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County Executive to Attend White House Ceremony for Papal Visit

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper will have the privilege of being part of the audience when His Holiness Pope Francis is welcomed to the United States by President and Mrs. Obama on Wednesday, September 23. The Arrival Ceremony will be held on the South Lawn of the White House at 9:15 AM.

“I am truly honored to be among the government officials welcoming Pope Francis to the United States. He is the third Pope to have ever visited the White House. I look forward to hearing words of inspiration from the Holy Father on a variety of topics, including advancing economic opportunity for all and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees into our community,” said Dahlkemper.

This historic arrival ceremony will be the Pope’s first stop on his visit to the United States before he travels on to New York and Philadelphia. Historically, Pope Francis’ predecessors, both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II, also visited Washington, D.C. in their trips to the United States.

County Executive Dahlkemper is available for phone interviews. Please contact Chanel Cook at 814-451-7440 for details or to make arrangements.

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