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**Catholic Charities USA Responds to Proposed HHS Rule:
Welcomes Steps to Safeguard Ability to Serve People in Need That is Consistent With Our
Faith and Values**

Alexandria, Va. (November 1, 2019) – Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) issued the following statement in response to the announcement today of the proposed HHS rule on religious freedom and nondiscrimination in grant processes:

“While we have not yet had the opportunity to fully review the proposal, we welcome steps to safeguard Catholic Charities agencies’ ability to serve people in need in a manner consistent with our faith and values. In its history, Catholic Charities agencies have enjoyed a cooperative partnership with government at all levels to work for the common good. Such cooperation has been predicated on valuing diverse perspectives and mutual respect. The importance of broad religious exemptions allows for this cooperative relationship to continue in a way that ultimately best serves vulnerable people and communities, the organizations that serve them and the good of the nation.”

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), a member of Caritas Internationalis, is the national office for the Catholic Charities ministry nationwide. CCUSA’s members provide help and create hope to more than 12.5 million people a year regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org for additional information.

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