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Larry Bernhardt named executive director at Catholic Charities North Dakota

Kathy Hogan, chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities North Dakota, announced the hiring of Larry Bernhardt as the executive director of Catholic Charities North Dakota. He comes to the agency with 30+ years experience in social services: serving as the director of Stark County Social Services for 31 years, worked in the North Dakota Department of Human Services for five years, and in County Social Services in Minnesota for two years. Larry received his B.S. degree from Dickinson State University.

Larry and his wife, Barbara, have two grown children - Sarah and Aaron. He names gardening, golf and travel as hobbies and recreational interests. Larry is also a member of Queen of Peace Church and the Elks, and has been involved in the Roughrider Festival and the Healthy 8 Network.

"I am extremely honored to be joining the excellent staff at Catholic Charities North Dakota to help improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable in North Dakota," stated Larry when accepting the position. Larry started his new duties on Jan. 11.

Catholic Charities North Dakota is a statewide social service agency providing pregnancy parenting and adoption services, the Adults Adopting Special Kids (AASK) program, counseling services, and guardianship services. The agency is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Service to Families and Children and is the only Hague Accredited agency providing intercountry adoptions within North Dakota. Catholic Charities has offices in Minot, Bismarck, Grand Forks and Fargo and serves more than 10,000 individuals each year in North Dakota. For more information regarding CCND call 701-235-4457 or 1-800-450-4457 or visit www.catholiccharitiesnd.org.