

**Dennis Keenan**  
Executive Director

Dennis Keenan has served as Executive Director of Catholic Charities, one of Oregon's largest private human service organizations, since 1989. During this time, Catholic Charities has grown from an organization of four employees with slightly more than \$100,000 in operating revenue, to an organization with 145 staff members, and more than \$9 million in operating revenue.

Prior to joining Catholic Charities, Keenan served as Family Life Director for the Archdiocese of Portland for 10 years and was the Practicum Director for the Psychology and Social Sciences Department of the University of Portland. Before his time with the Archdiocese, he was the Executive Director of Cascade Health Care, a government supported program that provided comprehensive health care services to medically indigent persons.

Keenan serves on several boards, including those for Catholic Community Services of Lane County, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Coast, Catholic Charities of Southern Oregon, CYO/Camp Howard, and advisory boards for the State of Oregon Community Incentive Fund and the Oregon Catholic Conference. He has also been involved in program and public policy organizations, such as the United Voluntary Agencies of Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and he served as Chair of the Portland State University Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Board and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Hospital Facilities Authority of Portland (now of Multnomah County).

Keenan is a graduate of the University of Portland where he majored in philosophy and minored in political science and theology. In 1972, he received a Master of Social Work in Planning and Administration from Portland State University.

A lifelong Oregonian, Keenan attended Holy Family Grade School and Central Catholic High School as a youth. He and his wife Diana were married at Our Lady of Sorrows in 1970. They have five children and six grandchildren.