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CSJ Boston Statement on the US-DPRK Crisis

BRIGHTON, MA: Last week, while tensions between the governments of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea [DPRK] quickly escalated, 700 members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious meeting in Orlando, FL issued a public statement imploring President Donald J. Trump to engage in dialogue and negotiation. This statement is the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is based on the LCWR statement

At this critical moment for our country and global community, we – The Sisters St. Joseph of Boston and associates—are impelled by God's inclusive love to respond in accordance with Gospel values.

We believe that love is more powerful than fear, dialogue more productive than rhetoric, and connection more transformative than threats of destruction.

We call on President Trump to engage in constructive dialogue and negotiation to resolve the current crisis between the governments of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in a manner that guarantees the peace and security that all people seek.

We commit ourselves to promote nonviolence and a compassionate response to the thirst of the world for integrity and communion.

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LCWR is an association of leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States. The conference has nearly 1300 members, who represent more than 38,800 women religious in the United States. Founded in 1956, LCWR assists its members to collaboratively carry out their service of leadership to further the mission of the Gospel in today's world.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston is a Congregation of vowed religious women and associates who minister in the Greater Boston area and beyond. They trace their roots from LePuy, France (1650), Lyon, France (1807), St. Louis, MO (1836) and arrived in Boston, MA in 1873. They identify with the cries of a world, stunned by violence and seek to reopen communications in divided communities, to search for shared values, and to empower individuals to explore common ground for the healing of humankind. They are part of The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph composed of more than 4,500 members, 2,800 associates, with NGO status in the United Nations. For more information visit www.csjboston.org

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