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Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri names John Lunardini as Senior Vice President of Operations

Springfield, MO, November 18, 2019 – Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO) has named John Lunardini as Senior Vice President of Operations across its 39-county service area. John is joining the leadership team of CCSOMO at the Monastery central office in Springfield and will report directly to Executive Director Maura Taylor.

John previously worked as Chief Operating Officer at Catholic Charities - Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to his position as COO, John worked at the Community Health Center Association of Mississippi where he helped develop the statewide 65x65 Obesity Challenge now in its third year. The challenge encouraged health center patients and their communities to Take One Step Forward, Two Bites Less. He also facilitated branding for 20 community health centers around one cause. This campaign included education, awareness building, marketing, and the execution of a multi-city series of 5K races at which nearly 1,000 Mississippians competed during the launch in 2017.

Early in his career, John worked on sports marketing projects for NFL Punt, Pass & Kick; MLB Diamond Skills; promotions for SEC sport; MLB; and NASCAR; and interned with NBC during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is a faith-based 501(c)(3) agency whose mission is to provide quality, compassionate social services that meet local needs. CCSOMO provides a wide variety of programs throughout the 39 southernmost counties of Missouri. CCSOMO has been providing services to adults, children, and families, of all faiths since 2009. To learn more, visit

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