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Brian Hickey named Executive Director for the Catholic Conference of Ohio

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Conference of Ohio is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Hickey as the Conference's new Executive Director, effective Jan. 3, 2023.

Hickey has worked as an Associate Director at the Catholic Conference of Ohio, in the Department of Social Concerns, since December of 2021. During his tenure at the Conference, Hickey has lobbied for the Church's voice in social policies in collaboration with diocesan directors of social service, respect life, and social action. Prior to his work for the Catholic Conference of Ohio, Hickey worked for the Diocese of Joliet as the Associate Director of the Office for Human Dignity. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Valparaiso University and a Master's degree in Global Affairs, specializing in Catholic Social Teaching and public policy, from the University of Notre Dame.

Hickey has an extensive background in international ministry. He previously worked for Caritas Djibouti, both teaching in a classroom and assisting migrant and refugee children with humanitarian aid. Additionally, Hickey taught English literature and leadership in a Palestinian high school in the West Bank through the Jerusalem School of Bethlehem. As an intern for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hickey provided mentoring and life coaching to young men in Zambia and South Africa. Hickey has also worked as a consultant to Catholic Relief Services.

The Catholic bishops of Ohio welcome Hickey in his new position. Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati and chair of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, stated, "Brian's diverse background in ministry and the professionalism he has displayed while working for the Conference make him an outstanding choice for the Executive Director position. The bishops of Ohio look forward to his leadership of the Conference."

"I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Conference's next Executive Director. I look forward to continue working with the Ohio bishops and collaborating with their staff members to ensure the Church's voice is heard in public policy matters," said Hickey.

Hickey and his wife, Kelli, are members of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in Gahanna, Ohio.