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### **Mary Emmie Gardner appointed CEO of Holy Cross Ministries**

Holy Cross Ministries (HCM) of Utah is proud to announce that Mary Emmie Gardner has been selected by the Board of Trustees, approved by the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and appointed to the CEO position at HCM of Utah. “We are overjoyed to have found a leader with such deep ties to the mission of Holy Cross Ministries and with such passion for continuing and expanding the positive impact that the Sisters of the Holy Cross have had on the Utah community for over 140 years” stated Raymond Dardano, Chairman of Holy Cross Ministries’ Board of Trustees.

Emmie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who holds both a Masters of Social Work, and Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution from the University of Utah along with a B.A. in Psychology from Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. “Emmie brings a deep commitment and love of the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and will continue the collaborative leadership style exercised at Holy Cross Ministries,” said Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC, president of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. “As an alumna of Saint Mary’s College, another sponsored ministry of the Sisters, Emmie understands our values and their place in Catholic social teaching and ministry. I am confident that the people of Utah will continue to be well served by Holy Cross Ministries under her leadership.”

Emmie first moved to Utah in 1982 as a Holy Cross Associate. In that capacity, she volunteered as a refugee resettlement worker at Catholic Community Services. After she completed this assignment, Emmie was hired on at Catholic Community Services where she worked for several years before pursuing a career as a social worker at Primary Children’s Hospital. Emmie worked at Primary Children’s Hospital for 27 years, beginning in clinical counseling and later moving to management of behavioral health programs and subsequently became the administrator of the Cancer and Transplant Center. The past several years Emmie was responsible for overseeing community-based initiatives with the Integrated Care Management department of Intermountain Healthcare and most recently was the System Director of Palliative Care at Intermountain Healthcare.

As the CEO of Holy Cross Ministries, Emmie will be responsible for overseeing administration, programs and strategic plan. She will also advance the agency’s mission through additional key duties including: fundraising, marketing, board relationships and community outreach. She comes to us with a long history of providing critical services and management for members of our shared community, and will enhance HCM’s programs with her expertise and commitment to the underserved.

Under Emmie's leadership, Holy Cross Ministries will continue to provide health outreach, early childhood education, and legal services to underserved individuals and their families. The agency is dedicated to continuing this critical and necessary work in our community and will continue to work with our partners and stakeholders to meet the needs of our shared communities.

Emmie will begin on Monday, July 23, 2018.

*Holy Cross Ministries (HCM) is guided by the tradition of service that has characterized the Sisters of the Holy Cross since 1875 when the first two sisters opened a hospital in Utah. HCM is driven by its commitment to those in need and has continued this tradition of compassionate service since it was created in 1994. Recognizing the widespread needs of the underserved in Utah, HCM's programs provide early childhood and youth education classes; bilingual outreach services to provide prenatal education, basic health screening, and community referrals; and legal immigration assistance, primarily for families and victims of domestic violence. To learn more about Holy Cross Ministries, please visit [www.hcmutah.org](http://www.hcmutah.org)*

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