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Press Release

CATHOLIC CONCERNS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Thursday, March 22, 2007

BISHOPS PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING PRAYER SERVICE AND MARCH TO CAPITOL

9:30 A.M.: Prayer Service at Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford

10:30 A.M.: March to Capitol Building along Farmington and Capitol Avenues

11:15 A.M.: Bishops Press Conference on the North Side Steps of Capitol Building

If inclement weather, Press Conference will be held inside the Old Judiciary Room

11:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.: Catholics Meet with Legislators in Legislative Office Building

The Connecticut Catholic Conference will hold its ninth annual Catholic Concerns Day on Thursday March 22, 2007 in Hartford. Catholics from all over the State are encouraged to attend the event and then meet with their legislators on a variety of issues, such as expansion of healthcare coverage, supportive housing, same-sex marriage, immigration, religious freedom of Catholic institutions, and support for private and parochial schools.

Faith has long played a significant role in guiding the decisions made by our public officials and the involvement of Connecticut's citizenry in public affairs. Catholic Concerns Day is a day that highlights the importance of faith in the public arena. As the largest non-governmental provider of social and human services, education and health care, we recognize the vital nature of our partnership with government in addressing the needs of the people of Connecticut.

The Catholic Bishops of Connecticut will hold a press conference at 11:15 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol. Archbishop Henry Mansell of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Bishop William Lori of the Diocese of Bridgeport, and Bishop Michael Cote of the Diocese of Norwich, will make statements on current issues facing the Church and people of Connecticut.

The media are invited to attend the prayer service as well as the press conference with the Bishops.

The Connecticut Catholic Conference is the public policy and advocacy office of the Catholic Bishops in Connecticut. The Board of Directors of the Conference includes the bishops of the four dioceses of Connecticut (Archdiocese of Hartford, Dioceses of Bridgeport and Norwich, and the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Stamford). Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, chairs the Connecticut Catholic Conference.

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