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MEDIA ACCESS FOR POPE'S MOTORCADE THROUGH CENTRAL PARK

Limited access is now available for media wishing to cover Pope Francis' motorcade through Central Park in New York scheduled for Friday, September 25 at approximately 5:15 p.m. (time is tentative). If you are interested in requesting access to this event, please note that the following significant limitations are in place:

- **Only media already approved to cover the Pope's Visit and already in possession of a US Secret Service issued photo credential for visit coverage will be considered for permitting for this event. NYPD media credentials alone will not suffice for admission.**
- No large bags of any kind
- No tripods (sticks)
- Extremely limited equipment only (cam/mike/live view)
- There will be limits on number of personnel from any individual media outlet

Please note the following exceptions are being made for this location only:

- No site specific underlay is needed
- No bus transportation from the Marriott Marquis will be provided or required
- **Media approved to cover this event will need to report with their Secret Service credential at 1:00 p.m. sharp to the north side of West 60th Street, between Broadway and Central Park West, for screening by the Secret Service. After screening, media will be escorted into the park.**
- For this location ONLY, individuals will be able to cover this event even if they have already covered another event earlier that day (the UN or the 9/11 Memorial), but the burden is entirely on your personnel to reach the entry point on time. It will NOT, however, be possible to cover this event and the Mass at Madison Square Garden.

You must respond by Saturday, September 19 at 12 noon to centralparkmedia@archny.org with the names of the staff you intend to assign to this event. Please indicate precisely how many people you intend to send, along with their names and job functions. Please do not submit a list inclusive of key staff and all possible back-up names as they will be unable to accept such rosters and your request may be declined on that basis.

Upon receipt of access requests, your organization will be notified if access has been approved.

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