



CATHOLIC ELDERCARE

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HealthPartners Senior Staff Member Named New Catholic Eldercare CEO

Dan Johnson brings 35 years of diverse, leadership experience to position

Minneapolis – Dan Johnson, Associate Director for Program Development at the HealthPartners Institute for Medical Education, and a former administrator at the College of St. Catherine – Minneapolis Campus, has been named the new President and CEO for Catholic Eldercare.

Johnson, a New Hope resident, will succeed President and CEO Mary Broderick who is retiring in February 2009, capping a 50 year career in health education and healthcare leadership.

Johnson's extensive and diverse set of experiences and skills generally mirror the background of retiring CEO Mary Broderick. Both leaders started in healthcare, and later held administrative leadership roles in academia, before moving on to nonprofit healthcare organizations.

"In Dan, we have an ideal leader for the future, as Catholic Eldercare continues to grow," Broderick says. "During my years at the College of St. Catherine, Dan and I worked closely together. He is a skillful, compassionate leader, and a wonderful coalition builder. And, he has a real heart for the needs of seniors and their families."

"Catholic Eldercare is an excellent organization with a wonderful tradition, a compelling vision and strong leadership. There are great things in its future. I am both humbled and honored to join them," Johnson said.

Proven Leadership

Johnson brings more than 35 years of diverse experience providing direct patient care, planning and leading initiatives to enhance patient safety and the delivery of care, building effective collaborations, leading patient and caregiver education initiatives, leading academic programs preparing health professionals, and managing a college campus.

Johnson, a physical therapist, began his career providing rehabilitative care for adults. Later, he served in key leadership roles at the College of St. Catherine – Minneapolis Campus, including the position of Associate Dean, and later, Interim Academic Dean and Campus Administrator.

He joined the *HealthPartners Institute for Medical Education* in 1999, helping develop and manage educational programs for physicians, staff and medical students, working closely with senior medical group leadership to use education to improve the care patients receive.

A Visionary Leader

“Dan has the experience and vision to lead Catholic Eldercare through an important time of continuing growth as we prepare to meet growing needs.” says Catholic Eldercare Board Chair Rev. Charles Froehle. “He has the compassion and understanding that grows from being a physical therapist, caring for older adults. From that experience, he has continued to grow as a person into a dedicated, respected leader who brings high expectations to every challenge and responsibility.”

“Dan offers tremendous reassurance that the organization is in wonderful hands as we continue to create a community where elders are well cared for and allowed to thrive and contribute, in a comfortable home where life is to be lived fully,” Rev. Froehle adds.

Once Johnson assumes his new role in February, Mary Broderick will continue to serve Catholic Eldercare in an advisory capacity.

Nonprofit Catholic Eldercare is a community resource which has a 25 year tradition of meeting the diverse needs of seniors in a caring atmosphere of support, respect, dignity and self-determination. Catholic Eldercare provides a full continuum of housing and care services, including a popular adult day program, for elders of all faiths and financial means.