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## Catholic Charities of St. Louis Welcomes New Chief Development Officer

**ST. LOUIS** – Mr. Brian Thouvenot started as the new Chief Development Officer for Catholic Charities of St. Louis on Monday, August 1.

"We are excited to have Brian joining the Catholic Charities team," stated Theresa Ruzicka, President of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. "His extensive media experience and passion for the Catholic faith will be a tremendous asset to Catholic Charities, and will help us achieve our mission to serve those in need."

Mr. Thouvenot comes to Catholic Charities after working as the News Director at KMOV (Channel 4). In that role, he helped launch #EndViolenceSTL (renamed Imagine a Better St. Louis) with other community partners. He also established and led the overall vision of the KMOV Watching Out for You and KMOV Cares brand.

Mr. Thouvenot received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Illinois State University. He has received numerous industry awards for his news accomplishments. He and his family are members of St. Teresa Parish in Belleville, Illinois.

Catholic Charities of St. Louis (CCSTL) has been helping people in need since 1912. Organized as a federation of eight agencies, Catholic Charities assists 148,000 people annually throughout 11 counties in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The Catholic Charities Central Office provides advocacy, financial, accreditation, human resources, training, communications, quality assurance and fund development assistance for the eight organizations that make up the Catholic Charities Federation. Our goal is clear: we seek to break the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect, to empower people to make positive, permanent changes in their lives, and support people to lead self-sufficient, dignified lives.

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