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Michigan Catholic Hires Managing Editor

Father Thomas G. Rice, associate publisher and editor-in-chief of *The Michigan Catholic*, has announced the appointment of Marylynn G. Hewitt as the newspaper's managing editor. Hewitt follows Michelle Agius, who served in the capacity of interim managing editor.

"We are very pleased to welcome Marylynn to the staff. I know she will use her considerable gifts, talents and vision to help build a paper to inform, educate and inspire Catholics in integrating their faith into their daily life," Father Rice said.

Hewitt joined *The Michigan Catholic* after 22 years at *The Oakland Press* in Pontiac. For the past seven years, she was the entertainment and religion editor and covered faith-based music. While at the *Oakland Press*, she won numerous state and national awards for feature, news and investigative reporting and writing.

"I am thrilled to be part of *The Michigan Catholic* team. It's the perfect melding of a longtime career and faith life," Hewitt said.

Established in 1872, *The Michigan Catholic* is one of the oldest Catholic newspapers in the nation. It is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit and has a paid circulation of 30,000.

Ned McGrath, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Detroit, noted that *The Michigan Catholic* was a "very important" component of the communications ministry in the archdiocese. "I look forward to working with someone who brings professional newspaper experience to the job," he said.

In addition to serving as managing editor, Hewitt and Father Joe Horn, associate pastor of Holy Family Parish, Novi, will soon begin a faith-based music column.

A lifelong Catholic, Hewitt is a member of National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish, Royal Oak, where she is a eucharistic minister, longtime member of the Love of God Prayer Community and former member of the worship commission.

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*****Note:** A digital photo of Marylynn Hewitt is available from the Office of Public Relations of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Call 313-237-5802.