Pope Francis. The Holy Father will also be visiting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington to see first-hand their ministries of service to the poor. More details of the pope's schedule during the visit may be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: <http://www.usccb.org/>.

Morrison is the executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. In her role as the director for the social service arm of the church, Morrison also serves as diocesan director of Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Service.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque was founded in 1931 as a non-profit, social service organization. The organization serves 30 counties in Northeast Iowa and is part of a national social services network through Catholic Charities USA, working to reduce poverty, strengthen families, and empower communities, responding to persons in need, of all faiths. For more information or ways to get involved visit www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org or call 800.772.2758.

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