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MEDIA ADVISORY

Memorial of the Tenth Anniversary of the 2001 Anthrax Attacks

Friday, October 21, 2011

Session One: 9:30 a.m. & Session Two: 4:00 p.m.

Crypt Church

Open to the Public and the Press

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be the venue for the Memorial of the Tenth Anniversary of the 2001 Anthrax Attacks this Friday, October 21, 2011.

Hosted by former and current postal workers, the Memorial's theme is "Ten Years of Healing & Moving Forward." The date of October 21 was chosen to coincide with the tenth anniversary of the death of the first postal worker, Thomas Morris, Jr., and the closing of the Brentwood postal facility for decontamination, both as result of the 2001 anthrax attacks. (October 22 marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Joseph Curseen, Jr., the second postal worker who died from anthrax exposure. The Brentwood postal facility was later reopened and renamed the Joseph Curseen Junior and Thomas Morris Junior Processing Distribution Center after the two fallen postal workers who succumbed to anthrax exposure.)

United States Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe will attend and speak at the morning Memorial session.

Mrs. Mary Morris, widow of Thomas Morris, Jr., will attend and speak at both the morning and afternoon Memorial sessions.

Other guest speakers are listed in the attached Memorial Observance Program.

The Memorial sessions are open to the public and the press.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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