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## **Shapiro Welcomes Pope to Montgomery County**

**Norristown, PA (June 30, 2015)** – Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Commissioners, today welcomed the news that Pope Francis will visit Montgomery County during his visit to Philadelphia in late September.

The Vatican announced today that Pope Francis will meet with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Lower Merion at 9:15am on Sunday, September 27. The Pope is scheduled to arrive in Philadelphia on Saturday morning, September 26, and fly back to Rome around 8:00pm on Sunday evening.

"It is a tremendous honor to have the Pope visit our region, but it is even more exciting that Montgomery County will be the only suburban county he will visit during his stay," Shapiro said.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience, and Montgomery County is honored to be hosting His Holiness, if only for a short time."