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Br. Bob Smith to welcome Pope Benedict at White House

On Wednesday April 16, 2008, Messmer Catholic Schools' President Br. Bob Smith will join President George W. Bush, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of Milwaukee, and many other national dignitaries for the official welcome to Pope Benedict at the White House. This welcome will be the first of many gatherings in Washington, D.C. and New York during the Pope's visit.

Br. Bob will return to the White House on Wednesday, April 23rd for a symposium on Religious Schools in Urban America. Br. Bob has served at Messmer Catholic Schools in Milwaukee for 21 years as Principal and President.

Messmer Catholic Schools is independently run and serves more than 1,400 students on its four Milwaukee campuses—Messmer Preparatory Catholic School, 3027 N. Fratney Street, Messmer High School, 742 W. Capitol Drive, St. Leo Catholic Urban Academy, 2458 W. Locust Street, and St. Rose Catholic Urban Academy, 514 N. 31st Street.

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