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**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP.
ON THE DEATH OF MOTHER ANGELICA, FOUNDER OF EWTN**

Mother Angelica was one of the great American Catholics of the past half-century, a woman of extraordinary faith, intelligence, energy and determination. In founding and growing EWTN into a major media resource for the global Church, she achieved things almost everyone thought impossible. I had the privilege of knowing her and serving on the EWTN board for many years, and therefore saw firsthand the tremendously positive impact her work for Jesus Christ had on many millions of people. She will be sorely missed, but she has left us an on-going gift in the men and women who continue the great service of the EWTN apostolate.

*+Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

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