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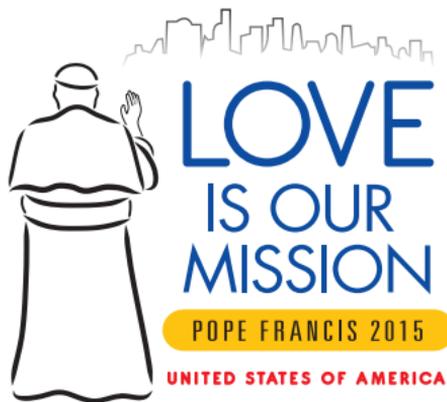
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“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us.”

—*Laudato Si'*



# Background

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## Pope Francis Biography



Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires on Dec. 17, 1936. He earned a chemical technician's diploma from his high school and entered the Jesuit novitiate in March 1958. As part of his Jesuit formation, he taught literature and psychology at Jesuit high schools in the mid-1960s, and he was ordained to the priesthood on December 13, 1969.

In 1973, he was appointed superior of the Jesuit province of Argentina. In 1992, Pope John Paul II named him an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. He was promoted to coadjutor archbishop in 1997 and became head of the archdiocese in 1998; Pope John Paul II named him to the College of Cardinals three years later.

On March 13, 2013, he was elected at the age of 76 to succeed Pope Benedict XVI and took the name of Francis.

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Early in his pontificate, Pope Francis named an international panel of cardinals—including Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston—as an advisory panel for church governance. Their first ongoing task is to reorganize the Vatican bureaucracy. The pope has accepted the cardinals' recommendations to establish a council and secretariat for economic affairs, a secretariat for communications, and a commission to promote child protection.

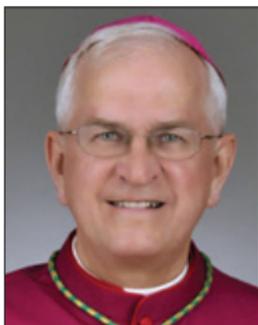
Eight months after taking office, Pope Francis published his apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, a detailed vision of the program for his papacy and his vision for the Church—particularly the Church's outreach and its response to challenges posed by secular culture. In the document, the pope called on Catholics to go out into the world, sharing their faith with “enthusiasm and vitality” by being living examples of joy, love, and charity. “An evangelizer,” he said, “must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral.”

Pope Francis's visit to Cuba and the United States marks the tenth foreign trip of his pontificate, and it is the first time in his life visiting the United States.

The visit comes in a year packed with important events: the publication in June of *Laudato Si'*, his encyclical on the environment; the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family in October; and the opening on December 8 of a special Holy Year of Mercy.

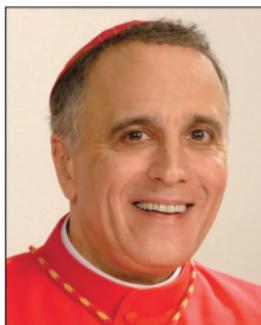
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## U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Officers



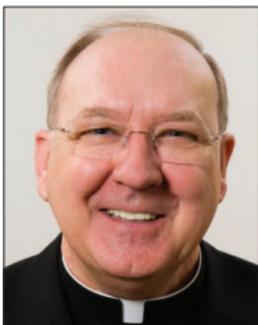
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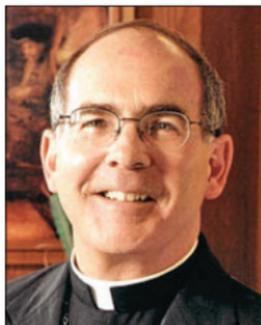
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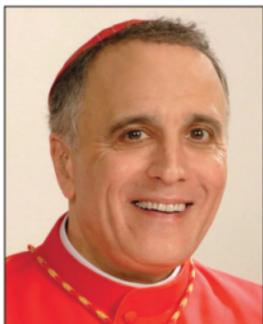


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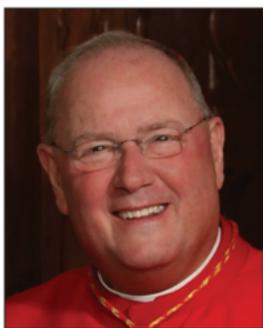
## US Cardinals for the Visit



**His Eminence Daniel N. DiNardo**  
Cardinal Archbishop of Galveston-Houston  
Vice President of USCCB



**His Eminence James M. Harvey**  
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American Cardinal living in Rome



**His Eminence Timothy M. Dolan**  
Cardinal Archbishop of New York

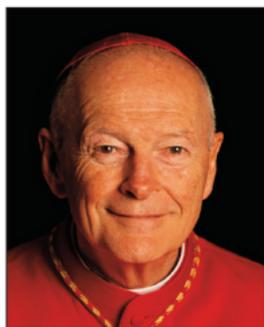


**His Eminence William Levada**  
Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the  
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Former Archbishop of San Francisco

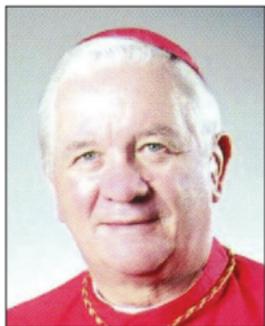
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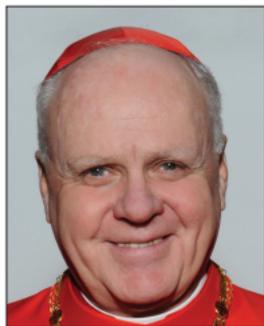
**His Eminence Roger Mahoney**  
Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles



**His Eminence Theodore E. McCarrick**  
Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, DC

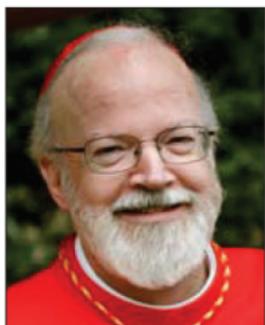


**His Eminence Adam Maida**  
Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit



**His Eminence Edwin F. O'Brien**  
Grand Master of the Equestrian Order  
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American Cardinal living in Rome

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**His Eminence Sean Patrick O'Malley,  
OFM Cap.**

Cardinal Archbishop of Boston  
Chair of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



**His Eminence James Francis Stafford**

Major Penitentiary Emeritus of the  
Apostolic Penitentiary  
Former Archbishop of Denver



**Most Rev. Justin F. Rigali**

Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia



**His Eminence Donald W. Wuerl**

Cardinal Archbishop of Washington, DC

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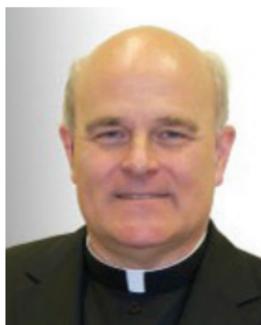
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**Associate  
General Secretary**  
Linda Hunt, MS



**Associate General  
Secretary**  
Anthony R. Picarello, Jr., Esq.



**National liturgical  
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Fr. Michael Flynn



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## Selected Members of the Papal Entourage



**Secretary of  
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Cardinal  
Pietro Parolin



**President of the  
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Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia  
Archbishop



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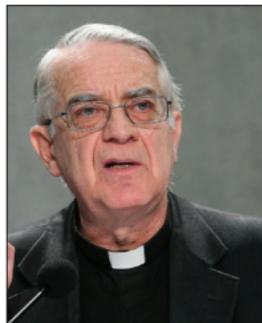
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**Apostolic Nuncio**  
Archbishop Carlo Maria  
Viganò, JUD



**Holy See's permanent  
observer to the  
United Nations**  
Archbishop Bernardito Auza



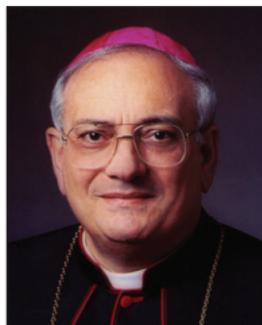
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Television Centre (CTV)**  
Rev. Federico Lombardi, SJ



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Matteo Bruni



**Archdiocese of  
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Archbishop Charles J. Chaput,  
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**Bishop of San Bernadino**  
Bishop Gerald R. Barnes



**Archdiocese of the  
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Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio



**President, World  
Meeting of Families 2015**  
Robert J. Ciaruffoli



**Executive Director, World  
Meeting of Families 2015**  
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**Bishop of Brownsville**  
Bishop Daniel E. Flores



**Archbishop of Los Angeles**  
Archbishop José Gomez



**Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia**  
Bishop John J. McIntyre

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# Archdiocese of Washington

**Geography:** District of Columbia; Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties in Maryland

**Number of Catholics:** more than 620,000

**Catholics as percentage of population:** 22%

**Number of parishes:** 139

**Number of priests:** 343

**Number of seminarians:** 74

**Number of schools:** 94

**Students in Catholic Schools:** Nearly 27,000

**Students in K-12 religious education programs:** More than 25,000

**Cathedral:** Saint Matthew's Cathedral

## Succession of Archbishops

- ✠ Archbishop Michael J. Curley (Archbishop of Baltimore and Washington), 1939-1947
- ✠ Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, 1948-1973
- ✠ Cardinal William Baum, 1973-1980
- ✠ Cardinal James Hickey, 1980-2000
- ✠ Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, 2000-2006
- ✠ Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, 2006-present

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## Key Historical Dates

- 1789:** Georgetown University, the first Catholic college in the United States, is founded.
- 1939:** The Archdiocese of Washington is formally separated from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, though both archdioceses have the same archbishop.
- 1947:** The archdiocese receives its first resident archbishop.
- 1979:** Pope John Paul II visits Washington on his first pastoral visit to the United States.
- 2008:** Pope Benedict XVI visits Washington during his Apostolic Journey to the United States.

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# Archdiocese of New York

**Geography:** The boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, and Richmond of the City of New York; the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester

**Number of Catholics:** 2,613,420

**Catholics as percentage of population:** 45%

**Number of parishes:** 294

**Number of priests:** 1,263

**Number of schools:**

- Elementary: 144
- Secondary: 48
- Colleges and universities: 9

**Cathedral:** Saint Patrick's Cathedral

## Succession of (Arch)bishops

- ✠ Bishop R. Luke Concanen, OP, 1808-1810
- ✠ Bishop John Connolly, OP, 1814-1825
- ✠ Bishop John Dubois, SS, 1826-1842
- ✠ Archbishop John Hughes, 1842-1864 (installed as first archbishop in 1850)
- ✠ Cardinal John McCloskey, 1864-1885
- ✠ Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan, 1885-1902
- ✠ Cardinal John Farley, 1902-1918

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- ✠ Cardinal Patrick Hayes, 1919-1938
- ✠ Cardinal Francis Spellman, 1939-1967
- ✠ Cardinal Terence Cooke, 1968-1983
- ✠ Cardinal John O'Connor, 1984-2000
- ✠ Cardinal Edward Egan, 2000-2009
- ✠ Cardinal Timothy Dolan, 2009-present

## Key Historical Dates

- 1808:** The Diocese of New York is created as a suffragan see of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.
- 1810:** Bishop R. Luke Concanen, the first bishop of New York, dies without ever setting foot on U.S. soil. (An Irish resident of Rome, he was unable to arrange passage to the U.S. because of the Napoleonic Wars.)
- 1836:** John Neumann (pronounced “Noy-mann”) is ordained a priest for the Diocese of New York. He will later become bishop of Philadelphia and be canonized in 1977.
- 1850:** Pope Pius IX makes New York an archdiocese.
- 1858:** The building of St. Patrick’s Cathedral begins with the laying of the cornerstone. The cathedral will be dedicated in 1879.
- 1873:** St. Joseph’s Parish in Yorkville is established to meet the needs of German immigrants. The parish grew out of a community worshipping in the

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chapel of St. Joseph's Orphanage, established on the Upper East Side to give the orphans access to fields, forests, and fresh air.

- 1875:** Archbishop John McCloskey of New York becomes the first American cardinal.
- 1883:** St. Benedict the Moor Church is established as the first national parish for African-American Catholics.
- 1889:** Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini arrives in the United States. In 1947, she will become the first US citizen canonized.
- 1896:** St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie begins its first classes.
- 1933:** Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin found the Catholic Worker movement.
- 1965:** Pope Paul VI becomes the first pope to visit the United States, addressing the United Nations.
- 1979:** Pope John Paul II visits New York and addresses the United Nations.
- 1991:** Cardinal John O'Connor founds the Order of the Sisters of Life.
- 1995:** Pope John Paul II visits New York for the second time.
- 2006:** The Archdiocese of New York launches the Catholic Channel on Sirius Radio.
- 2008:** Pope Benedict XVI visits New York.

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# Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**Geography:** The five counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery in southeastern Pennsylvania.

**Number of Catholics:** 1,446,508

**Catholics as percentage of population:** 36%

**Number of parishes:** 219

**Number of priests:** 519

**Number of schools:**

- Elementary: 121
- Secondary: 35 (17 archdiocesan, 18 private)
- Colleges and universities: 11

**Cathedral:** Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul

## Succession of Arch(bishops)

- ✠ Bishop Michael Egan, OFM (1808-1814)
- ✠ Bishop Henry Conwell (1819-1842)
- ✠ Bishop Francis Kenrick (1842-1851)
- ✠ Bishop Saint John Neumann, CSsR (1852-1860)
- ✠ Archbishop James Wood (1860-1883)
- ✠ Archbishop Patrick Ryan (1884-1911)
- ✠ Archbishop Edmond Prendergast (1911-1918)
- ✠ Cardinal Dennis Dougherty (1918-1951)
- ✠ Cardinal John O'Hara, CSC (1951-1960)

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- ✠ Cardinal John Krol (1961-1988)
- ✠ Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua (1988-2003)
- ✠ Cardinal Justin Rigali (2003-2011)
- ✠ Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap. (2011-present)

## Key Historical Dates

- 1808:** The Diocese of Philadelphia is created as a suffragan see of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.
- 1832:** The diocesan seminary of St. Charles Borromeo is founded.
- 1852:** John Neumann is consecrated as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. During his episcopate, Bishop Neumann constantly presses for more parochial schools. In 1963, he will be beatified by Pope Paul VI and be canonized a saint in 1977.
- 1860s:** The Dioceses of Harrisburg, Scranton, and Wilmington are established, separating from the Diocese of Philadelphia.
- 1875:** Philadelphia becomes an Archdiocese.
- 1961:** The Diocese of Allentown is established. The counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery remain with the Archdiocese as they are today.
- 1979:** Pope John Paul II visits Philadelphia.

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# Schedule of Activities

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## Tuesday, September 22 Washington, DC

### 4:00 p.m. **Arrival from Cuba** **Joint Base Andrews**

Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò boards the plane to greet Pope Francis, and they descend from the plane accompanied by the papal entourage.

The Holy Father is welcomed by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Other government officials expected are Mayor Muriel Bowser of the District of Columbia, Governor Larry Hogan of Maryland, and Governor Terry McAuliffe of Virginia. Also welcoming the pope are Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of the Washington Archdiocese; Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, vice-president of the USCCB; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of the Washington Archdiocese; Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Military Archdiocese; and others.

No formal remarks are scheduled.

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The papal entourage travels to the Nunciature, or residence, of the papal nuncio, where the pope rests for the evening.

*No public events are scheduled until the following morning.*

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# Wednesday, September 23 Washington, DC

**9:15 a.m.**

## **Official State Welcome and Meeting with President Obama**

Pope Francis arrives at the South Portico of the White House and is greeted by President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. On the lawn, approximately 20,000 people are in attendance. The president delivers remarks and introduces the pope. Pope Francis delivers remarks in English.

Church dignitaries present at the ceremony include Cardinal William Levada, Cardinal Roger Mahony, Cardinal Adam Maida, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Cardinal James Stafford, and Cardinal Donald Wuerl.

Pope Francis and President Obama meet privately in the Oval Office after the ceremony. Their talks are followed by an exchange of gifts, the presentation of family members, and official photos.

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Pope Francis departs the White House in the popemobile and takes a parade route between the Ellipse and a portion of the National Mall.

## **11:30 a.m.**

### **Midday Prayer**

# **Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle**

The cathedral church and parish is named for St. Matthew the Apostle, the patron saint of civil servants, recognizing all those who serve in the municipal, state, and national governments and the many international organizations located in the metropolitan area. The church is the seat of the archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, and plays a major role in the Catholic life of the nation's capital. The funeral Mass for President John F. Kennedy was celebrated in the cathedral on November 25, 1963, with many international heads of state and governments in attendance. In 1979, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in the cathedral during his visit to the United States.

Pope Francis arrives at the cathedral, where he is met by Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, the rector of St. Matthew's, and where approximately 300 U.S. bishops have

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assembled inside. The pope walks down the center aisle to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a brief prayer before being seated in front of the altar for Midday Prayer of the Divine Office. Readings and prayers are offered in Latin. *Note: There will be a moment of silence after each reading.* During the prayer, the pope addresses the bishops in Spanish. Cardinal Wuerl and Archbishop Joseph Edward Kurtz, archbishop of Louisville and USCCB president, provide remarks.

Following the prayer, the pope meets the officers and members of the USCCB's Administrative Committee. Before departing the cathedral, the pope blesses several commemorative plaques. He departs through the cathedral's rectory doors.

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**4:15 p.m.**

**Mass of Canonization of  
Blessed Junípero Serra**

**Basilica of the National Shrine of  
the Immaculate Conception/The  
Catholic University of America**

The Holy Father arrives at the headquarters of the USCCB, where he will transfer into the popemobile to move among the faithful gathered on the grounds of The Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America (CUA), founded in 1887, is unique as the national university of the Catholic bishops in the United States—and is the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican.

The pope enters the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where approximately 3,600 U.S. seminarians and men and women novices seated in the upper church greet him. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and one of the ten largest churches in the world. It is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United

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States—the Blessed Virgin Mary—under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

Cardinal Wuerl and Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, rector of the Basilica, accompany the pope to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for private prayer. The pope then walks across the sanctuary to the vesting area before stepping onto the east portico for Mass.

The pope celebrates Mass on the east side steps of the Basilica, with approximately 25,000 faithful. The Mass is celebrated in Spanish, and the homily is given in Spanish.

During the Mass, he canonizes Junípero Serra, 1713-1784, a Franciscan who founded nine missions in present-day California. The cause for Serra's canonization began in the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno in 1934. On September 25, 1988, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II. Serra International, founded to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life, was established in his honor. He is known as the "Apostle of California"; his life and his mission system are studied in California schools.

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# Thursday, September 24

## Washington, DC

**9:20 a.m.**

### **Address to Joint Meeting of Congress U.S. Capitol**

Pope Francis is the first pope to address a Joint Meeting of the United States Congress. He enters the U.S. Capitol on the East Front. After a private meeting with the Speaker of the House, Rep. John Boehner, he enters the House chamber. Remarks are in English.

After he finishes the address, the pope walks through Statuary Hall, pausing in front of a statue of Junípero Serra and observing a gift of the St. John's Bible, a handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible commissioned by St. John's Abbey and the University of Collegeville, MN. From the balcony on the West Front of the Capitol, he greets 50,000 guests.

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## 11:15 a.m.

### Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities

Pope Francis addresses a group of 200 Catholic Charities clients in Spanish, many of whom are low-income, have received clinical, mental health, and medical care, and/or are immigrants. They represent more than 120,000 men, women, and children served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington each year.

The pope walks down the center of the aisle with Cardinal Wuerl and Msgr. Salvatore Criscuolo, pastor of St. Patrick's. He exits through a side door to go into the main headquarters of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. The pope blesses their chapel before exiting through the main doors of Catholic Charities on to G Street, NW. Outside on G Street, many of the homeless clients of Catholic Charities are receiving a meal from the St. Maria's Meals Program.

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# Thursday, September 24

## New York City

### 4:00 p.m.

### Movement to New York City

Plane departs Joint Base Andrews to New York. At approximately 5:00 p.m., the papal plane arrives at John F. Kennedy International Airport, located in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Greeting him at his arrival is Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn and Archbishop Bernadito Cleopas Auza, the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. Pope Francis is immediately transported via helicopter to the Wall Street Heliport, then via motorcade to St. Patrick's Cathedral. At a point between the Wall Street Heliport and St. Patrick's Cathedral, he moves into the popemobile for the final segment, arriving at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the open vehicle.

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**7:00 p.m.**

**Vespers**

## **Cathedral of St. Patrick**

St. Patrick's Cathedral is the mother church of the Archdiocese of New York and the seat of its archbishop. Built by contributions large and small, it remains emblematic of the ascendance of religious freedom in the New World. When Archbishop John Hughes undertook the project in 1858, the proposed site was considered so far outside the city, the project was dubbed "Hughes' Folly." The cathedral was completed in 1879 and now sits in the very heart of New York City, welcoming more than five million visitors of every religious denomination each year.

Pope Francis is welcomed to the cathedral by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, and Msgr. Robert Ritchie, rector of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Others present include Governor Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The pope prays Vespers, or evening prayer, with the bishops, priests, deacons, and lay faithful who represent the Catholic Church in New York. Cardinal Dolan delivers words of gratitude as part of the concluding rites. The pope blesses a commemorative plaque before the final blessing and dismissal.

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# Friday, September 25

## New York City

### **8:30 a.m.**

#### **United Nations**

The fourth pope to address the United Nations (UN), Pope Francis comes to the UN as it marks its 70th anniversary and at a time when member states will take major decisions about sustainable development, climate change, and the future peace and well-being of humankind. The pope's address is in Spanish. During the visit, the pope will also have bilateral meetings with the secretary-general and the president of the general assembly and will participate in a town hall gathering with United Nations staff.

### **11:30 a.m.**

#### **Multi-Religious Service**

#### **Ground Zero Memorial**

On leaving the motorcade, Pope Francis walks to the south Reflection Pool, situated where the towers of the World Trade Center stood. He pauses at the pool before one of the bronze panels that contain the names of the nearly 3,000 children, women, and men killed

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during the attacks of 1993 and 2001. He briefly greets members of the 9/11 community and is escorted into the Museum to Foundation Hall, where an audience of 700 representatives of religious communities greets him. Members of the religious communities offer meditations on peace, first in the sacred tongue and then in English. An exchange of peace is offered. The pope is escorted to an exhibit of steel formed in a cross and a Bible found at the site after 9/11.

## **4:00 p.m.**

### **Our Lady Queen of Angels School, Harlem**

Our Lady Queen of Angels School has served the East Harlem community for more than 120 years. Pope Francis will visit a classroom to meet with third- and fourth-grade students from the four Catholic schools in Harlem, and then visit the gym to meet with immigrants who have been assisted by the services of Catholic Charities of the archdiocese.

Departing from the school, Pope Francis uses the popemobile to move through Central Park on his way to Mass at Madison Square Garden.

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**6:00 p.m.****Mass****Madison Square Garden**

Upon entering the building, Pope Francis moves among the congregants in the popemobile. He disembarks and is led to the papal sacristy, where he prepares for the celebration of Mass with more than 20,000 inside the arena. The Mass is celebrated in Latin, Spanish, and English. Prayers of the Faithful are offered in several languages, including Polish, German, and Italian.

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# Saturday, September 26

## Philadelphia

### 8:40 a.m.

## Movement to Philadelphia

Pope Francis departs from JFK airport and arrives at the Philadelphia International Airport, Atlantic Aviation, at approximately 9:30 a.m. He is met by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Others present include Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Wolf; Mrs. Frances Wolf; Mayor of Philadelphia Michael A. Nutter and Mrs. Lisa Wolf; Mr. Robert J. Ciaruffoli, president of the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015; and Mrs. Donna Crilley Farrell, executive director of the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015.

A family from the archdiocese presents the pope with the Pennsylvania state flower, the mountain laurel. The Bishop Shanahan Catholic High School band provides music for the event. The pope is joined in the entourage by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, and Archbishop Chaput.

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**10:30 a.m.****Mass****Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia**

The Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul is the principal church of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Opened in 1864 and located at the east side of Logan Square on 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the cathedral is the largest brownstone structure in Philadelphia and the largest Catholic church in Pennsylvania.

Pope Francis is welcomed by a children's choir and is informally greeted by Pennsylvania Governor Emeritus Tom Corbett and Mrs. Susan Corbett. Welcoming him to the cathedral is the rector, Fr. G. Dennis Gill. Lay representatives from the 219 parishes of the archdioceses, representatives of the religious women's and men's communities that serve in the archdiocese, and the bishops of the Province of Pennsylvania are present for the Mass. The Mass is celebrated in Latin, Spanish, and English. The pope will deliver his homily in Spanish.

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## **12:50 p.m.** **Arrival at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

The rector of the seminary, Bishop Timothy Senior, with a choir of 150 seminarians, meets the Holy Father outside at the main entrance. Upon entering the main building, the pope is met by a group of nine persons with cognitive challenges and/or disabilities and their caregivers from St. Edmonds Home for Children, Divine Providence Village, and Don Guanella School at Don Guanella Village.

## **4:30 p.m.** **Independence Mall**

Independence Hall is a symbolic place in the history of the city and the country. It is the place where both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were adopted. Pope Francis speaks from a simple lectern, which was used by President Abraham Lincoln when he delivered the Gettysburg Address.

The pope arrives at Independence Mall and moves among the crowd in the popemobile. Before entering Independence Hall he is presented a five-foot “cruz de los encuentros.” The cross is a symbol of the past,

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present, and future of the Hispanic community, and it will travel throughout the country in preparation of the “V Encuentro—Pueblo Hispano/Latino, Discipulos en Misión” scheduled for January 2017. Presenting the cross on behalf of the Hispanic community are Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, CA; Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, TX; Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, CA; and a family of seven who have immigrated to the United States from Mexico. The pope addresses the crowd in Spanish.

## **6:30 p.m.**

### **Festival of Families**

### **Benjamin Franklin Parkway**

Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli and the Colombian pop star Juanes, along with The Philadelphia Orchestra, headline the Saturday Festival of Families, one of the concluding events of the World Meeting of Families. Co-sponsored by the Holy See’s Pontifical Council for the Family and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the World Meeting of Families is a triennial global event that seeks to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe and highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society. Being held in the United States for the first time ever, the

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official theme for the 2015 World Meeting of Families is “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.”

Before bidding Pope Francis farewell, Archbishop Chaput asks the Holy Father to put the final brush stroke on the mural for the World Meeting of Families’ *The Sacred Now: Faith and Family in the 21st Century*, created by artist Cesar Viveros and painted by members of the community at paint days throughout the summer and by attendees of the World Meeting of Families Congress.

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## Sunday, September 27 Philadelphia

**9:15 a.m.**

**Meeting with Bishops**

**St. Martin's Chapel,**

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

Pope Francis meets with bishops from throughout the world who have been attending the World Meeting of Families during the week, along with bishops from the United States. Established in 1832, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary provides priestly formation for men preparing to minister in Philadelphia and other dioceses throughout the United States. St. John Paul II also visited the seminary in 1979.

**11:00 a.m.**

**Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility**

Opening in 1995, Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility (CFCF) is the largest Philadelphia Prison System facility. The prison was named in honor of Warden Patrick Curran and Deputy Warden Robert Fromhold, who were

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killed at Philadelphia's Holmesburg prison in the line of duty in 1973. Commissioner of the City Prisons, Louis Giorla, opens the program and introduces Archbishop Chaput. The inmates and staff of CFCF have created and built the chair being used by Pope Francis for the visit. Pope Francis speaks in Spanish and greets some of the inmates, family members, and staff of the facility.

**4:00 p.m.**

**Mass**

## **Conclusion of World Meeting of Families**

### **Benjamin Franklin Parkway**

Considered Philadelphia's Avenue des Champs-Élysées or Pennsylvania Avenue, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway runs through the cultural heart of Philadelphia. Stretching from City Hall to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway is a scenic, tree-lined boulevard flanked by some of Philadelphia's most acclaimed tourist destinations, leading the way to a cultural mecca of world-class museums and educational institutions. Fountains, small parks, statues, and monuments all give the Parkway its own special characteristic, unique to the City of Brotherly Love.

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Pope Francis departs from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and transfers into the popemobile at Logan Circle. He moves among those gathered for the concluding Mass of the Apostolic Journey and the World Meeting of Families. The Mass is celebrated in Latin, English, and Spanish; the pope delivers his homily in Spanish.

## **7:00 p.m.** **Gesture of Gratitude** **Atlantic Aviation**

In private, the pope greets Vice President Joseph Biden, Dr. Jill Biden, and members of their family. He then enters Hangar One, where there are 500 members of the World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015, leadership, sponsors, partners, and volunteers who have been viewing the Mass from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway on large screens. The pope greets the audience in English and offers his blessing.

## **8:00 p.m.** **Departure for Rome**

The delegation bidding farewell includes Vice President Joseph and Dr. Jill Biden; Governor Tom and Mrs. Frances Wolf; Mayor Michael A. and Mrs. Lisa Nutter;

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Archbishop Charles Chaput; Bishop John J. McIntyre; Mr. Robert J. Ciaruffoli, president, World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015; and Mrs. Donna Crilley Farrell, executive director, World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015.

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from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She coordinates the Climate Change Health and Justice Initiative and the Children's Health and the Environment Initiative and tracks environmental policy issues affecting vulnerable populations.



### **Mary Mencarini Campbell**

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University of Pittsburgh, and a bachelor of science degree in human services from the University of Scranton where he graduated cum laude.



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## **Richard Coll**

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## **Rev. John Crossin**

**Executive Director**

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**Areas of Expertise:** Assisted Suicide, Bioethics, Euthanasia, Human Cloning, Pro-Life Legislation, Stem Cell Research, Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Treatment

Richard Doerflinger holds a master of arts in divinity degree from the University of Chicago and has pursued doctoral studies at the University of Chicago and The Catholic University of America. He is an adjunct fellow in bioethics and public policy at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He frequently writes and speaks on euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryo experimentation and reproductive technologies. He has been published in such periodicals as *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Hastings Center Report*, *Linacre Quarterly*, and *Duquesne Law Review*. He is married and the father of four children.

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## **Virginia L. Farris**

**Foreign Policy Advisor for Eurasia and Human Rights, Office of International Justice and Peace  
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Human Development**

**Areas of Expertise:** East and Southeast Asia, South Asia, particularly Pakistan, Kosovo, Water for the Poor, Religious Liberty, Torture

**Languages:** French, Thai

Virginia Loo Farris worked in public affairs throughout her extended foreign service career at the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Information Agency, focusing primarily on East and Southeast Asia. She also had tours in Africa and Washington, DC. She served as a Congressional Fellow and as USIA Advisor to the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command. She has a master's degree in national security studies from the National Defense University, a master of arts degree in Chinese studies from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor of arts degree in social sciences from Michigan State University.

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## **Anthony J. Granado**

**Policy Advisor, Office of Domestic  
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Department of Justice, Peace and  
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**Policy Areas:** Agriculture/Rural  
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Civil Rights, Federal Budget and  
Appropriations, National Security

Anthony Granado holds a bachelor's degree in history (medieval philosophical, religious and political thought) from the University of Portland, and a master's degree in history (Thomism, Aristotelian thought, and political theory and Latin American Political history) from Portland State University. In addition, he has graduate level studies in intelligence and national security studies from American Military University. Before joining the USCCB, he served as a legislative assistant to the Oregon Catholic Conference, as coordinator of the Office of Justice and Peace/Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the Archdiocese of Portland and as the Outreach Coordinator for Catholic Charities of Portland, Oregon. He has also served as an advisor to the Archdiocese of Portland; to the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee for the Department of Community Justice of

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Multnomah County Oregon and on an advisory group to the Portland field office of the FBI. He speaks Spanish fluently and reads Latin, Portuguese, and Italian.



### **Thomas Grenchik**

**Executive Director  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**Area of Expertise:** General  
Pro-Life Issues

Thomas Grenchik was the founding director of the Pro-Life Office for the Archdiocese of Washington, where he served for sixteen years. He was trained as an architect and builder and graduated from the University of Maryland where he majored in architecture. He has also studied at the National Catholic Bioethics Center and is currently pursuing a certification program in Health Care Ethics.

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## **Stephen R. Hilbert**

**Foreign Policy Advisor for Africa and  
Global Development  
Office for International Justice and Peace  
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**Areas of Expertise:** African  
Politics, Challenges, Problems and  
Successes of Development, Conflict,  
Economics, Peacebuilding in Africa,  
Rising Importance of Africa to the  
United States

**Language:** French

Stephen Hilbert holds a bachelor's degree in Russian studies from Haverford College and a master's degree in International Affairs-Development Studies from Columbia University. From 1977-1980, he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Gabon, Central Africa. From 1983-2007 he worked with Catholic Relief Services, with nineteen years in Africa, two years in India and three years at CRS Headquarters.

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## **Andrew Lichtenwalner**

**Executive Director**

**Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life  
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**Areas of Expertise:** Defense of  
Marriage (doctrine and catechesis),  
Ecclesial Bridal Imagery,  
Evangelization and Catechesis

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## **Jeannine Marino**

**Assistant Director**

**Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis**

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Causes of Canonization, RCIA

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## **Ralph McCloud**

**Director, Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development  
Department of Justice, Peace and  
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**Areas of Expertise:** Catholic Social Teaching, Peace, Community Organizing, Rehabilitation and Restoration, Capital Punishment, Poverty and Its Effects, Homelessness, Race and Its Effects on Poverty

Ralph McCloud attended Paul Quinn College and did summer studies in Catholic Social Thought at the University of Notre Dame. He directed the Office of Justice and Peace, African American Ministry, and Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, Texas, where he was the city's former Vice Mayor and a city council member.

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## **Mary McClusky**

**Special Projects Coordinator  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**Areas of Expertise:** National Prayer Vigil for Life, March for Life, People of Life (pro-life action campaign of the USCCB), Abortion and Youth, Abortion in the Black Community

Mary McCluskey holds a bachelor of arts in communications (radio/TV) and a human life studies minor from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. She has worked at several pro-life and public interest groups in grassroots development, media, public education campaigns, and fundraising.

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## **Barbara Humphrey McCrabb**

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Secretariat of Catholic Education**

**Areas of Expertise:** Education,  
Experiential Learning, Educating  
for Peace and Justice, Student  
Leadership Development

Barbara Humphrey McCrabb holds a master of divinity degree from Washington Theological Union and a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida. She graduated cum laude from Kent State University with a bachelor of fine and professional arts degree. She has served in campus ministry for more than twenty years. Service and spirituality are her passions. She worked to engage campus communities in service, reflection and prayer. In 2000 she received the Charles Forsythe Award from the Catholic Campus Ministry Association for contributions to Campus Ministry. McCrabb and her husband Don, have three sons: Andrew, Jacob and Martin.

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## **Deirdre McQuade**

**Assistant Director of Policy and Communications  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

**Areas of Expertise:** Abortion, Post-Abortion Healing, Effective Pro-Life Messaging, Scriptural Roots of the Gospel of Life, The New Feminism, The Second Look Project

Deirdre McQuade is the primary spokesperson on abortion and related life issues for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. She also directs the Second Look Project and its multi-city ad campaigns. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Bryn Mawr College, as well as a master of arts degree in philosophy and a master of divinity degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. She counseled at a pregnancy care center in South Bend and, in 2003, served as National Program Director at Feminists for Life. She has appeared on television, on radio, in online debates and in national print media. Recent speeches include Empathy, Dignity & Speaking Truth to Power; Seeds of Justice: Defending Life from Womb to Tomb; Roe Reality Check: Taking a Second Look at Abortion; and Imitating Jesus in Pro-Life Conversations.

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**Rev. Juan Molina, OSsT**

Director of the Collection for the Church in Latin America  
Office of National Collections

**Areas of Expertise:** Cuba, Latin America issue

**Language:** Spanish

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and Development program at Fordham University and is also the recipient of the Honorary Graduate Fellowship of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He has published several works, including the book, *The Impact of Remittances in Developing Countries: Saving, Investment, and School Enrollment*. Father Molina is also a member of the Justice and Peace Committee at the Conference of Major Superiors of Men of the United States.



### **Norma Montenegro Flynn**

**Assistant Director of Media Relations**  
**Department of Communications**

**Language:** Spanish

**Areas of Expertise:** Immigration and Refugee Issues, Hispanic/Latino Issues

Norma Montenegro Flynn holds a bachelor's in journalism and political science from American University in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining USCCB, she worked as a news anchor for the Washington affiliate of Univision, where she was also involved in the development of on-air content and production responsibilities. She has over thirteen years of experience in journalism and television and print news. She also serves as the USCCB's Spanish-language media liaison for the Media Relations office and oversees the Spanish-language social networks.

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## **Mar Munoz-Visoso**

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**Areas of Expertise:** Evangelization and Catechesis, Hispanic/Latino Issues, Divine Worship, Hispanics & Liturgy, Immigration and Refugee Issues, Women, Marriage, and Family Life Issues

**Language:** Spanish

Maria del Mar Munoz-Visoso holds a bachelor of arts in communications with a major in journalism from Centro Escuela Universitaria San Pablo in Valencia, Spain, and a master of theological studies degree from the Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. She has sixteen years of experience as an editor and journalist and twelve years of experience in Hispanic ministry, with emphasis on leadership development, training, and organizing. She has worked in radio and the written press and was the founding editor of *El Pueblo Católico*, a Catholic Spanish-language diocesan newspaper. She co-founded and was executive director of Centro San Juan Diego, a pastoral institute and adult education center for Hispanics in Denver. She and her husband Rafael have three children.

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## **Peter J. Murphy**

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**Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis**

**Area of Expertise:** General evangelization and catechesis issues

Peter Murphy holds a bachelor's in theology and master's degrees in theology and counseling from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He has a doctorate in ministry from The Catholic University of America. He served as director of the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington from 2005-2011. At the Archdiocese of Washington, Murphy oversaw sacramental preparation and family life programming. He assisted with the training of catechists and in implementing archdiocesan evangelization initiatives. He has taught elementary, high school and college students. In 2000, he worked as a missionary in Mexico, constructing homes and leading talks and prayer groups. A Washington native, Murphy lives in Bowie, Maryland with his wife, three sons and daughter. They attend Sacred Heart Parish in Bowie.

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## **Deacon Bernard Nojadera**

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Office of Child and Youth Protection**

**Areas of Expertise:** Safe Environment Programs and Training, Clergy Sexual Abuse Response, Background Checks and Screening

Deacon Bernard Nojadera holds a master of social work degree specializing in health and mental health services from San Jose State University and a master's of theology from St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, California. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 2008. He has been a member of the Diocese of San Jose Safe Environment Task Force, the San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the YWCA Rape Crisis Center and their Child Assault Prevention Program, and the County of Santa Clara Interfaith Clergy project for Elder Abuse Prevention. Deacon Nojadera headed the Diocese of San Jose's children protection office from 2002-2001. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

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**Areas of Expertise:** Youth and Social Justice, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Social Teaching

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**Area of Expertise:** Catholic  
Social Teaching

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## **Rev. Ronald G. Roberson , CSP**

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**Areas of Expertise:** The Assyrian Church of the East, Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue, Christian Churches Together in the USA, Christian Unity, Churches in Eastern Europe, Eastern Orthodox Churches, Healing the Histories of East and West, The Oriental Orthodox Churches, Polish National Catholic Church, The Episcopal Church

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## **Mark Rohlena**

**Director, Office of Domestic Social Development  
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**Areas of Expertise:** Poverty, Ecology,  
Catholic Social Teaching

Mark Rohlena serves as a resource to the bishops on domestic social policy, and works to advance Catholic social teaching in federal policymaking on a host of issues, including environmental stewardship. Before joining the USCCB, Rohlena served as the president and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado in the Diocese of Colorado Springs. He is an attorney who previously practiced in the area of legal ethics. Rohlena lives in Virginia with his wife, Danielle, and five children.

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**Todd Scribner**

Education Outreach Coordinator  
Department of Migration and Refugee Services

**Areas of Expertise:** Catholic Social Teaching, Immigration, Refugees, Human Trafficking

Todd Scribner holds a master's degree in religious studies from The Catholic University of America and also earned a doctorate at the same institution. The focus of his studies concentrates on the intersection of Catholic Social Teaching and U.S. political life.

**Christine Donnelly Spadacino**

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Migration and Refugee Services. She previously worked as a senior publicist at Simon and Schuster and as the booker for The Alan Colmes Show on FOX News Radio. She holds a bachelor's degree from Lehigh University.



### **Susan Stevenot Sullivan**

**Director for Education and Outreach  
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**Areas of Expertise:** Catholic Social Teaching, Poverty and Justice, Parish Social Ministry, Faith and Advocacy at Home and Abroad, Spirituality of Justice

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organizations and supported the formation and ministry of more than 2,000 members/volunteers of the Atlanta Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. She also served on the editorial staff of the weekly newspapers of the Archdioceses of Cincinnati and Atlanta and the daily paper of St. Joseph, Mo. Sullivan's work, both writing and photography, has appeared in several national Catholic publications and has been recognized by the Catholic Press Association.

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