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Catholic Social Services Welcomes New Executive Director

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Archbishop Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M. is pleased to announce that he has appointed Steven T. Hartford to serve as the Executive Director of Catholic Social Services. Steve is expected to begin performing his duties as Executive Director on January 5, 2026.

Steve, an Alaskan since 2014, has spent the last five years as general counsel and Tribal Attorney at Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC). His work there spanned healthcare, social services – including the provision of homeless services, tribal governance and development among many other areas. For the last year of his tenure at KIC, Steve had been serving as the Tribe’s interim CEO and Tribal Administrator.

Prior to coming to Ketchikan, Steve had served as the Chief Operating Officer of Sitka Community Hospital. Before coming to Alaska, Steve had been a practicing attorney and had served in executive and legal roles in state and local government.

Steve has been active in his Catholic faith for most of his life and was an active parishioner at St. Gregory in Sitka and has continued those contributions at Holy Name parish in Ketchikan. Steve joined the Catholic Community Services of Juneau Board in 2022, and he is currently the President of the Board.

Les Maiman has served as the Interim Executive Director for CSS since August 1 and will continue until Steve’s transition in early January.

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