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PRESS RELEASE

Bishop David J. Malloy's Statement on the Election of Pope Francis.

ROCKFORD- Bishop David J. Malloy issued a statement upon learning of the election of Pope Francis.

Bishop David J. Malloy's statement:

"It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I join all Catholics of the world in welcoming our new universal shepherd, Pope Francis. The awesome responsibility entrusted to him and the 265 holy men before him truly affect all people of the world. Congratulations to the cardinals of the world who, in concert with the Holy Spirit, chose this new successor to St. Peter. Now, may that same Holy Spirit guide our Holy Father as he takes up the cross of his office and the concerns of the church in the world through his prayer, his action, his charity and in his love for Christ and all of us."

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Bishop Malloy will hold a press conference today at 3:30 p.m. CST, regarding the election of the new pontiff. It will be streamed live at www.rockforddiocese.org and posted to YouTube following the press conference.