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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes, All Clergy, All Staff
From: Cardinal Thomas Collins
Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022
Re: Staffing Update – Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

I wish to provide you with an update regarding staffing changes coming to Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto (CCFS).

I am pleased to announce the appointment of John Huys to the position of President & CEO of CCFS. John, currently the Executive Vice President of CCFS, has 31 years of bereavement services experience with both for-profit and non-profit cemetery and funeral home organizations. For the past 14 years he has played a strategic role in various positions that have ensured the growth and success of CCFS. John will commence his new responsibilities effective Monday, April 11, 2022.

The CCFS Board of Directors undertook an extensive candidate search to help inform this appointment, using the expertise of an executive recruiter firm. Over 210 expressions of interest were received and a CCFS search committee was tasked with reviewing/interviewing a short list of candidates.

I would also like to recognize and thank Richard Hayes, the current President & CEO, for his 23 years of exceptional service and dedication to CCFS. Under his leadership, CCFS has provided excellent service and support to the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Toronto, making it well respected amongst its peers in the bereavement sector. Richard has earned many years of rest and relaxation in his retirement.

Please join me in congratulating John on his new appointment and wishing Rick all the best in retirement.