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Updated: USCCB names new domestic policy director

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Update: In a press release this afternoon, the U.S. bishops' conference, announced that Mark Rohlena, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, has been named director of the Office of Domestic Social Development of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The original story:

According to a source familiar with the process, the USCCB is set to name Mr. Mark Rohlena as the new director of the Committee on Domestic Policy. He is currently president and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado.

Apparently, while at Catholic Charities, Rohlena, who is an attorney, focused on issues relating to Catholic Charities and religious freedom. (Check!) He is an alumnus of Christendom College, then graduated from Ave Maria Law School. (Check! Check!) Not exactly Boston College and Notre Dame law.

Of course, the most obvious oddity here is that the USCCB in its wisdom has decided to choose as their chief domestic policy adviser someone with no apparent expertise in federal public policy. (Check!) He may or may not understand that justice, as well as charity, is part of the Christian vocation, something that Helen Alvaré seemed unable to grasp when she addressed the bishops last week.

Really, does anyone wonder why we have grown suspicious of the leadership of the USCCB?

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