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**Catholic Charities Fort Worth Hires Michael P. Grace as New Chief Executive Officer**

May 21, 2019 (Fort Worth, TX)— Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is excited to announce Michael P. Grace as its newest President and Chief Executive Officer. *“Michael wants to end poverty, knows what it takes to run a business, and knows how to leverage people to meet big goals,”* says Paul Boyd, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer of CCFW.

*“Michael brings a deep Catholic faith and understanding of Catholic identity to this role - an important quality we were looking for in CCFW's next CEO. Though Michael has amazing experience raising capital, I have to say the thing that struck me most about Michael from the moment we met was how comfortable he made me feel. He is warm and genuine, and you can tell right away how much he loves people,”* says Donna Springer, Board Chair at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

Mr. Grace started with the organization on May 16, 2019. Mr. Grace is a serial entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in business development and leadership roles in industries including oil and gas, social media, music production, mining equipment and food processing. Operating under MPG Ventures, LLC, Mr. Grace is leaving as the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Gulf Shore Venture Partners, LLC, and consultant for Capra Foods, LLC and Texas Aggregate Producers, LLC. Previous startup ventures include; Z Interactive, Virallock.com, MPG Entertainment and Blue Phoenix Midstream. Mr. Grace began his career in his family's business, Grace Machinery & Fabrication, where he was Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Grace also served as a combat medical specialist in the U.S. Army. Mr. Grace also has been very involved in ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) retreats for the past seven years as a team member and held various leadership roles, including Director.

*“I am very pleased to welcome Michael P. Grace in his new capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW),”* says Bishop Michael Olson of the Diocese of Fort Worth. *“Michael P. Grace comes to CCFW having lived out his Catholic faith through servant-leadership during many years of success in the world of business. He joins CCFW, one of the leading Catholic Charities and premier non-profit organizations in the United States committed to eradicating poverty one person at a time, bolstered by his Catholic faith and strong commitment to the common good and the preferential option for the poor. I look forward to assisting Michael in his responsibilities of oversight of Catholic Charities in achieving our goal of the eradication of poverty in North Texas and beyond.”*

*“I am extremely honored to be selected to serve CCFW as its next President/CEO and to be a part of an incredible team that is walking that walk with those in need. Guided by my Catholic faith, the themes of Catholic social teachings, and the mission and strategy of CCFW, I look forward to serving those in need. I would like to thank Bishop Olson, the CCFW board of directors and the entire selection committee for showing their faith in me by selecting me to fill this position,”* says Grace.

Mr. Grace will be relocating his wife and two children from Plano, Texas, and looks forward to ending poverty here in Fort Worth.

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### **About Catholic Charities Fort Worth**

Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is a learning-focused nonprofit with a belief that ending poverty is possible. Our diverse services, poverty solutions, and income-generating social enterprises help tens of thousands in our 28 county diocese each year, most of whom are the working poor, some of whom are even Catholic. We strategically challenge the way poverty is addressed nationwide by scrupulously testing our own case management methods through research partnerships, exporting our known-solutions to other non-profits, and serving as a resource for what works on Capitol Hill. We invite you to come and check out our nonprofit 2.0 approach. For more information, please visit us at [catholiccharitiesfortworth.org](http://catholiccharitiesfortworth.org)