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SUBJECT: Pittsburgh Crèche Blessing

PITTSBURGH — The Christian Leaders Fellowship, an ecumenical group of local bishops and denominational executives, will lead a prayer service at the annual dedication of the Pittsburgh Crèche, Friday, Nov. 16 at noon in the plaza at US Steel Towers on Grant Street, downtown. **Archbishop William C. Skurla, head of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, will participate.** Other participating faith community leaders include:

- Archbishop Robert Duncan, Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Bishop Dorsey McConnell, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Bishop Kurt Kusserow, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
- Pastor Doug Portz, Pittsburgh Presbytery
- Bishop David Zubik, Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Major William Bode, The Salvation Army
- Bishop Thomas Bickerton, Western Pennsylvania Conference, United Methodist Church

The crèche is truly a community effort. Carpenters and electrical union workers, crane operators, scaffold workers, scenery designers, architects and building management are key figures in the crèche construction each year. Clothing for the figures is designed, sewn and maintained by the Sisters of the Holy Spirit. In addition to the Christian Leaders Fellowship, over 30 business, labor and religious organizations have contributed financial support and services to the project.

The Christian Leaders Fellowship thank the following organizations for their generous in-kind donations for the 2012-13 Pittsburgh Crèche: All Crane Rental of PA; Astorino Corporation; Avalotis Corporation; Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services, Inc.; Greater PA Regional Council of Carpenters; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union # 5; J.E. Scenic Technologies; Naccarati Contracting; Sargent Electric; Terrill Funk Productions, and Winthrop Management.

Following the Nov. 16 noon blessing, the crèche will remain on the US Steel Towers site for viewing through January 7, 2013.