

First Friday Club of Greater Akron Media Advisory

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Chris Larson,
CEO of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland.

November 6, 2026

Chris Larson, became the new CEO of [Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland](http://www.catholiccharities.org), on June 1, 2026.

Throughout his career, Chris Larson has led significant organizational growth, strengthened community partnerships, and developed leaders at scale. His work has focused on aligning strategy, people, and performance to deliver meaningful outcomes.

Faith and family are at the center of Chris Larson's life and leadership. Raised in a Catholic home, Chris credits his Catholic faith as the animating force behind both his personal and professional journey. He and his wife are the proud parents of three children and are active members of the Communion of Saints in Cleveland Heights, where their faith continues to shape their commitment to service, community, and helping others flourish.

Chris brings more than 35 years of executive leadership experience in mission-driven organizations, including national, regional, and local leadership roles with City Year and El Barrio, Inc. Throughout his career, he has led organizational growth, developed high-performing teams, strengthened community partnerships, secured significant funding investments, and guided organizations through periods of change and transformation.

Chris holds a Master's degree in Management of Human Services from the University of Michigan School of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy from Michigan State University.

As CEO of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, Chris is committed to strengthening the organization's Catholic identity, investing in its people, and expanding its impact across Northeast Ohio. Guided by faith and service, he is focused on helping individuals, families, and communities access the support and opportunities they need to thrive.

The First Friday Club will meet November 6, 2026 at **Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333**. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, PO Box 13291, Fairlawn, OH 44334; or online at Facebook: [firstfridayclubof greaterakron](https://www.facebook.com/firstfridayclubofgreaterakron) or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/first-friday-club-of-greater-akron-13412536107#events>