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Catholic Charities office established



Archbishop John C. Nienstedt has announced the appointment of Thomas Keaveny as the Consultant for Catholic Charities effective May 1, 2007. This position will be half-time for the next fourteen months.

This new ministry of Catholic Charities is made possible by contributions of the faithful of the diocese to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal: *Hope for Years to Come*.

As consultant, Keaveny's tasks will be not only organization of the office, but also establish some initial Catholic Charities services throughout the diocese and prepare for the hiring of a full-time director.

Keaveny, originally from the Morton, MN area, brings a wealth

of experience, expertise, and contacts to the consultant position. He served as the Director of Community Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud from 1988-1997.

The Community Services department conducts twenty-one programs with 230 staff. He then directed the Office of Planning for the Diocese of St. Cloud. In 2003, Keaveny served as a planning consultant to the Diocese of New Ulm and worked with the first group of Area Faith Communities on the development of their plans. In addition to his consultant role, he will continue to teach at the Willmar and Hutchinson campuses of Ridgewater College.