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Chief Executive Officer of CatholicCare Appointed for the Archdiocese of Sydney

His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP today announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer of CatholicCare for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Mr Mark Phillips from Sydney has been appointed by Archbishop Fisher following the 12 year tenure of Mr Bernard Boerma as CEO of CatholicCare.

"Mark is strong and visionary and will ensure CatholicCare Sydney continues to live out its mission and vision through the provision of quality services and support for the whole community," said Archbishop Fisher.

Mark began his career with the Commonwealth Bank. Over 20 or so years, he held a range of senior roles with the bank, both in Australia and overseas.

Following this, Mark spent 10 years as the Managing Director of financial services companies which were listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

More recently, Mark has become a director of, and adviser to, organisations across a range of industries in both the commercial and not-for-profit sectors. This has included being appointed Chairman of the Cancer Council in NSW.

Mark has had a long and extensive involvement in a voluntary and philanthropic capacity with a range of charities, including those involved in the delivery of social welfare. He has also been active within the Catholic Church at a variety of levels.

After completing high school at St Patrick's College in Strathfield, Mark went on to complete a Bachelor of Commerce with first-class honours and then a Master of Commerce at the University of NSW.

Mark has been married to his wife Jane for 31 years and has four children.

The Archbishop expressed his gratitude for the wonderful work done by Bernard Boerma for those in need for the good of the Church in Sydney.

"Bernard served in a selfless and completely dedicated way with a focus on the poor and underprivileged within our Archdiocese," said Archbishop Fisher.

"I know that my predecessor joins me in wishing him well for the future."

The appointment of Mr Mark Phillips will take effect from 26 September 2016.

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