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Dear Sister Rosemary,

It is truly with mixed emotions that I accept your resignation as the Executive Director of the Misericordia Home, effective December 1, 2021. While I understand that in the fullness of time all of us must transition our life's work, your transition is a particularly meaningful one for me, for the Archdiocese, and most importantly for the Misericordia Home community and residents. We are all heartened that you will remain fully engaged with the Home through the Misericordia Foundation.

Since 1969, you have served as a steadfast witness to our faith, growing Misericordia's ministry and mission as a destination for children and adults with disabilities, where they can live active and rich lives in an embracing, grace-filled community. Through this ministry, you have celebrated and lifted up the dignity and beauty of each life. In the process, you have modeled not only acceptance and a commitment to educate and nourish each of God's children, but a true love for all and the joy found in service.

You have also been a transformative executive leader, exhibiting extraordinary team-building and fundraising skills. As you step down from active oversight of Misericordia, you do so at a time when the Home and its finances are stronger than ever. And you have prepared a worthy successor in Father Jack Clair, for which I am grateful.

Sister Rosemary, I thank you – for your life, for your witness and for your ministry as a sister of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago