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Theodora Polamalu joins FOCUS North America's Board of Directors

FOCUS North America is pleased to announce the election of its newest member of the Board of Directors. Mrs. Theodora Polamalu, wife of Troy Polamalu of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has just joined the board and is committed to help carry out the mission of the organization.

Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Polamalu graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Pittsburgh Honors Program. She serves on the Phipps Conservatory Board of Trustees and the Pittsburgh Foundation Sports Outreach Committee and with her husband Troy has two philanthropic funds that allow them to make grants in a wide range of areas to help the community. She chose to join the FOCUS North America Board of Directors because she says it, "Embodies the 'works' mandate that Jesus Christ exemplifies so all of us could struggle to emulate His unconditional love for others, so that we may be deemed worthy of His magnificent grace."

Charles Ajalat, Chairman of the Board, said the Board is looking forward to working with Theodora. "Theodora is a great example of what it means to give with a heart like God and for God... to give of your time, your resources and your talents to help brothers and sisters in need here at home."

Fr. Justin Mathews, Executive Director & CEO, feels the same. "It's really significant to have members of the Board who are already in the public eye. We believe Theodora's involvement will help propel FOCUS North America forward in a great and God-serving direction."

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The Board of FOCUS North America is intentionally pan-orthodox in its makeup, which is helping to unify the Church together through helping the poor here at home. It includes Charles Ajalat, Chairman, William Hoeft, Vice Chairman, Dr. Julie Papatheofanis, Secretary, V. Rev. Fr. Tom Avramis, Brian Gerich and Lory Barsdate Easton.

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FOCUS North America and its programs are committed to serve those in need, support Orthodox Christian social action ministries and supply parishes and others with the education, resources and training to initiate social action ministries in their own communities. In all of this, FOCUS North America continues its work Restoring Living Icons.

FOCUS North America is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. Donations can be made online at www.FOCUSNorthAmerica.org or checks can be made out to "FOCUS North America" and sent to: PO BOX 30117, Kansas City, MO 64112