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Archdiocese of Seattle Appoints Tim Hunt as new Executive Director of Planning and Mission Effectiveness

Seattle, WA Oct 10, 2019 – Today, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne announced a new Executive Director of Planning and Mission Effectiveness role for the Archdiocese of Seattle. This new position will ensure all archdiocesan and parish ministries are serving the fundamental mission of the Church, namely to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. (Mark 16: 15; Matthew 28: 19-20)

Tim Hunt will step into this new role on October 21, 2019. In this new position, Hunt's primary responsibility will be to coordinate the development and the implementation of a new pastoral plan to ensure the archdiocese is achieving its mission in serving parishes, schools and ministries.

"Tim will lead us in defining our mission and vision, as well as the main priorities to help us reach higher levels of mission effectiveness," said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, who became the sixth archbishop of Seattle earlier this year. "As part of this, he will assemble and manage a new Archdiocesan Pastoral Council that will involve people from all across our archdiocese. We are here to serve them, so their input is vital in this process."

"In his letter to the archdiocese upon his appointment, Archbishop Etienne indicated his desire to collect more input from lay representatives who reflect the diversity of the archdiocese—both culturally and geographically," Hunt said. "I'm eager to engage with our parish communities to collaborate on a strategic pastoral plan that's created in partnership with Catholics across Western Washington."

Hunt has worked for the archdiocese for six years, most recently at the Washington State Catholic Conference as a communications director, and previously for the Office of Catholic Schools. In his new role, Hunt will establish an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, serve on the Archbishop's executive team, oversee the Office of Research, launch mission effectiveness training and act as a liaison to Catholic Community Services of Western Washington.

"His experience working at the Chancery and out in the field at Catholic schools gives Tim a solid foundation for this new role, which requires strong strategic planning and relationship-building skills," added Archbishop Etienne.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 169 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his two auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit seattlearchdiocese.org.

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