Rev. Larry Snyder

Father Larry Snyder is President of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the national office of more than 160 local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide that provide help and create hope to more than 10 million people a year, regardless of their religious, social, or economic backgrounds. Since joining CCUSA in 2005, Snyder has been responsible for leading the overall direction of the Catholic Charities movement and the strategic leadership of CCUSA. He oversees CCUSA’s work to reduce poverty in America, encouraging government, business, and academia to raise the issue of poverty in the national conversation.

Snyder is the author of Think and Act Anew: How Poverty in America Affects Us All and What We Can Do About It. The book calls on our nation to commit to supporting innovative approaches to combating poverty and spotlights effective and efficient programs being run by Catholic Charities agencies across the country.

Just six months after his arrival at CCUSA, Snyder led the network’s response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, in which more than 110 Catholic Charities in the Gulf Coast and beyond provided immediate and long-term aid to more than one million hurricane victims. In 2007, he was named to the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, which oversees the Church’s charitable activities around the world. He was also president of Caritas North America from 2006-2011.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Snyder to the President’s Advisory Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. In addition, he has been recognized twice by The Non Profit Times in its “Power and Influence Top 50” of non-profit leaders. Prior to joining CCUSA, Snyder served as executive director of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the largest private provider of social services in the Twin Cities. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in 1988 and was a high school teacher for eight years prior to joining the seminary.

Snyder earned a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Ill. He also holds a master’s degree of divinity from the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and a master’s of public administration from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 2011, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Snyder serves as the chair for Leadership 18 and is on the board of the Independent Sector. He is also a trustee of America’s Promise Alliance and is in residence at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia.