



Deacon Steven R. Schumer

*President and Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities of Buffalo*

Deacon Steven R. Schumer was appointed president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Buffalo in January 2020. In this role, Deacon Steve reports directly to the Board of Trustees through the Chairperson of the Board, oversees all program, service, fiscal and infrastructure operations, including the annual Appeal, and is responsible for financial accountability and strategic direction and planning for the organization in the eight counties of Western New York.

He brought to the organization decades of business skills and expertise, and a passion to serve people through his ministry in the Roman Catholic Church as a Permanent Deacon.

Deacon Steve was employed with M&T Bank in Buffalo for over 33 years prior to accepting the leadership role at Catholic Charities. During his tenure at M&T Bank he held various managerial roles with M&T Bank, most recently as head of the Financial Institutions Division.

He was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Buffalo in 2014. He is assigned to Our Lady of Charity Parish in South Buffalo and previously served in his home parish of St. Bernadette Parish in Orchard Park.

A graduate of Christ the King Seminary with a master's degree in pastoral ministry, Deacon Steve also holds a master of business administration degree from the University at Buffalo and a bachelor's degree in economics from Niagara University.

A graduate of St. Francis High School, Deacon Steve is a member of the St. Francis High School Board of Trustees, a past chair of its Parent Guild, and a past co-chair of the Justinian Dinner Auction. Additionally, he served as a Catholic Charities ambassador from 2014 to 2018. He formerly ministered at the Mother Teresa Home and supported the Ministry of Charity of the Office of Pro-Life Activities.

Deacon Steve is married with two grown children and resides in Hamburg, New York.