

California Catholic Conference announces New Executive Director

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The Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento and President of the California Catholic Conference (CCC), announced today that Andrew Rivas has been named Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference. He will assume his position in August at the end of the legislative session.

“Andy stood out in an exceptionally qualified field of candidates,” said Bishop Jaime Soto, president of the California Catholic Conference. “He knows California politics, he knows Washington politics and, more importantly, he is devoted to the mission of the Catholic Church in California.” He will be a valued co-worker for the special ministry that is the California Catholic Conference”

Rivas will replace Edward “Ned” Dolejsi, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

Rivas brings more than twenty years of leadership and ministry experience to CCC, most recently as the Director, Office of Government & Community Relations for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Texas Catholic Conference; Policy Advisor in Domestic Social Development with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; as an Advocate for Catholic Charities USA in Alexandria, VA.

“Andy has been a friend and colleague for many years, since we served together in Texas. He has been a blessing to my ministry and to the family of God here in Los Angeles,” said Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez. “We are going to miss him here, but I know he will do great things in Sacramento for the whole Church in California.” ?

Rivas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA and a law degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He has served on numerous boards and committees. A photo is available on request.

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