



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 15, 2016

CONTACT:

Mayor's Press Office

312.744.3334

press@cityofchicago.org

Mayor Emanuel to Lead Delegation of More Than 80 Leaders to Rome to Honor Archbishop Cupich

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that he and First Lady Amy Rule will lead a delegation of more than 80 civic, faith, elected and business leaders, as well as students from two Chicago high schools, to Rome later this week to support and honor Archbishop Blase Cupich as he is elevated to Cardinal in the Catholic Church.

“For more than two years, Archbishop Cupich has supported Chicago through his service, and Chicago will be there to support him as he is elevated to Cardinal,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Whether you are a part of the Catholic Church or not, all Chicagoans have come to know Archbishop Cupich as a man of principle, someone who believes in the power of inclusion, and a voice for the voiceless – in the Church and throughout our city.”

The Mayor, Ms. Rule and the delegation will attend the consistory at which Archbishop Cupich will be elevated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday morning, a dinner in support of Catholic Extension in Rome on Saturday evening, and a celebratory Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday morning.

Among those accepting the Mayor's invitation to join his delegation to Rome include: Father Tom Hurley of Old St. Patrick's Church; Reverend Stan Davis, co-Executive Director of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago; Bishop Wayne Miller, President of the Council of Religious Leaders; Jo Ann Rooney, President of Loyola University; Dennis Holtschneider, President of DePaul University; Governor Bruce Rauner; Senator Dick Durbin; State Senate President John Cullerton; State Comptroller-elect and current City Clerk Susana Mendoza; Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke; Congressman Mike Quigley; Aldermen Ed Burke, Pat O'Connor, Danny Solis, Michelle Harris and Marge Laurino; Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer; Anne Pramaggiore, President and CEO of ComEd; Stefano Pessina, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of Walgreen Boots Alliance; Don Edwards, CEO of Flexpoint Ford; Daniel McCaffrey, CEO and Chairman,

McCaffery Interests, Inc.; Margaret Houlihan Smith of United Airlines; Wynona Redmond, of Wyn-Win Communications; Cherryl Thomas of Ardmore Associates; Senator Renato Turano of Turano Bakery; former NBA star Isiah Thomas; Desiree Rogers of Choose Chicago; Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson; Chicago Fire Commissioner Jose Santiago; Rocco Claps, Director of the Illinois Department of Human Rights; a Cristo Rey Jesuit High School student and a Christ the King High School student.

#