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The National Association of Catholic Chaplains Welcomes New Executive Director

After a national search, Erica Cohen Moore will join the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) as the new Executive Director.



Erica Cohen Moore comes to the NACC after 21 years in the Archdiocese of Seattle where she provided executive leadership for the diocesan Office of Pastoral Ministries, leading a staff of 20 directors serving the diverse cultural communities within the archdiocese, in addition to housing the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletics program, Pastoral Care and Outreach Services (including health care and criminal justice ministries), Translation Services, the Consultative Leadership Team, and the Deacon Formation Program. Erica brings a strong background in fund development, program management and administration with a demonstrated track record leading growth and expansion efforts for a large faith-based organization. She believes deeply in the mission of NACC and looks forward to shepherding this ministry into the future

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains advocates for the profession of spiritual care and educates, certifies, and supports chaplains, clinical pastoral educators, and all members who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church by:

- forming life-giving relationships with individuals, families, colleagues, and organizations;
- advancing compassionate care through creative educational and spiritual growth opportunities;
- promoting the dignity of persons of every age, culture, and state in life.

NACC is a light of hope, whose members are persistently advocating for those dedicated to the spiritual care of people experiencing pain, vulnerability, joy, and hope. The USCCB Subcommittee on Certification of Ecclesial Ministry and Service approves the certification competencies and procedures for NACC's chaplains, and NACC's Episcopal Advisory Council provides wisdom and guidance in support of NACC's mission to serve in the name of the Church.

Moore replaces outgoing Executive Director David Lichter who led the organization for the past fourteen years. "We are overjoyed to welcome Erica, but also sad to say good-bye to David who is a remarkable and faith filled man." said Carolanne Hauck BCC, NACC Board Chair. "David has been an inspirational leader, both within chaplaincy, and within the broader Catholic church."

"NACC has been extraordinarily fortunate to enjoy the transformational leadership of David Lichter for so many years, for which we are very grateful. With joy and hope, we look forward to the contributions which Erica will make to the flourishing of Catholic chaplaincy," said Bishop Donald Hying, Episcopal Liaison to NACC.