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JARED H. BRYSON NAMED NEXT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. LOUIS PRESIDENT

St. Louis, Missouri – Catholic Charities of St. Louis today announced the selection of Jared H. Bryson as the nonprofit organization’s next president. Bryson will assume responsibilities June 6, 2022. Bryson currently serves at Mercy as system vice president, mission & church relations.

“Jared’s mission-focused leadership is a natural fit with Catholic Charities’ commitment to love and serve our neighbors in need,” said The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis. Bryson earned a B.S. in organizational leadership from Greenville University (Greenville, IL); a master of divinity from Aquinas Institute of Theology (St. Louis); and a doctor of ministry, Christian spirituality, from Washington Theological Union (Washington, D.C.). He serves as Public Policy Committee chair of the Missouri Catholic Conference, Aquinas Institute of Theology Alumni Association chair and Marianist Retreat and Conference Center vice-chair.

Prior to his 13-plus years at Mercy, he served as a pastoral associate for SSM Saint Louis University Hospital, as well as an adjunct instructor at Aquinas Institute of Theology.

“Jared has a deep Catholic faith and a passion for mission that will help us take Catholic Charities into the future, further advancing our gospel-driven commitment to serve people in need,” said Catholic Charities of St. Louis Board Chair Ed Puzzella. “As we welcome Jared, we also express gratitude to our retiring president, Theresa Ruzicka, for her leadership and her love for Catholic Charities. We hope to honor and build on the strong foundation she built during her tenure.”

Bryson and his family are parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi in Oakville.

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