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Media Alert

Joe Buranosky to Lead Catholic Charities of Central Florida

Bishop John Noonan has appointed a new Executive Director to lead Catholic Charities of Central Florida, a 10 million dollar charitable agency that has served the community since 1962 and is based in Orlando, with offices in Lakeland, Daytona Beach, Melbourne, and Leesburg. He begins his new responsibilities on April 30, 2012.

Mr. Buranosky is a 30 year military veteran. As a Marine Corps officer he served in many leadership positions where he was responsible for team building, program management, and strategic planning. His commitment to his faith as a Roman Catholic is demonstrated throughout his career by serving in social justice ministry at numerous parishes helping migrant workers and the homeless.

Mr. Buranosky was previously employed as business manager at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. Mr. Buranosky worked with the Rector and staff to begin a ministry to help the poor and homeless and support local social justice initiatives.

He is a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Apopka and currently serves on the Parish Finance Committee, as well as a Eucharistic Minister and lector. He is also a volunteer Intake Specialist with Shepherd's Hope, which provides free health care to the uninsured.

Mr. Buranosky said, "My faith is the focal point and source of strength for my family and myself. I welcome the opportunity to serve Catholic Charities of Central Florida in promoting the mission of the Church."

Catholic Charities of Central Florida is a human services organization guided by the Catholic faith. The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Its mission is rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching: to provide vital social services for people in need regardless of their religious, social or economic background, and to improve lives of individuals, families and the community. During 2010-2011, Catholic Charities of Central Florida distributed more than 4 million pounds of food and served 120,000 people in need with nearly 40 programs including emergency family services, counseling, transitional and affordable housing and free medical clinics.

Mr. Buranosky replaces Mr. Arne Nelson who served in a similar capacity since 2005 and resigned effective March 31, 2012.

Mr. Buranosky will be welcomed by Bishop John Noonan, Diocesan leaders and Catholic Charities staff on April 27 during a Mass and reception..