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Grand Rapids CCWM executive director leaves legacy of commitment, growth and service

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich, Nov. 28, 2007 - Ms. Deborah McCormack, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, has accepted the resignation of Mr. Richard Liberatore, executive director of the five-county Grand Rapids regional office for CCWM (formally Catholic Social Services Grand Rapids) effective December 28, 2007. Mr. Liberatore has taken a position with the Heart of West Michigan United Way.

“We are grateful to Rich for his 25 years of service to the agency,” said Ms. McCormack, “We wish him well in his new endeavor. May God bless him and his family.”

Ms. McCormack will assume administrative responsibilities for the Grand Rapids regional office.

Mr. Liberatore joined Catholic Social Services in 1982. During his tenure the agency grew from 28 staff members in 1982 to a current staff of 150 persons providing services to a five-county area in the West Michigan community.

“It has been an absolute privilege to work for Catholic Social Services, now Catholic Charities West Michigan, for the past 25 years,” said Mr. Liberatore. “The agency’s commitment to the families, children, individuals, and communities we serve is greater than any one of us. It has been a blessing to me to be a part of this mission.”

Catholic Charities West Michigan served over 22,000 children, families and adults throughout the eleven-county Diocese of Grand Rapids in 2006.

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