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Catholic Charities USA President to Serve on the Newly Created President's Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Washington, DC, February 5, 2009—Today in the Oval Office of the White House, Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA became one of the first to be named to the newly created President's Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. President Barack Obama, by Executive Order, created the new office to be headed by Joshua DuBois. The Council will advise the new office and offer advice on policy issues to the President.

Father Snyder will work with the staff of the Oval Office and 24 other religious and community leaders of diverse political, religious, and community backgrounds from across the country. In serving individuals, families and communities, Catholic Charities work tirelessly to promote a consistent ethic of life. As a member of the Council, he will represent a rich tradition of service to the most vulnerable and marginalized and advocate on behalf of the dignity of all human beings.



"I am honored to accept President Obama's appointment," said Father Snyder. "Representing centuries of collaboration between Catholic Charities agencies and the government, our network looks forward to continuing this partnership, especially in these critical times. For almost 300 years Catholic Charities have been faithful to our mission of advocating on behalf of, convening groups to improve the lives of and directly serving the poor—the most vulnerable in our society."

"Following in the historical role of past Catholic Charities leaders like Father John A. Ryan and Msgr. John O'Grady, Father Snyder will bring an organized voice representing the poor and voiceless to this national conversation at this critical hour," said Brian R. Corbin, executive director of Catholic Charities Services in Youngstown, OH.

Father Snyder is the president of Caritas North America, vice president of Caritas Internationalis and appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council of Cor Unum, which oversees the charitable works of the Catholic Church worldwide. He serves on the boards of Independent Sector, Catholic Health Association and The NonProfit Times named him as one of the top 50 leaders of nonprofit organizations in 2008.

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“ Catholic Charities of Atlanta congratulates Fr. Larry Snyder on this very significant appointment by President Barack Obama. As a member agency of Catholic Charities USA, we are very proud of Fr. Snyder’s leadership of both Catholic Charities USA and his spearheading of the Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America. Our own Catholic Charities’ programs participate in this effort to help address the needs of our local Atlanta community..” added the local leader and CEO of Catholic Charities Atlanta, Joseph J. Krygiel, who also serves as a trustee on the national board at Catholic Charities USA.

About Catholic Charities Atlanta

Catholic Charities is the social service agency of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who partners with the community to help people facing adversity to reach wholeness and self sufficiency regardless of their background or religion. Catholic Charities serves clients in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia and has delivered help and hope to over one million poor and needy since 1953. The agency is among the state’s well-known, professional providers of services to families in crisis, support for pregnant women, assistance and education to immigrants and refugees. Last year Catholic Charities answered more than 35,000 calls and was able to directly assist 9,000 families. In December 2008, the Council on Accreditation (COA) informed Catholic Charities that the agency has been reaccredited. The COA reaccreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization’s administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are “measured” against national standards of best practice.

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