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Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious Announces New Advisory Council

October 20, 2016 (Washington, D.C.) – The Board of Directors of the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) announced today that it has established an Advisory Council to advise the Board of Directors of the CMSWR. The Advisory Council will assist the Board in advancing the mission of the CMSWR by bringing professional experience, ecclesial wisdom, and best practices to bear on the furthering of religious life in the Church in America.

Members of the Advisory Council include His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Cardinal Archbishop of New York; His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali, Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia and Episcopal Liaison for the CMSWR; Most Rev. William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore; Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput O.F.M. Cap, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul/ Minneapolis; Ms. Dawn Miller, Director of Consulting, Fund Development Services, Zielinski Companies; Mr. William Burleigh, Retired President and Chief Executive Officer, The E.W. Scripps Company; Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Rector, St. Joseph Seminary; Mrs. Mary Devlin Capizzi, Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP; and Mr. Clark Baker, Retired Chief Executive Officer, YMCA.

“We are delighted to have the guidance of such a great council,” said Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, Chairperson of the CMSWR. “I fully expect that this Advisory Council will bear much fruit for the CMSWR through their collective and individual contributions. I am looking forward to working with them all to serve the Church and further religious life in America.”

Located in Washington, D.C., the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious was founded in 1992 with the canonical approval of St. John Paul II. The CMSWR members represent 120 communities nationwide with approximately 6,000 sisters. For more information, please visit www.cmswr.org.

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