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**Pope Francis Honors Colonel Susan Malone with Prestigious Papal Recognition**

Reno, NV – Pope Francis has honored retired U.S. Marine Colonel and former FBI agent Susan Malone with the title of Dame of St. Gregory the Great for her decades of service to the military, international security, and the Catholic Church. This papal honor recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional service and philanthropic leadership within their communities and the Church.

Colonel Malone's forty-year career encompasses federal investigations, intelligence, and international civil affairs. She has served in the FBI, U.S. Marine Corps, State Department, and United Nations missions in Iraq, Jordan, and Indonesia. She has advised the governments of Haiti and Iraq on human rights and anti-corruption. She has also served as a senior law and justice adviser for the U.S. government in various capacities. She was recently honored as one of the first two female FBI agents in 1972. Currently she serves as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Nevada, supporting veterans.

Beyond her career, Colonel Malone has dedicated her life to the Catholic Church. She earned certification from the Theological College Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice and has volunteered since 2014 as a Judicial Tribunal Assistant and Advocate for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Her work includes traveling to combat zones to gather information for marriage tribunal cases, promoting adult faith formation through distance learning, and consultation with dioceses for their safe environment practices. Colonel Malone is actively involved in multiple Catholic orders, including the Order of Malta, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, and the Constantinian Order of St. George. She has organized pilgrimages, fundraising events, and charitable initiatives worldwide, including support for wounded veterans through the Malta Warrior Project at Walter Reed Military Hospital.

Locally, she serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and volunteer in her parish and for Catholic Charities. She was honored at the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appreciation Banquet for her service to the Diocese of Reno. Colonel Malone is only the fourth recipient of this papal honor in Nevada's history. Her formal investiture will take place on March 2, 2025, at 9:30 AM at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno, Nevada.