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## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES' DIRECTOR OF ST. JOSEPH COUNSELING CENTER TO RETIRE**

OKLAHOMA CITY (Dec. 8, 2009) – After 22 years in service with Catholic Charities, Dr. Louis V. Lepak, Jr., Director of the St. Joseph Counseling Center, is retiring on Dec. 31. A member of the Catholic Charities board from 1980 to 1987 and Director of Counseling Services since 1994, Lepak has served hundreds of individuals, families and children who have sought help with behavior and emotional problems.

“Louie has always been a positive influence and supporter of Catholic Charities,” said Michael Milligan, a long-standing volunteer and board member who has known Lepak since 1981. “He leaves Catholic Charities with an outstanding record of leadership and service.”

Following his retirement, Lepak looks forward to having free time for travel and family visits and hopes to continue to assist with special projects of Catholic Charities.

Of his extensive tenure with Catholic Charities, he remarked, “If you do the math, I’ve dedicated 1/3 of my life to this organization. I’m not sure if I chose it or if it chose me, but I’ve always been proud to be affiliated with it.”

A private, nonprofit, social service agency, Catholic Charities has been dedicated to helping the people of central and western Oklahoma since 1912. All of Catholic Charities’ programs are available to women, children, families and the elderly regardless of race, creed, religion, ability to pay or other qualifications. Located in Oklahoma City, St. Joseph’s Counseling Center has been providing professional outpatient counseling services within the Archdiocese since 1990.

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