July 18, 2006 - Cardinal O'Malley Announces Cabinet Appointments

New Secretary for Institutional Advancement/Chief Development Officer & Secretary for Regional Services Named

BRIGHTON, MA -- Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley announced today the appointment of two Cabinet-level positions within the Archdiocese of Boston. The Cardinal announced the appointment of Scot Landry to Secretary for Institutional Advancement/Chief Development Officer and Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, to the newly created Cabinet position of Secretary for Regional Services.

Scot Landry, Secretary for Institutional Advancement/Chief Development Officer, has previously served as a chief operating officer in the computer software and services industry. He has also overseen national brand marketing programs. Landry co-founded the successful Boston Catholic Men’s and Women's Conferences, which in its second year, brought together over 8,500 Catholics this past March. He is a graduate of Harvard Business School and Harvard College. Landry is originally from Lowell, MA and currently resides with his wife and children in Belmont, MA.

"We look forward to welcoming Scot to the Archdiocese as he brings significant business sector experience to his new position," said Cardinal Seán. "Scot’s deep faith and commitment to the good of the Church will serve us well as we continue our efforts of rebuilding the Church of Boston. His ministry will play a key role in enabling us to continue and strengthen the important programs which are central to our mission in serving the needs of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese."

Landry will begin his new role on August 1, 2006. He will have overall responsibility for the Development activities of the Archdiocese of Boston responsible for raising funds to benefit its many different ministries and agencies including the Annual Catholic Appeal, Leadership Advancement Services, Parish Stewardship and Communications.

"I am deeply honored to have been chosen by Cardinal Seán to lead the development efforts for the Archdiocese," remarked Landry. "I love the Church and am excited to serve Christ in this way together with Cardinal Seán, the Cabinet, development team, clergy, deacons, religious and our lay leaders. We welcome all who are willing to generously share their talents and resources to assist the Church in passing on our great faith, celebrating the sacraments and serving those in need."

Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, new Secretary for Regional Services, has most recently served as Delegate for Religious in the Archdiocese of Boston. Sr. Batho has been the primary liaison for more than 2,800 men and women religious of the Archdiocese. Sr. Batho has generously agreed to continue that important ministry as she assumes the responsibilities of her position.

As Secretary for Regional Services Sr. Batho will represent the Cardinal in fulfilling his stated goal of moving the operations of the Church closer to the parishes, laity, and clergy of the Archdiocese. Sr. Batho will oversee evaluation and implementation of best practices for parish programs serving the needs of the laity.

"We witness our faith at work through the ministry of Sr. Marian, who brings a lifelong commitment to the people of the Church, as well as a wealth of experience and wisdom," stated Cardinal Seán. "We are also extremely grateful for Sr. Marian's insights and participation in the financial and operations review project during this past year and her tremendous respect for and dedication to this important work."

A former president of Aquinas College in Newton, Sr. Batho has also served as the Special Events Coordinator for the Archdiocese overseeing all activities related to the celebration of the Jubilee Year in Boston. Sr. Batho earned her undergraduate degree in sociology from Regis College in Weston and earned two masters degrees in financial services and management from American College, Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania.

"I am honored for the support and confidence Cardinal Seán has shown in me as I undertake this new endeavor on
behalf of the Church,” said Sr. Batho. “Vibrant parish life is central to the Cardinal’s goals for the future of our Archdiocese. The major focus of my ministry will be serving the people of the Archdiocese at the parish level.”

In regard to the new appointments of Scot Landry and Sr. Marian Batho, Fr. Richard Erikson, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, added, “these appointments reflect Cardinal Seán’s sincere efforts to enhance lay and religious ministry and leadership in the Archdiocese. We are blessed that Scot and Sr. Marian are willing to assume these important roles at such a wonderful and challenging time in the history of our Archdiocese.”

Cabinet Restructuring Update

The appointments of Scot Landry and Sr. Batho continue the process of restructuring the Cabinet as announced by the Cardinal at the time of the financial transparency release this past spring. Other recent appointments include Fr. Richard Erikson having been named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and James McDonough having been named Chancellor. Search Committees are being formed to recruit candidates for the President/CEO of the Caritas Christi Health Care System and Cabinet Secretary for Education.