

New executive director of Catholic Charities

05-
26
2011

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Bishop Daniel F. Walsh, recently announced that Charles L. "Chuck" Fernandez has accepted the executive director position, starting immediately.

"I am pleased to announce that Chuck Fernandez has accepted the position as executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa. He brings to this position great expertise, experience and knowledge. I anticipate that his leadership will bring growth to the many programs of Catholic Charities in Sonoma, Napa and Lake County. I also believe that he

will extend services to Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties as he grows the agency. ... We welcome him aboard."

Catholic Charities serves people in need in Sebastopol, Windsor and Healdsburg through emergency food distributions, telephone "life-line" service to seniors, and immigration, homeless and housing programs that extend county-wide.

Fernandez most recently served as Co-interim Executive Director of Catholic Charities since January 2011 and as Senior Program Director for the Family Support Center shelter in

downtown Santa Rosa since November 2009.

Fernandez started his career as a CPA and has over 30 years of business experience in the profit and non-profit arena, including Petaluma Health Center (CFO), Mendocino Community Health Clinic (CFO) and 12 years at Kaiser Permanente.

He recently completed his Master's Degree in Organizational Development from Sonoma State University. Additionally, he has an MBA from University of Dayton (Ohio), an MS in Information Systems from Golden Gate University, and he completed a



Charles L. "Chuck" Fernandez
Resident Health Care Executive Program in 2007.

Go to sonomawest.com for more news and updates.