



MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Media Advisory – July 17, 2014

**Marygrove College President David Fike to Hold News Conference
To Call on President Obama to Resolve the Moral Crisis
Of Thousands of Refugee Children Fleeing the Violence in Central America**

What: Marygrove College President David J. Fike will hold a news conference to call on President Obama to provide leadership in resolving the moral crisis of thousands of refugee children fleeing the violence in Central America and seeking safe haven in America. This will be the first-of-its-kind statement by a U.S. college president since the crisis began. Dr. Fike will announce that Marygrove College is committing college resources to provide education, food, shelter and other assistance to the refugees.

Why: “The lives of thousands of children and young people are at risk,” Dr. Fike states. “We cannot be silent. As a Catholic institution—guided by the Gospel values of peace, love, reconciliation, and justice—we are proud to be the first higher educational institution in the nation to publicly commit to support young refugees coming from Central America if the President would lead us on this morally just path.”

Who: Dr. Fike will be joined at the news conference by the Most Reverend Jose Arturo Cepeda Escobedo, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Titular Bishop of Tagase; Mary Jane Herb, IHM, Ph.D., President, Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and Dayanna Rebolledo Rico, Marygrove College Student and Inside Recruitment Representative; all of whom will speak in support of the Marygrove initiative.

When: 10 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Where: Denk Chapman Hall, Madame Cadillac Building, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich.

Founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) in 1905, Marygrove College is an independent liberal arts college and a Catholic institution of higher learning. The College’s commitment to the city of Detroit comprises an institutional mission and vision for developing urban leaders. The main campus is situated on 53 wooded acres in northwest Detroit. For more information, visit www.marygrove.edu.

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