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## **Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey announces new Board President and new Board members**

**Seaside, California** – Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey is excited to announce the appointment of Paul Gutierrez as its new Board President. He is succeeding Martina O’Sullivan who fulfilled her term as Board President. *“When I look at those serving on the Board of Directors with me and at our staff at Catholic Charities, I see their selfless dedication to serving the poor and I feel privileged and humbled to be chosen to lead the Board”*, said Gutierrez about his new appointment.



Paul Gutierrez, Board President

Paul Gutierrez moved to Carmel over twenty years ago after retiring from his business in Omaha, Nebraska. He is an active community member with affiliations to local foundations and parishes, including the Carmel Mission Foundation and the Foundation of Knights of Carmel Mission. He and his wife Alice are members of Carmel Mission Basilica and are active members at the Carmelite Monastery of Carmel. This is his 7th year serving on the Board of Catholic Charities.

Other new appointments include Laura Segura, Executive Director of Monarch Services as Board Vice President and Bette Harken, community member as Board Secretary. Catholic Charities also welcomes new Board members, Fana Oldfield - Director of Finance and Operations at York School, Maria Orozco – Mayor of the City of Gonzalez, Kevin Causey – Vice President of Montage Health Foundation, John Kesecker – Attorney at Fenton and Keller, and Jordan Lewis – Director of Faith Formation and Liturgy at St. Angela Merici parish.

The Agency is immensely grateful for the superb exiting Board Directors who offered their talents and time for many years: exiting President Martina O’Sullivan, exiting Secretary Cindy Silver, Chris Panetta, and Joe Glunz Sr. We especially thank Larry Sage for representing San Luis Obispo County and devoting 22 years to Catholic Charities. For his exemplary dedication, he will share the title of Honorary Board member with Fr. Jerry McCormick, founder of our Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, Executive Director Ana Ventura Phares thanks all exiting Board Directors and welcomes the new ones in their new roles to guide and lead the agency’s mission to serve those in need in the counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Benito and Santa Cruz.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for social justice, and to call other people of good will to do the same.

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