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DR. MICHAEL MEEHAN NAMED MARYGROVE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

St. Louis, Missouri (Jan. 7, 2022) – Marygrove, one of eight Catholic Charities of St. Louis agencies, today announced the appointment of Dr. Michael Meehan to the nonprofit organization’s top leadership role, chief executive officer. He will assume responsibilities January 10.

“I am delighted and excited that Michael has been named as my successor,” said outgoing CEO Joe Bestgen. “His operational and financial leadership, aligned with his deep clinical experience, is exactly what Marygrove and our children need today as the state navigates major challenges and radical changes in the child welfare system.”

Dr. Meehan most recently served as chief clinical officer at the St. Louis area nonprofit organization Great Circle. Prior to Great Circle, he served for more than eight years as executive director at Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, another Catholic Charities of St Louis agency.

“Michael brings over 25 years of clinical, strategic and operational experience to the Marygrove CEO role, as well as a unique level of familiarity and trust in the regulatory and legislative arena, which make him an important voice on behalf of children,” said Marygrove Board President Bob Porter. “We are excited to welcome him, while also tremendously grateful to Joe Bestgen for his significant contributions as CEO these past three years.”

Dr. Meehan attended Loyola University in Chicago where he earned a B.S. and M.A. in psychology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He is a Missouri state licensed psychologist and adjunct instructor at Maryville University. He has served on the Missouri Coalition of Children’s Agencies; the Children’s Services Coalition of St. Louis; the Missouri Catholic Conference’s Public Policy Committee, and the Catholic Charities of St. Louis Advocacy Council.

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Marygrove (marygrovechildren.org) is a Catholic Charities of St. Louis agency that provides a safe home, compassionate care, and high-quality mental health services to children who have experienced significant trauma, to restore their childhood, and equip them for their future.

Catholic Charities of St. Louis (CCSTL) (ccstl.org) Established in 1912 to serve the 11 counties of the St. Louis Archdiocese, Catholic Charities of St. Louis is a federation of eight agencies assisting people in need, especially those who are poor and vulnerable; working to improve social conditions; and calling members of the Church and community to do the same. Last year alone, Catholic Charities impacted the lives of more than 98,000 people.