To: WCU Community

From: R. Lorraine Bernotsky DPhil, Provost (Interim)

Re: Papal Visit to Philadelphia

Date: September 11, 2015

Philadelphia is hosting the World Meeting of Families from Monday September 21 through Friday September 25. Pope Francis arrives in Philadelphia, Saturday September 26, and departs Sunday September 27. The city has announced significant interruption of public transportation and roadways beginning Friday September 25. We anticipate these activities to affect WCU as follows:

North Campus (Main Campus) and Graduate Center

WCU classes will be in session and operating on the regular schedule. We are aware, however, that transportation interruptions will make commuting to and from Philadelphia and surrounding suburbs extremely difficult on Friday September 25. We ask that faculty and students consider these added challenges for those individuals who find it difficult to commute to and from class on Friday September 25.

Sturzebecker Health Science Center (South Campus)

As part of the planning for the Papal visit, the Pennsylvania National Guard has selected West Chester University’s South Campus as the temporary duty assignment for their troops. We will serve as their host from Thursday September 24 until Monday September 28. N-lot parking (northern and eastern sides of Sturzebecker) will be restricted to National Guard and authorized vehicles. Classes located in Sturzebecker Health Science Center will not physically meet in the building during this period. Faculty with classes in Sturzebecker will receive additional communication from the Office of the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. Professors of the classes located in Sturzebecker will inform students of alternate assignments and/or alternate meeting spaces. Students enrolled in these courses must remain in contact with their instructors through WCU email accounts.

PASSHE Center City

PASSHE Center City will be closed on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26 for the Papal Visit. The Center will open at 4 pm on Monday, September 28.