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Sister Patricia Cruise Appointed President and CEO of Father Joe's Villages

Sister Patricia A. Cruise, SC, has been appointed as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of **Father Joe's Villages** and its partner agencies **St. Vincent de Paul Village** and **Toussaint Youth Villages** in San Diego and **Martha's Village & Kitchen** in Indio.

Sister Tricia served as President and CEO of Covenant House International, the largest privately funded nonprofit agency in North and Central America. The agency has 21 shelters in six countries and assists over 60,000 homeless children and youth each year through a variety of services including medical care, educational, and vocational programs. Sister Tricia provided overall management to the organization and was responsible for raising \$120 million each year.

In addition to her work with homeless youth, Sister Tricia has over 25 years of expertise in education and academic administration. She most recently served as President of Seton High School in Cincinnati and also served as Executive Vice President and CEO at Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota and Director of Campus Ministry/Student Activities at the College of Mount St. Joseph.

Sister Tricia served on the boards of The Glen at St. Joseph in Dayton, St. Joseph's Home in Cincinnati, and St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln. She has been a consultant, mediator, and facilitator to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and an Adjunct Professor at the College of Mt. St. Joseph. She has been a member of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati for over 30 years.

Born in Edenton, North Carolina, and raised in Winchester, Massachusetts, Sister Tricia earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Russell Sage College (Troy, New York) and a Master of Theological Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley, California). The first of four children, Sister Tricia has three brothers and sisters-in-law along with five nieces and one nephew. Her parents reside in Cincinnati.

"We are pleased to have found in Sister Tricia a leader with extensive experience in nonprofit management and a heart to serve others," said Father Joe's Villages Board Chairman Steve Francis. "Her energy and collaborative spirit honor the legacy Father Joe began 30 years ago."

"It is the start of a new era in our development of programs and services," said Father Joe Carroll. "I am happy to welcome Sister Tricia to the Villages and look forward to working with her on behalf of our neighbors in need."

Sister Tricia's appointment became effective on August 22, 2011. She succeeds Father Joe Carroll, who retired in April to serve as President Emeritus of the organization.

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Father Joe's Villages® is a San Diego-based nonprofit that helps homeless neighbors in need regain their self-sufficiency through a unique continuum of services that is nationally recognized for its effectiveness.