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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### *Bishop Bartchak Issues Statement on the Passing of Joe Paterno*

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) -- The following is a statement from the Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, on the passing of Joe Paterno.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of Joe Paterno's passing. Mr. Paterno was a legend in college football, but not just because of his success on the field. As a husband, father, grandfather, coach, and community member, he touched countless lives. His examples of love, friendship, leadership, and generosity leave a rich legacy. On behalf of our Diocesan Church, I offer my prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Joe's wife, Sue, their children, and grandchildren. May the Lord welcome Joe into His Heavenly Kingdom and give comfort and peace to his family."