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### **Long Named CEO Of Catholic Conference**

The Michigan Catholic Conference Board of Directors unanimously voted today to name MCC Vice President for Public Policy Paul A. LONG as the Conference's next President and Chief Executive Officer. Long succeeds Sister Monica KOSTIELNEY, who is retiring in November after 38 years of service to the Conference, the last 16 as President/CEO. Long will begin his tenure as President/CEO on Nov. 15, 2010.

"For more than two decades Paul Long has presented to state government the Conference's advocacy agenda with integrity and the utmost level of professionalism. His years of service and commitment to the Church make him an exemplary candidate to lead the Conference into the next decade," said Most Reverend Allen H. VIGNERON, archbishop of Detroit and chairman of the MCC Board of Directors.

Long was raised in St. Clair Shores, Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University's James Madison College in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Political Studies.

After working for both the state House of Representatives and state Senate while enrolled at MSU, Long was hired by the Michigan Catholic Conference as Public Affairs Associate with a principal focus on tax and health care issues. In November 1994 he was appointed Vice President for Public Policy, serving as the chief liaison between the Catholic Church in Michigan and state government.