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Statement by Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, President and Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Health Association of the United States

WASHINGTON, DC – The Catholic Health Association of the United States extends its congratulations to president-elect Joseph R. Biden. As people of faith, we join the voices of those working to unify our country and look forward to working with the new administration to promote the common good for all. We take great pride that upon his inauguration, he will be the second Catholic ever elected to the highest office in the country. We pray and lend our support for president-elect Joe Biden, vice president-elect Kamala Harris and the administration as they move forward with their transition plans.

Each day, our nation is suffering a profound crisis, with over 237,000 lives lost, 30 million Americans relying on unemployment assistance, and health care workers continuing to fight COVID-19 surges. We hear from our caregivers daily about what they still need to help them serve their communities, fighting both the health and economic battle against the pandemic. We pray for all those affected by the virus and as citizens and caregivers, we uphold our responsibility to share with leadership our insights on how to best tackle the obstacles before us.

As Pope Francis so eloquently stated to Congress five years ago, "the challenges facing us today call for a renewal of that spirit of cooperation, which has accomplished so much good throughout the history of the United States." We pray for that renewal of cooperation and for the president-elect as he assumes the great honor of representing and leading the people of this country.

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