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Catholic Charities Names New Executive Director

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Tyler Waldman

Baltimore Archbishop Edwin O'Brien and the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities announced Tuesday that William McCarthy Jr., current president of Sun Trust Bank, Greater Baltimore, will take over as executive director of the organization following the retirement of Harold Smith, according to a news release from the Baltimore-based nonprofit.

McCarthy, a longtime Baltimore-area resident, attended Loyola Blakefield, Seton Hall University and the University of Baltimore. In addition to his position at Sun Trust, he is also vice chair of the board of St. Joseph Medical Center and a board member of the Greater Baltimore Committee, in addition to titles in many other local institutions.

"I am truly grateful to have the remarkable privilege to lead and advance the mission of Catholic Charities -- an organization that touches the lives of nearly 200,000 people each year through its extraordinary programs and services," McCarthy said in the news release. "Baltimore is my home, and the diversity and richness of our community have always inspired me."

McCarthy will start his new post at Catholic Charities on August 1. Smith will stay on as an adviser during the transition.

"While Hal's vision and compassion will be greatly missed as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement, his legacy will likely continue to be felt by those who turn to our Church for compassion and help for many years to come," Archbishop O'Brien said.

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