

David J. Bethuram – Archdiocese of Indianapolis

David Bethuram serves as the Executive Director of the Secretariat for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. In this role, he oversees the planning and coordination of human services delivered through six Catholic Charities agencies and parish outreach programs across 39 counties in central and southern Indiana.

With more than 40 years of leadership in Catholic ministry, David has dedicated his career to serving in various capacities including youth, young adult, and family ministries, parish administration, governance, and intercultural ministry. He has been a part of Catholic Charities for 28 years, beginning as the agency director in Indianapolis and later serving as Associate Executive Director of the Secretariat from 1997 to 2016. In 2016, he was appointed by Cardinal Joseph Tobin to lead the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities network as Executive Director.

David is actively involved at the national level, currently serving on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities USA. He has also served as Treasurer for the Board of the National Catholic Family Ministry Association (now known as Catholic Family Life Association). Additionally, he was a founding board member of Hearts and Hands of Indiana, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families achieve long-term housing stability through access to quality, rehabilitated homes. He has contributed to a number of local city and county task forces focused on addressing poverty, mental health, and housing challenges.

He holds a bachelor's degree in religious education and sociology from Marian College (now Marian University) in Indianapolis, as well as master's degrees in personality theory and religion from Butler University, and in pastoral care from Christian Theological Seminary.

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, David is the proud father of six adult children and grandfather to eleven grandchildren.

